

# WASHINGTON, DC SINGLES GOLF

Washington DC Chapter - American Singles Golf Association — April 2020

## GOLF EVENTS SUSPENDED THROUGH MAY

ASGA-DC Chapter has decided to suspend all ASGA-DC events for the month of MAY. We will review things as we get closer to June. The rest of the sports world (along with many other organizations) have already taken these steps and we feel we should too!

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### 2020 GOLF SCHEDULE

Date	Course	Event Coordinator
<b>APRIL</b>		
4	Algonkian	Charlie Walters
11	Musket Ridge	Dave Sheets
18	Brambleton	Dan Morris
25	Clustered Spires	Rick Goheen
<b>MAY</b>		
2	Whiskey Creek	Mary Doherty
9	Raspberry Falls	Leesa Weiss
16	1757	Mark Hendrickson
24 (Sun)	Herndon Centennial	Ruth D'Alessandro
30	Stonewall	Betsy Pond
<b>JUNE</b>		
6	Sparrows Point	George Salmon / Annette McGuire
13	Blue Ridge Shadows	Janice Bittner
20	Hampshire Greens	Scott Hall
27	Bristow Manor	B J Barger



*"Forget the water, give me some golf clubs. I haven't swung a club in days."*

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### NATIONAL OFFICE INFORMATION

#### Upcoming Multi-Chapter Events (see 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 reviewing our travel plans to Europe. Please do not make firm plans until the website is announced to all members.**

### OUR CHAPTER INFORMATION

#### Regular Meeting Date

Variable (see singlesgolfdc.com)

#### Next Meeting Date & Location

TBD

Our Chapter Website: [www.singlesgolfdc.com](http://www.singlesgolfdc.com)

Our Chapter Hotline: 1-888-465-3628

(See next page for list of officers and board members.)

#### National Office

Office Hours: 9:00am to 2:00pm, M-F (Eastern)

National Office: 980-833-6450 or 1-888-GOLFMATE

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**JULY**

3-5	Penn National (with Philly Chapter)	Deb Swedberg
11	Enterprise	Anne Jardine
18	Bull Run	Jerry Bennis
25	Lansdowne	Scott Patton

**AUGUST**

1	Hobbits Glen	Kathie Hiatt
8	Turf Valley	Brian Durkin
15	Westfields	Mary Doherty
22	Laurel Hill	Suzanne McNicholas
29	Heritage Hunt	Ruth D'Alessandro

**SEPTEMBER**

6(Sun)	Poolesville	Leesa Weiss
13(Sun)	Lake Presidential	Trey McStravick
19	Prince William	Rita Daley
26	Queenstown	Todd Sheffer

**OCTOBER**

4 (Sun)	Worthington Manor	Sam Tolbert
11(Sun)	Renditions	Anne Jardine
16-18	Ocean City	Sheila DeTurk
24	Falls Road	Leesa Weiss
31	Reston National	Jean Wintemute





**We missed it; National Golfer's Day was April 10. Maybe next year we can celebrate**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### WEEKEND at PENN NATIONAL GOLF CLUB & INN

3720 Club House Drive, Fayetteville, PA 19722 [www.pennngolf.com](http://www.pennngolf.com) Phone #: 717-352-3000

### ASGA PHILADELPHIA & WASHINGTON DC CHAPTERS

July 3rd – 5th, 2020 (July 6th – Optional)

**DEADLINE TO REGISTER JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup> --- ROOMS ARE LIMITED – SO REGISTER EARLY!!!**

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Penn National is a wonderful golf destination featuring two distinctly different golf courses. The Founders Course is a traditional tree-lined course. Iron Forge is more wide open with breathtaking mountain views. We will stay onsite at the Penn National Inn and play both courses over the weekend. The pool will also be open for those of you who don't want to play golf every day,

## WEEKDAY GOLF

Take the day off and join the retired crew. Next season we'll have more volunteers and great places to play. The leader will pick the day and course. Look for emails announcing the outing. These are all pay-on-site.

