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PINEHURST SINGLES GOLF

Pinehurst Chapter - American Singles Golf Association — November 2026

I COULDN'T THINK OF A HEADLINE

From the Prez

While the tide of heat has ebbed and the daylight hours are fewer, we still have wonderful opportunities to get back in the swing of things before Ol' Man Winter plods in. November has always seemed to be a schizophrenic month weatherwise. Kind of like a blind date - we're not too sure what to expect but there is a wide range. Big deal - let's go play.

There are elections which, according to our politicians, will decide the fate of the world. We owe it to oueselves to vote or, in my mind, we discard our right to complain. Sadly, Hades will be frozen when that happens.

Meanwhile, we do have Veterans' Day. In this neck of the woods we all know what that means and how real a part our veterans and current service women and men play. These are people to be thankful for.

We should be thankful for our blessings all year, not just on Thanksgiving Day. We have so much to be thankful for and, while our country and society are far from perfect we do get to complain, march, picket, etc. about the shortcomings. Consider that about a quarter of the world's population cannot do that. It is considerred treason and/or against the will of God to complain in many countries.

On the flip side, November has a multitude of other "holidays". I am making none of this up. Day of the Dead - a religious day immediately after Halloween. How about National Candy, Donut, Merlot, Nacho and Harveywallbanger day? On the silly side - Have a Bad, Clean out the Fridge, Slobber appreciation, Fast food, Blase, Good Grief, and Starfish Days. There is also a Kindness Day and, my favorite - National Chocolate Day.

OK, let's get serious. (I know- Why?) It is time for us to elect a new Pinehust Chapter President. **Lynn Walker** and **Jim Legg** have graciously volunteered to be the Nomination Committee. (I know you don't remember volunteering, Jim, but you have.) So, if you would like to run for President, or would like to nominate someone for the task, contact either Jim or Lynn. The election itself will take place at our Christmas Party in December. If you cannot attend the party you may submit your vote to Jim or Lynn.

On another note,we have several Officers who make our chapter run smoothly. Please remember to thank them when you see them.
Charlane - Monthly Meetings
Patty Allan - Membership
Jim Legg - Treasurer (and much more!!)
Jim High - Invitations
Kathy Schlagel - Sunshine
Peggy Jordan - Newsletter
Lynn Walker - President Emerita/Communications

If you would like to volunteer to be an officer please let me know

Club Championship

We contested our Club Championship at Longleaf G&FC.

Ladies Division

After 6 holes **Elaine**, and **Phyllis** were tied for the lead with **Martez** and **Bobbi** a single stroke back. **Lynn**, who was not in the tournament would have held the lead. At the turn **Elaine** had edged out to a one shot margin

NATIONAL EVENT INFORMATION

Events Open to All Members Nationwide

LOCAL CHAPTER INFORMATION

Regular Meeting Date
Second Thursday of each month

Next Meeting
TBD
Meeting Location
TBD
Our Chapter Website: www.pinehurst.singlesgolf.com
Our Hotline: 1-888-465-3628
(See next page for list of officers and board members.)

National Office

Office Hours: 9:00am to 2:00pm, Tues, Wed, Thurs. (Eastern)
National Office: 980-833-6450 or 1-888-GOLFMATE

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over **Martez** with **Bobbi** another stroke out. **Bobbi** with a net eagle on the 10th surged into a tie with **Elaine** as **Martez** lurked one swing away. Then up jumped the Devil as **Elaine** and **Martez** each dropped a couple of strokes and **Bobbi** extended her lead to four. **Bobbi's** play from then on was solid with net pars on the closing 3 holes as she widened the gap to win by 5 shots. Congratulations **Bobbi**!!!

Gents Division

This was a two man stuggle between **Joe Catanzaro** and **Mike Young**. The main difference was that **Joe** really really disliked the Longleaf G&FC course. It is difficult to play well on a course that we don't like and that was the difference. **Joe** made a terrific par on the dastardly third hole but saw his chances ebb with a series of putts lipping out. Though he steadied the ship on the back nine the damage had been done. Congratulations **Mike**!!

Beach Trip

We (**Lynn, Mike Hunter** and yours truly) were joined by Donna DeCesare, the President of the Charlotte Chapter, Mike Campbell, Mike Rosier and Don Goodwin.

We stayed, as usual, at the Brunswick Plantation, which has excellent accomodations, kitchens, Wi-fi, TV, golf course views, and comfortable beds for each. We played at Brunswick, always in good shape, opening day. On our second day we tested Arcadian Shores GC, which we found not well-suited to our games. We were joined by Hope, a friendly and humorous member of the Grand Strand Chapter. The course was testy enough but with too many spots where there was no place to lay up, with plenty of water around, though there were a few alligators. Donna thought one of them would have made a nice purse. I was thinking more like a full set of luggage. He was wise enough to keep his distance. We dined at The Pastor's Table which has become a fine tradition with excellent food and service.

