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Pinehurst Chapter - American Singles Golf Association — April 2020

# SCHEDULE EXPANDED

## From the Prez

We are living in “interesting times”. This Coronavirus seems to be dominating our society right now. Let me preface my comments by reminding everyone that I am neither a doctor nor a scientist. Nor am I as well informed on the subject as I wish I were. But, then, we do not know enough about this virus as we need to in order to deal with it effectively. Have we over-reacted? I sure hope so. Our governments and their agencies have given us guidelines based on their own limited knowledge. The effects of these decisions are permeating our society and thinking. They are also affecting our operations directly. One primary concern is that **Eagle Earl** has come to the conclusion that it is prudent for him to restrict his socializing for the time being. He has assured me that, when the crisis is past that he will be more than willing to share his hugs with any and all of the ladies who might be suffering from Eagle withdrawal symptoms. I

hope that puts some minds and hearts at ease.

Moving along, with restaurants being closed either completely, or for restricted hours, or for “Take out” we have few places to dine at after our golf nor are there sufficient options for our Monthly Meetings. **Bobbi, Pat and Ray** have very few viable alternatives. Pat did do a bang up job for us at The Tillery Tradition GC just so we could get “To Go” meals at the turn, but that may end up being an exception in the foreseeable future. For our part, we are going to leave the Monthly Meetings on our schedules, but with little hope of having any restaurants available for them. We could have an outdoor meeting, but there again, our choices are limited and we’d be at the mercies of Mother Nature, who has been known to change her moods in short order. We could use one of our members homes, but that would mean several of us at close proximities which would be a concern for

some of us. Also, we’d need someone with a big house who’d be willing to open it up to us. Another alternative would be a “clubhouse” type meeting room, an unlikely probability. We’d have to “self-cater” for that. Pat and Ray have the same obstacles facing them for our post-golf dining. Pizzas and subs have been suggested as alternatives, but, as our numbers vary and with the weather fluctuations to consider, that doesn’t sound like it would be consistently effective. Please stand by.

There are some steps which each of us can, and should, take to minimize our risk with this virus – get sufficient sleep, exercise, maintain a diet which gives us a good balance of necessary nutrients, proteins, and vitamins, and, stay hydrated. On top of that, listen closely, and you can hear your mother saying “wash your hands”.

Meanwhile, we are continuing with our golf schedule as none of the local courses have closed. In fact, we have expanded our schedule at the request of our mem-

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## LOCAL CHAPTER INFORMATION

### Upcoming Multi-Chapter Events (see [SinglesGolf.com/events](http://SinglesGolf.com/events))

- **Memorial Day Weekend 2020** — We will be returning to Pinehurst (our home away from home) for a great 3-day golf and social experience. Arrive Thursday, May 21, for an optional round, or May 22 when everyone else arrives, depart Monday, May 25. **WE ARE RE-VIEWING THE DATES OF THIS EVENT AS TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS MAY CONTINUE TO BE ENFORCED. AN EMAIL WILL BE SENT TO ALL MEMBERS ONCE FINAL PLANS ARE IN PLACE.**
- **ASGA in Europe** — We will do two (2) trips to Europe in 2020. We’re looking at visiting Scotland in late July, 2020 and then Portugal in mid-to-late September. Stay tuned, information will be out in March for the Scotland trip, late April for the Portugal trip. **AGAIN, DUE TO THE COVID-19 / CORONAVIRUS epidemic, we are re-viewing our travel plans to Europe. Please do not make firm plans until the website is announced to all members.**

### Regular Meeting Date

Second Thursday of each month

### Next Meeting

Thursday, May 14th, 2020

### Location

TBD

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bership. This actually does present some opportunities for us as the resort business has been adversely affected. With fewer resort guests, there are significantly more tee times available – we are exploring the possibilities.

On a completely different front – we have contacted the Asheville Chapter, asking them to share their local knowledge to recommend courses to play, hotels/motels, and dining locales for our Mountain Trip. They have graciously volunteered to, not only share their knowledge, but to play and dine with us aaaaand, some of their members are willing to open their doors to some of our members rather than have us stay at a hotel or motel. WOW!!! We have been told that there are several courses which would fit our membership as well as they do the Asheville's members. There are similarities in the approach to golfing as they emphasize the social aspects just as we do. We are looking at the first week in August as many of our members have volunteered to work the U.S. Kids tournaments in late July/early August.

Carpooling is a concern as we do travel to a few courses which are enough of a distance for carpooling to be a good way to go. Currently we do not have a good method for communications in place. We are open to suggestions. The communication will have to be amongst our members themselves, we do not have confidence that a "Car pool Czar" would be an effective solution. Any ideas, anyone?

We're looking forward to seeing you all on the links soon.