6/1-5 David Bath	7/27-31 David Bath	9/14-18 Charlie Walters
6/8-12 Anne Jardine	8/3-7 Anne Jardine	9/21-25 Scott Hall
6/15-19 Rita Daley	8/10-14 Jerry Bennis	9/28-1/2 Betsy Pond
6/22-26 Ellie Hochman	8/17-21 Sam Tolbert	10/5-9 Liz Dahreddine
6/29-7/3 B J Barger	8/24-28 Charlie Walters	10/12-16 Ruth D'Alessandro
7/6-10 Marian Block	8/31-9/4 Marian Block	10/19-23 Ellie Hochman
7/13-17 Rita Daley	9/2-11 Jerry Bennis	10/26-30 Cheryl Merrill
7/20-24 Cheryl Merrill		

so bring your bathing suit and favorite beverage for a relaxing afternoon! Following dinner each night, we will gather at the fire pit to whine (or boast) about our golfing prowess!! So plan to bring your personal beverages and desserts to share!

For this three-day event, numbers permitting, the pairings will be loosely arranged for Friday. Saturday – mix it up – couples and traveling companions will not be paired. Sunday – couples and traveling companions can be paired.

Friday: Tee Times Noon – 12:30 p.m.  
Saturday: Tee Times 1:00 - 1:30pm SG  
Sunday: Tee Times 9:30am SG

Package 1: Two Nights' Accommodations (Friday & Saturday), two breakfasts, two dinners, & golf (3) Friday-Sunday  
\$459.00 Per person/double occupancy  
\$559.00 Single occupancy

Package 2: Two Nights' Accommodations (Friday & Saturday), two breakfasts, two dinners & golf (2) Sat. & Sunday  
\$409.00 Per person/double occupancy  
\$509.00 Single occupancy

Package 3: One Night Accommodation (Saturday), one breakfast, one dinner, & golf (2) Saturday & Sunday  
\$279.00 Per person/double occupancy  
\$334.00 Single occupancy

Package plans for Sunday departure after golf. If you would like to stay over to Monday, July 6th, the cost to add Sunday dinner/B&B is \$85.00 Per person/double occupancy OR \$125.00 single occupancy. Monday golf add on fee is \$55.00

### EASY REGISTRATION – NO CHECKS TO MAIL – NO FORMS TO FILL OUT

Call the resort with your credit card and make a \$50.00 deposit over the phone. 1-800-231-0080

### Group "ASGA Philly/DC"

Tell them your package, number of nights, days you are golfing.  
Tell them your roommate's name if you plan to share a double room.  
Email Kurt (Philly) or Deb (DC) that you've registered (including which package) so you can be added to the pairings for each round of golf. For Sunday golf pairings, we also need to know who your traveling companions will be.

Balance is due directly to Penn National upon check-in. Your package in-

cludes: Penn National Inn accommodations, taxes, breakfasts and dinners, green fees & cart. Princes include range balls and club storage, state and local taxes as well as a 15% gratuity for meals. Additional tips for maids, cart attendants, and other service personnel are at your discretion. Notify event coordinators if your plans change. There are NO refunds unless someone can fill your spot.

Warm Regards,  
Deb Swedberg, CPA

## Golf is now controversial during the coronavirus pandemic: Is it safe to play?

BY MARK PRICE, *Miami Herald*

Golfing, of all things, has become controversial during the coronavirus pandemic. That's because golf is the perfect sport for social distancing, but golf courses are sports facilities — like tennis courts and baseball fields — which a growing number of states are closing to avoid crowds. COVID-19 has infected nearly 1.5 million people and killed about 89,000 across the world, according to the Johns Hopkins University. The United States has more than 432,000 reported cases of the virus and nearly 15,000 deaths.

“As states increasingly crack down on ‘nonessential’ business operations during the coronavirus pandemic, golf courses have fallen into a gray area between permitted recreational activities and potentially dangerous places for people to gather,” Forbes reported.

The result is a tug-of-war between avid golfers seeking exercise during the outbreak and community leaders like Nevada Gov. Steve Sisolak, who ordered all sports and recreational facilities, including golf courses, closed this week, according to the Associated Press.

More than half a dozen other states have closed most golf courses, including Hawaii, California, Connecticut, Maryland, New Jersey, Washington and Wisconsin, The Golf News reports.