Our closing day was at the Meadowlands GC, which was not merely in excellent condition, but had challenging, yet fair holes. The third, with a fairly large pond in front of the green, and the 18th, with another sizable pond strategically placed, were not merely memorable and challenging, but we all wanted to take them on again. Again, a member of the Grand Strand Chapter, Diane, filled out our foursomes. She and Lynn were laughing all aound the course. As an aside - Lynn played as well as I've ever seen her play.

We are already looking forward to next year's trip. Why don't you come along?

From The Fairways

Finally, the Weather Gods have chilled out. Concurrently, I have reached the point where I can swing the clubs with little pain.

9 holes at The Woods GC.

The management has taken our recommedation to add some "Very Forward" tees. **Michelle** and **Charlane** tested them and found the course significantly more playable and enjoyable. We didn't keep score but we each had a diverse range of success. 18 holes at Sanford MC. The course is in fine shape and, much to our relief, the swamp in front of the 11th green has been "mostly" drained and a new bridge has been added. I decided to test the bridge and took full advantage by bouncing my pathetic shot off it and keeping the ball in play. **Jolly** "didn't need no stinking bridge" as she hit her drive onto the fringe. (Show Off!!) That wasn't the only occasion of solid play. **Jim Legg, Elaine, Jolly** and I all played well. On the 14th hole, after I hit my best shot of the day onto the green and fairly close to the hole, I announced that this would be the "Closest to the Pin" hole. We all laughed, then Jolly hit her shot just as close only to be outdone by **Elaine** who put it even closer. Then **Elaine** dropped it dead center for a birdie. She wasn't done - on the 438 yard par 5 16th hole, which finishes uphill, Jolly banged three excellent shots to have a good run at a birdie, while Elaine, also shone on that hole as she had a short iron to get on the green to set up her birdie attempt. I'm not leaving Jim out as he, not only drove the ball as well as

I've seen, he knocked in a few longer putts. Tom Carrier holed out from the fairway, about 130 yards, on the fourth hole. Yoiks!!!

On other fronts - Midland CC has a projected opening date of November 15th - we'll be there shortly thereafter. The Grey Fox at Foxfire GC MAY be opened this December. The fees are yet to be determined but, the smart money is riding on a hefty jump.
We are hoping to secure some Winter dates from some of our "Resort reliant" courses as the resort traffic dwindles.

Words of Wisdom - the sole purpose of a middle name is so you'll know when your in deep trouble.
Words of more Wisdom - Do not ever insult the person who packs your parachute.
As always,we encourage your feedback - the good, the bad and the ugly.

About Our Members

(THIS REPORT RAN 09/28/2026)

Happy Birthday to these members:
David Albanese - 11/03
Joseph Catanzaro - 12/15
Michael Ethridge - 11/10
Cheryl Luc - 11/19
Susan Thomee - 12/03

These members are up for renewal:
(date shown is last day of membership)
Patricia Allan - 11/30/2026
Paula Boyer - 11/30/2026
Bill Mulholland - 11/30/2026

These members recently renewed:
Jolly Erickson
James High
John McClory

These members did not renew their membership:
(date shown is date membership expired)
Michael Roche - 09/30/2026

Our chapter currently has 40 members.

What happens when someone tending the flagstick deflects your ball from going in?

By Ron Kaspriske, GolfDigest.com

A great rule change back in 2019 was when the USGA and R&A decided you could leave the flagstick in the hole when your ball is on the putting green. Back in the dark ages, striking the flagstick with the ball when on the putting green was a penalty (two strokes in stroke play or loss of hole in match play).

The new rule speeds up play, and we're all for that. However, there is one important catch to **Rule 13.2**: You have to decide whether you're leaving the flagstick in or having it removed before you make a stroke. You can't, for instance, have your caddie run up to the hole and pull the flag while your ball is in motion because you think it would go in if you made the last-second decision change. And you also can't run up and re-insert the flag if you think it will deflect and stop your moving ball from, say, rolling off the green.

Now here's where things can get awkward.

What if you do everything right and the flagstick still comes into play? Let's say you ask your match-play opponent to tend the flagstick with the understanding that as soon as you strike the ball, your opponent will pull the flagstick out of the hole and clear out of the way (which is still fine according to the rules). It's a casual weekend match so you're opponent agrees and holds the flag at arm's length waiting for you to putt.

As you hit the putt, your opponent tries to remove the flag but it's stuck. He pulls and pulls but it won't come out. Meanwhile, your ball is tracking right toward the cup. At the last second, he's able to free the stick from the cup, but the ball strikes the bottom of the stick and caroms away from the hole.