## From the Fairways

The Vernal Equinox has just passed and brought Spring and it's warmer temperatures with it. More daylight each day (and growing) to hit the links. At the March Meeting our membership was asked if they'd like more events each month. The response was definitely a strong "YES". Ergo, we have added more weekend outings and 9 & Dines as the April and May schedules will indicate. We'll see how this goes and probably be making further additions in June and July after which we'll reassess again.

We all know that March Winds bring April Showers and that April Showers bring May Flowers, but who knows what Mayflowers bring? Answer at end of column. No peek-

ing now – exercise some self restraint.

Meanwhile, we did play some golf beginning with 18 holes at Hyland GC. We utilized a mixed format with one best ball on the par threes and 2 best balls on the balance of the holes. After the front 9 the teams were tightly bunched with just two strokes separating first from last whereupon **Butch, Eagle Earl** and **Tom** sprinted away from the field to finish 6 shots ahead. In second place was the team of **Bob Flesca, Jim Legg, Robert** and **Mike Campbell** followed by **Lynn, Kathy Slotter, Ira** and **Dan**. **Kathy** captured the accolades for Closest to the Pin, Ladies, while **Tom** won the Gents' portion. **Lynn** made a couple of net birdies and an eagle on the front nine, **Kathy, Ira,** and **Jim** all had pretty fair opening nines but the back nine was rather rude to us. **Bob** had a steady game, **Jim** had an eagle and three birdies on the front alone, but the real feats were turned in by **Eagle Earl** with a net 68 and **Butch** with a sterling net 63!! Well, done!!

Mother Nature dominated our 9 & Dine at Pinewild's Holly course.

Our members have suggested a few different formats from time to time so we tried a shamle feature at 7 Lakes. Now who would have wagered that **Lynn**, playing alongside **Jamie**, would have more of her drives played? While this gives **Lynn** some serious bragging rights, the real hero of the day was **Eagle Earl** who made 7 net 2's in leading his team to a three shot victory.

**Earl** wasn't a one-man team as **Ira** had a strong back nine and **Cheryl** had a net 69. **Pat Hruska, Butch,** and **Jim Legg** all had net scores in the 60's with very strong back nines to fall just short of the crown. **Paul Mago, Dave Meyers, Martez** and **Tom** finished third. Good to see **Paul** and **Dave** out some more. **Jamie** and **Tom** took the laurel wreaths for Closest to the Pin. There were several individual highlights – Teammates **Paul, Dave** and **Tom** all birdied the 7th hole, **Norm** shot a 79!!! Way to go, Norm!!! **Kathy Slotter** drove the ball superbly and the rest of her game was very solid resulting in a net 62!! Yoiks!! **Lynn** made a natural birdie, **Patty Booze** had 5 of her drives played even though her teammates were strong off the tee, **Mike Roche** made 4 pars, **Cheryl** had 4 pars. However, on the 13th tee **Ed DeWitt** announced that he was going to hit his drive onto the cart path and

have it run down just short of the water. Then he did it. Two bounces on the cart path and then rolled to 4 feet from the water. **Ed** moved into a select fraternity by calling his shot, not unlike Babe Ruth calling a home run.

The Legacy GL welcomed us for a 9 & Dine and, while the forecast was unpleasant, the actual weather was not. **Charlane Huff**, a new member playing with us for the first time, and not knowing our "Hocus Pocus" format, waltzed to a 5 swing victory over **Lynn** and **Mike**. **Kathy Schlagel** played a solid shot to take the Closest to the Pin trophy. **Jim Legg** had a solid round, and **Margaret Young**, who recently rejoined our Chapter, played well, despite her time off. Good company, as always, **Margaret**. **Lynn** struck the ball as well as ever, oftentimes better, finishing with three solid swings for a par on the final hole, just missing her birdie attempt.

Off to The Tillery Tradition GC for an 18 hole outing where **Ed DeWitt**, scoring 8 strokes under par for his team, led them to a wide margin into the Winners' Circle. **Martez**, added several more to aid in the triumph as she, **Robert** and **Debbie** enjoyed the win. Second place went to an all Charlotte team of **Dan**, **Jeannie** and **Marcus**. The greens were playing slowly while the 6th and 13th hole were very resistant to scoring to all teams making our scores rather unimpressive. However difficult the course, we seem to enjoy the challenge and Tillery was no exception. **Susan**, after taking a couple of months off came on strong with several excellent shots including hitting the flagstick with her approach on the finishing hole to almost hole out, while **Jim** struggled he made a wonderful up and down from the bunker on the 8th hole, **Jolly** finished each nine strongly with three pars on those 4 holes. While **Ed** deserves accolades for his strong performance which included two



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birdies, **Lynn** belongs in the spotlight as she had her BEST GAME EVER!!!!!! Congratulations, **Lynn**!!!!

As always we encourage your input and feedback – we are trying new courses and utilizing new formats based on your suggestions. Thank you!