The National Golf Foundation says more than half the nation's golf facilities are now closed for the pandemic or the weather, including two-thirds of the courses run by cities. Those that remain open say it's get-

ting tougher.

“Operators find themselves in uncharted territory, from extensive measures being implemented in an effort to ensure the safety of loyal customers and staffers to increased communication with those same groups to keep them informed and help allay fears,” NGF reported this month.

A recent Axios article proclaimed golf “a rare athletic escape in the age of the coronavirus,” because it's played in the open and doesn't require players to share equipment. But it also suggested new protocols, including “no post-round handshakes,” only one person per golf cart and raising cups an inch so golfers don't have to reach into a hole.

Golf.com also came up with tips for golfers trying to play during the pandemic: Use hand sanitizer throughout the round (including on your glove), don't rent equipment, and wipe down clubs, golf carts, balls and bags.

It also suggests walking rather than using a cart, avoiding cellphone use on the course and spending as little time as possible in the club house.

## Golf and the coronavirus: how to play with confidence, according to an expert

By Nick Piastowski, *Golf.com*

You can still play golf.

Your average golf score? Give yourself a few strokes the first few holes. Just skip the driving range and practice tee and other warm-up areas where it's difficult to keep your distance from folks.

Those 1st- and 18th-hole handshakes? Try an elbow bump or a foot bump. Or, since it's golf, a club tap.

That extra space in your golf bag next to your tees or balls? Put your hand sanitizer there. And use it. Frequently.

And then play away in these days of the coronavirus, says Dr. Kelly Cawcutt, associate director of infection control and hospital epidemiology and Nebraska biocontainment unit member at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha, Neb. And also so says Kelly Cawcutt, golfer, wife of a golfer, mother of a golfer and daughter of a golfer.

“Being in a wide-open, outdoor space is the least at-risk scenario,” Cawcutt said.

“Precaution is the name of the game. It's very reasonable to play if you are smart about it and follow the proper guidance. “You'll have to follow precautions that you normally wouldn't have to, but I would play under that guidance.”

Cawcutt did warn that what is true today may be different in a day, a week or a month, given the fluidity of how cities — and golf courses — cope with the outbreak. Never was this more clear on the professional level, where in a span of about 24 hours on Thursday, the PGA Tour decided to play the Players Championship, then the Tour decided to play without fans, then the Tour decided to cancel altogether.

Players, both pros and average Joes, still have many tee boxes. A quick look online shows tee times available across the country — about 15 miles from Cawcutt's office, Indian Creek Golf Course is open, and staff is “educated and prepared from the front-line standpoint,” said James Rolls, the club's director of golf. In Bandon, Ore., Bandon Dunes Golf Resort is also accepting reservations, and “we are following the guidelines established by the CDC for preventing the spread of the virus and we have implemented increased sanitation measures throughout the resort to ensure that we are providing the highest level of service and cleanliness to our guests,” said Michael Chupka, the resort's director of communications.

One of the biggest determinants to play, Cawcutt said, is actually the players themselves.

“Do not golf if you're sick,” she said. “We do not want you to spread the infection. We don't want you to put someone else at risk just to play the game.”

“In a lot of cases, you know how you feel, and if you're feeling the symptoms, hold off for now,” Cawcutt added. “Get back to the game at a later date.”

## A breakdown of the golfer and the coronavirus from Cawcutt

What should a player do throughout the round?

Hand-sanitizing and hand washing should be as welcomed as hitting the fairway off the tee.

“As you go through the game, wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20

seconds when you're able to, or alternatively use hand sanitizer liberally," Cawcutt said. "If you have contaminated hands, we don't want you touching your mouth or face. We don't want you to get the virus on your hands."

At tee boxes, fairways and greens, practice "social distancing" with groups outside of your own — about 6 feet.

"Stay out of range," Cawcutt said. "Minimize that close contact. Minimize the risk of getting it."

#### 1. How should you handle your golf clubs?

Cawcutt said players should wipe down the parts of the club that touch the golf cart, along with the parts of the bag.

"You should wipe down the edges of the bag, the handle of the club, the parts that touch the golf cart," said Cawcutt, who advised not renting clubs. "I know that people have varying types of handles, but wipe down the handles. It's just to reassure yourself that they are as clean as possible."