What do you do now? Are you penalized? Is he penalized? Is no one penalized?

The answer is … it depends on intent.

If it was an accident, there is no penalty and the ball must be played as it lies. If your opponent was only pretending that the stick was stuck in the hopes it might interfere with your putt, that is a violation of Rule 11.2 (ball in motion deliberately deflected or stopped by person). Your opponent would lose the hole. If it were stroke play, your playing partner would be assessed a two-stroke penalty and the stroke would be cancelled. You'd get to putt again.

The thing is, there are a lot of little nuances to removing the flagstick or leaving it in that you might want to know.

For example, what if you decide to leave the flagstick in and then another player in your group, not authorized by you, removes the stick while the ball is in motion? There is no penalty as long as there was no chance the flagstick would have impacted the putt or if that person was unaware you were about to putt or that the ball was in motion. Also, if you wanted the flagstick in but your caddie or partner didn't get the memo and pulled it while the ball was in motion, there would be no penalty to your side if that person was convinced your ball would not have hit the pole before coming to rest.

What Do We Get for Our Dues?

Here's a Reminder:
SinglesGolf.com/benefits

A Message from the National Office of ASGA

Your chapter newsletter follows after the following pages . . .

ASGA Annual Dues are $99.00. Do you want LOWER DUES?

HOW WOULD YOU LIKE ONE YEAR OF FREE DUES?

You likely joined the American Singles Golf Association because you wanted to meet more singles and play more golf. We can't help you with your golf swing, however, we're on a mission to grow your chapter's membership. ***Golf season is upon us . . . are you onboard to grow your chapter or are you satisfied with your current membership level?***

Here's the plan:

1) on the following page, you'll see a revised ***"Single? Play Golf?"*** sign. It now has five (5) tear-off tabs instead of eight (8).
2) You write-in your identification (either your member number or first initial + last name) on each of the tabs. Use scissors to cut the tabs apart.
3) You print as many signs as you wish, keep them in the front seat of your car along with some push pins and post them ***anywhere you're permitted*** to post, e.g. golf shop bulletin boards, golf shop restrooms, driving ranges, stores, etc. ***If you would like ASGA National to print five (5) yellow signs for you, please let us know by emailing Irene@SinglesGolf.com or calling 980-833-6450 from 9am-1:45pm, M-F, Eastern.***
4) For every three (3) people who join using your name or ID on the yellow sign, you'll receive 12-months of ASGA membership. Note: your name or member number, as the referrer, must be submitted **with** the new member's application. No exceptions. No retroactivity. Please do not add your own name to an application form. It must be completed only the by the member currently joining and completing the application.
5) New members can join over the phone, at our website (SinglesGolf.com/join), fax, etc., however, **they MUST use your member number or name <u>at the time of joining</u> as the person who referred the new member. Again, no exceptions to this policy.**
6) ASGA National will keep track of how many new members you get credit for and will automatically add 12-months to your membership. Please, no slanting of these rules

Be a Hero in Your Chapter.
Get the signs printed and get them hanging!
(and remind others to participate)

SINGLE? PLAY GOLF?

The Pinehurst Chapter of the American Singles Golf Association

WANTS YOU!

We're 2,500 members in 50 cities and we're ALL ABOUT HAVING FUN! So if you're single *(i.e. divorced, widowed, legally separated or never married)* and **enjoy meeting others** through the game of golf, you're invited to inquire about joining by calling the **American Singles Golf Association** at **1-888-465-3628** ***(1-TRIPLE-EIGHT-GOLFMATE)*** or visit **SinglesGolf.com.**

Meet MORE Singles! Play MORE Golf!

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IN ADDITION, WE CAN SEND YOU FREE BUSINESS CARDS!

As you have seen from the previous two (2) pages of this newsletter, ASGA National is committed to seeing your chapter grow. We believe by asking each individual member for help, your chapter will grow its membership.

Besides using the yellow signs to gain more members in your local chapter, **upon request** we will also provide you with ASGA business cards. More can be sent to you if needed, but we'll start out by sending you half a dozen business cards that you can give to anyone you believe might be a potential member. Are you out and about and see someone wearing a golf shirt or hat? ***Start a conversation:*** tell them you're a part of a local club for singles who play golf and simply ask "***are you single?"*** Even if they aren't, chances are they know a golfer who is. Give them a card that's pre-filled with you name (or member #) and contact info.

Remember, you get free dues for referring 3 new folks who join!

They don't come to you automatically, you'll have to order them. E-mail **Irene@SinglesGolf** or call 980-833-6450 (9am—1:30pm, Eastern Tues-Thurs) for your free cards.