In answer to the question "What do Mayflowers bring?" the response is "Pilgrims" of course.

Words of Wisdom – There's one thing to be said for inviting for trouble – it generally accepts.

## Upcoming Events

### March

31st – 9 & Dine at Midland GC, 3:00 shotgun, \$15

### April

1st - 18 holes at The Pit, Noon start, Free  
 5th – 18 holes on Pinewild's Holly course, Noon start, \$50

7th – 9 & Dine on the back 9 at Whispering Woods GC, 3:00 start, \$16

9th – Monthly Meeting CANCELED \*\*\*\*\*

12th – 18 holes at Carolina Lakes GC, 9:00 start, \$29

14th – 9 & Dine on the Grey Fox course at Foxfire GC, 3:00 shotgun, \$20

19th – 18 holes at The Legacy GL, 11:30 start, \$45

22nd – Clinic at Knollwood Fairways GC, 5:45 warm up, clinic 6:00 to 6:45, \$7, optional golf to follow at \$6

28th – 9 & Dine on Pinewild's par three Azalea course, 3:00 shotgun, \$25

### May

3rd – 18 holes on the Lakes course at Carolina Trace, 11:00 start, \$35

6th – 9 & Dine on the Magnolia course at Pinewild CC, 3:00 shotgun, \$25

10th – 18 holes at CC of Whispering Pines, 11:00 start, \$35

12th – 9 & Dine at The Legacy GL, 3:00 shotgun, \$35

14th – Monthly Meeting, 5:30 socializing, 6:00 meeting \*\*\*\*\*

17th - 18 holes at Beacon Ridge GC, 10:00 start, \$30

20th – Clinic at Knollwood Fairways GC, 5:45 warm up, clinic 6:00 to 6:45, \$7, optional golf to follow at \$6

25th – 18 holes on the Holly course at

Pinewild CC, 12:30 start, \$50  
 26th – 9 & Dine at Longleaf G&FC, 3:00 start, \$20

### Save the Dates -

11 July – Dave Courtright Memorial at Tillery Tradition GC

5 & 6 September – Pinehurst Cup at Pine Needles and Mid Pines

\*\*\*\*\* For our Monthly Meetings we may be shut out of restaurants for a time in the future.

## About Our Members

(THIS REPORT RAN 03/26/2020)

### Happy Birthday to these members:

Charles Davis - 04/15

Nancy Jones - 04/07

Cheryl Lancaster - 04/29

Roy Neal - 04/18

Nancy Peterson - 04/16

James Tomashoff - 05/03

Elinalynn Walker - 05/02

### These members are up for renewal:

(date shown is last day of membership)

Rick Edwards - 04/30/2020

Margaret Hall - 04/30/2020

Susan Kaminski - 04/30/2020

Renee Miller - 04/30/2020

Carole Skau - 04/30/2020

Scott Smith - 04/30/2020

### Welcome newest members:

Charlane Huff - Joined 03/09/2020

Michael Roche - Joined 02/07/2020

### These members recently renewed:

Margaret Jordan

Cheryl Luc

Kimberley Schiffrers

Susan Thomee

Michael Young

### These members did not renew their dues:

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Linda Leitch - 02/29/2020

John Vann - 02/29/2020

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## COVID-19 Rules and Handicapping FAQs

The guidance below supplements a memo released by the USGA as to how the Rules of Golf and Rules of Handicapping apply in response to questions received from golf course owners, administrators, tournament organizers and golfers. As was noted in that memo, it is not the intended purpose of the below guidance to either encourage or discourage anyone from playing the game, but rather, in our governance role, to help golf course operators, committees and golfers better understand how the Rules of Golf and Rules of Handicapping apply to the various questions we have received.

The questions received fit into four main topics. In each of the four topics below, the guidance provided serves both to directly answer the questions asked as well as cover additional considerations that might also serve useful.

### FLAGSTICK

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**May a course remove all flagsticks to minimize the possibility of exposing players to coronavirus?**

**May a committee introduce a code of conduct that does not allow players to remove (or even touch) the flagstick?**

- The flagstick serves an important purpose in the game of golf – that is as an indicator to a player as to where the hole is located on the putting green or a target for shots.
- If a Committee decides to set-up a golf course without flagsticks, consideration should be given as to how best to support such a decision by providing players the location of each hole on the green. Whether this is general guidance (such as in the right front portion) or through a detailed hole-location sheet.
- As another means of minimizing exposure to players, a Committee might decide to introduce a code of conduct that prohibits players from touching or removing the flagstick. As is authorized under Rule 1.2b, such a code could also include penalties (such as one penalty stroke or the general penalty) if a player is in breach of its standards.
- Before a Committee decides to introduce such a restriction, it is recommended that consideration be given to the fact that removing the flagstick is an instinctual, even automated, act for many players. Drafting such a code of conduct to restrict only deliberate acts to affect the outcome of the hole would be reflective of that reality and would mean that a player who instinctually removes the flagstick would not get a penalty in doing so.
- If a Committee takes any of the above actions, it is at the discretion of the Committee whether scores would be acceptable for handicap purposes.

### BUNKERS AND BUNKER RAKES

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**We have removed all bunker rakes from our course to help stop the spread of coronavirus. What options do we have for players who end up in unraked areas?**

- By removing rakes from the course, the Committee has various options as to how best to address the likely possibility of a player's ball coming to rest in an unmaintained area of sand and should consider which is the best approach under your unique circumstances.
- If you have limited play and most players at your course use a golf cart, the best approach might be to ask that each player takes a rake with them.
- If it is decided that no additional Rules will be put into effect to deal with these areas, it would be advisable to strongly encourage that players try their best to smooth the disturbed area with a foot or a club.
- Additional options could include changing the status of bunkers to be part of the general area. This would give players additional options under multiple relief rules (Rules 16 and 19) and would remove the restrictions normally in effect under Rule 12.
- Ground under repair could be used in two different manners. The first being to declare all bunkers to be ground under repair and treat them as part of the general area. This would allow players the option to take free relief outside the bunker under Rule 16.1. The second is to treat disturbed areas only as ground under repair. This would still allow a player free relief from such areas, but would require such relief to be taken elsewhere within the bunker.
- As a last resort, we have fielded questions as to whether a Committee may add a preferred local rule that would allow a player to place the ball elsewhere in a bunker without penalty (such as within one club length of where the ball came to rest). While that may seem like a good option in that it requires players to play from the bunker, there will be times when no effective relief would be available to a player, such as when a bunker is frequently played from and large areas are unraked. It would be recommended that the other options, such as those listed above are considered first, noting that using

the ground under repair options above ensure a player will get full relief and when dropping from knee height, balls very rarely plug.

- If a Committee takes any of the above actions, it is at the discretion of the Committee whether scores would be acceptable for handicap purposes.

## **SCORECARDS AND SCORING**

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**We are holding a competition, but want to limit how scorecards are exchanged both between players and after the round to the Committee. Do you have any recommendations?**

- The Rules already allow numerous options to address these concerns noting that certifying a score does not require a physical signature, nor does it require a physical scorecard.
- If a Committee wishes to run a competition using a form of electronic scoring, this could come in many forms, such as asking that each marker send an email to the Committee and the player he or she is marking for, including the player's hole-by-hole scores. The player can then reply to verify the accuracy of the card.
- When electronic methods are used, such as the email example above or similar methods that involve text messaging, the Committee should decide when a scorecard would be considered to have been returned. For example, this could be when the player responds certifying that the scores are correct or some other action that the Committee might consider more appropriate.
- A Committee might also wish to employ the above method but also combine these with a physical scorecard by having the marker take a picture of the completed scorecard and either email or text it to the Committee using the same process described above.
- If physical scorecards are the preferred method, a Committee may wish to have the player and marker not exchange cards but rather verbally communicate the hole-by-hole scores to the Committee verbally in the scoring area. Additionally, verbal confirmation could be a substitute for the physical signature. As with the electronic scoring methods described above, the Committee should be diligent to clearly define when a scorecard has been returned, such as when a player leaves the golf shop if that is where the process takes place.
- If a Committee takes any of the above actions, it is at the discretion of the Committee whether scores would be acceptable for handicap purposes.

## **MODIFICATIONS TO THE HOLE; NOT REQUIRING THAT PLAYERS HOLE OUT**

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A number of questions have been received that relate to modifying the hole so that players no longer need to reach into the hole to remove a ball to minimize the possibility of exposing golfers to coronavirus.

These have included some courses setting holes so that the hole liner remains an inch or two above the surface of the green while others have placed various objects into the hole or around the flagstick (such as foam pool noodles or plastic piping) so that a ball is unable to fall to the bottom.

While in all of these instances, the ball is not holed per the Rules of Golf (Rule 3.3c), a round played under these conditions will result in an acceptable score for handicap purposes using the most likely score guidelines (see Rule 3.3 of the Rules of Handicapping).

While the most likely score procedure is intended to support certain formats of play where the player is not required to hole out (such as in match play when the player's next stroke is conceded or in fourball stroke play when a partner picks up), it is also temporarily in effect where the above described safety measures are being used.

When using most likely score, the player should consider the number of strokes most likely required to complete the hole, and determine whether the ball would have been holed or not. Most likely score is at the player's best judgment and should not be used to gain an unfair advantage.

This measure is temporary and in effect within the United States until advised otherwise by the USGA.

The above guidance will continue to be updated. If you have any questions or concerns, you can contact the Rules of Golf and Rules of Handicapping departments by going to [www.USGA.org](http://www.USGA.org).



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