- - Tom Alsop President
and Founder
American Singles Golf Association

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4 WAYS TO JOIN / PAY

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- Fax This Form to Us
- Email/Mail This Form To Us
- Online (SinglesGolf.com/join)

APPLICATION TO ☐ JOIN ASGA ☐ RENEW MY MEMBERSHIP

Note: Meeting locations may vary. Upon joining, you will receive a monthly newsletter telling you about monthly meetings, outings, etc. If you have any questions, contact your local chapter leader or call 1-888-GOLFMATE or 980-833-6450. **Please complete information box at right.** ⟶

MONTH & DAY BORN _____

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AVERAGE GOLF SCORE _____

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PRINT CLEARLY - THE INFO BELOW SHOWS HOW IT WILL APPEAR ON YOUR CHAPTER'S ROSTER. *(SEE OPT-OUT CLAUSE BELOW)***

HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT US? _____ CHAPTER YOU ARE JOINING OR RENEWING IN: _____

NAME _____ E-MAIL ADDR: _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY_____ ST _____ ZIP _____

HOME (_____)_____ WORK/CELL (_____)_____ EMPL. BY _____

POSITION_____ ( ) AVAILABLE FOR WEEKDAY GOLF ( ) WILLING TO VOLUNTEER FOR CHAPTER

NOTE: ASGA DOES NOT CONDUCT BACKGROUND CHECKS ON APPLICANTS FOR MEMBERSHIP NOR MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION. Golf can be a dangerous sport. Accidents can occur by you or another party striking a golf ball, by a golf cart turning over, or simply falling down steps. PLEASE TAKE ADEQUATE PRECAUTION when playing in ASGA events. Chapters and individuals running golf tournaments are not professionals but are volunteers, and therefore, you must assume additional responsibility for your own safety. Please abide by the safety rules posted inside your golf cart, at the golf course, as well as the official website of the United States Golf Association (www.USGA.org). If you have a safety concern, you must immediately bring it to the attention of the person(s) running an event, your chapter president or golf course management personnel.

NOTICE - View these terms online at www.SinglesGolf.com/Legal-Stuff

ASGA does not conduct background checks on applicants for membership or current members.

Golf Safety Warning: Golf can be a hazardous sport. Accidents may occur, including being struck by a golf ball, golf cart accidents, or falls. Please exercise caution when participating in ASGA events. Chapters and individuals organizing events are volunteers, not professionals. You are responsible for your own safety. Follow all posted safety rules, including those on the golf cart, at the golf course, and as outlined by the United States Golf Association (www.USGA.org). If you have a safety concern, promptly inform event organizers, your chapter president, or golf course management personnel.

RELEASE FROM LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK - By participating in activities organized or sponsored by ASGA, Inc. (d/b/a American Singles Golf Association), its chapters, or affiliates in the United States and Canada, you agree to the following:

- **Release of Liability:** You, the undersigned ("Releasor"), on behalf of yourself, heirs, distributees, guardians, and legal representatives, release and indemnify ASGA, its directors, officers, employees, agents, affiliates ("Releasees"), from all claims, including those related to personal injury, death, property loss, or damage. This release applies to both known and unknown claims, except in cases of gross or willful negligence.
- **Assumption of Risk:** You acknowledge that golf and related activities inherently involve risks, including health-related risks. By participating, you voluntarily accept these risks, including potential injury, death, and property damage.
- **Legal Consequences:** You confirm you have read this release, understand its implications, and agree that it will be enforced to the fullest extent permitted by your state of residence. If any portion of this release is deemed invalid, the remainder will remain in effect.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS - Membership in ASGA is effective upon receipt of dues and remains valid for the selected membership period, subject to these terms:

- **Eligibility:** You must be 21 or older and single (defined as never married, divorced, legally separated, or widowed); and by joining, you accept the terms of the Release from Liability and Assumption of Risk above.
- **Non-Refundable Dues:** Membership dues are non-refundable and subject to change.
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- **Opt-Out Clause:** You may opt out of sharing specific personal information by emailing to info@SinglesGolf.com the information you wish to have excluded from your chapter roster. ASGA is not liable for inadvertent publication of opt-out information.

PRIVACY POLICY - See www.SinglesGolf.com/privacy for details.

DISPUTES - All disputes concerning membership terms or conditions are governed by the laws of North Carolina. Legal proceedings must be filed in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina.

AGREEMENT TO POLICIES - By submitting this application and payment, you agree to abide by ASGA's national and local chapter policies and bylaws, as outlined at: www.SinglesGolf.com/policy and www.SinglesGolf.com/bylaws, as well as at local chapter websites or newsletters.

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Signature X_____ Date _____

Pay by Credit Card: Call 980-833-6450 9-2 Eastern Time, M-F

To Pay by ZELLE (no fee), use Zelle ID: 980-833-6450

Or Fax App Form to: 980-225-0231 or Scan & Email to Info@SinglesGolf.com

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