#### 2. How should you handle your golf balls?

Use of hand sanitizer and hand washing should again be as welcomed as picking up your ball from the cup after a birdie. But maybe let that Pro V1 you found in the woods go this time.

"If you're picking up random golf balls, don't touch your mouth," Cawcutt said. "Maybe leave it behind."

#### 3. How should you handle your golf glove?

Cawcutt suggested hand sanitizer for your glove, too, though not ideal, as it will create some slickness.

"If you're willing to put it on your glove, use it," she said. "It's the safest avenue. Something to keep your glove clean is ideal."

#### 4. How should you handle the golf cart?

Walking might be the way to go, but if you ride, you wipe.

"Wipe the steering wheel and seat and minimize the risk of other people who have used the cart," Cawcutt said. "It's something different, but doing that will give you a sense of security."

#### 5. How should you handle your cellphone during the round?

Oh, man, what did Sara just tweet? I

wonder if Matt just posted to Facebook? The group ahead of me is measuring that 2-footer with Bryson-esque slope precision? Time to bust out the phone, right?

Maybe wait till you're home, but if you do have to check out the latest and greatest from GOLF.com ...

"Keep it somewhere where it's not put directly on the dashboard of the cart," Cawcutt said. "While using the phone, try to keep it on one person. If you have a phone that can be wiped down, that's great. At a minimum, you should be thinking of hygiene. Just use common sense."

How should you handle the beverage cart?

Get your golf sodas here, if possible, rather than the clubhouse.

"Advocate with your club for beverage cart workers to use gloves for everyone's safety," Cawcutt said. "Getting drinks from the cart may be safer than in a crowded clubhouse. Use hand sanitizer before drinking from the can. Avoid touching the mouth of any bottles or cans as best you can."

"Hand-sanitize before you pop that top."

#### 6. How should you handle the clubhouse?

Get in, get out and keep your distance. "Social distancing is increasingly advised to slow the spread of infection," Cawcutt said. "Avoid time in crowded clubhouses. Sit outdoors with that 6-foot radius from others, if possible."

"Again, wash your hands or use hand sanitizer after touching any high-touch areas like door handles, desks, etc."

#### 7. How should you handle playing partners?

If you're playing with friends and family, check that they're feeling well. If you're playing with strangers, keep your social distance. If you're playing with the friendly types, words speak louder than actions this time.

"In general, don't shake hands and do something else, like an elbow bump, as elbows are not high-contaminated areas," Cawcutt said. "Do welcome your playing partners and say congrats. Just find different ways than a handshake to

express gratitude."

## The 10 best ways to improve your game when you're stuck at home

By Kellie Stenzel, Top 100 Teacher, [golf.com](#)

Are you stuck at home? Well, you can still make the best of it. Here are some suggestions to the golfers who are trying to make this time away as productive as possible. Keeping busy can be a blessing for your game, if you do it right.

#### 1. Practice your fundamentals in the mirror

So much of your level of success for each and every golf shot starts with your set up. I often say a good set up is worth its weight in gold. And I think you can see it when you watch other golfers. The ones who look [balanced and athletic at setup](#) are usually the best golfers.

I realize that everyone is built differently, so postures can vary, but a good basic posture would be to bend from your hips forward so that your hands can hang below your shoulders as if your arms were a straight line down. I also suggest you practice this with different length clubs so that you can understand one basic posture for each and every club.

You can improve your grip by relaxing your lead arm and allowing it to hang and seeing what it looks like when it hangs. You should try to replicate this hanging position as well as learn to hold the club more into your fingers.

#### 2. Do balance drills

Being in balance at address and throughout your golf swing is really important. I was fortunate enough to play in the Els for Autism Pro-Am with Rory McIlroy. His balance was amazing. I watched every shot he hit and it just seemed to me that he was in perfect balance every second of his golf swing and, needless to say, his contact was very impressive. You can practice this at home by taking swings with your feet close together. This will automatically teach you to make a swing that is in balance. Should you make note of any unnecessary motions that would cause you to lose balance, and over time you will learn to limit these.

Even though your feet are closer together

er you should still pivot off of your back heel if you do this in your regular swing and also try to hold this finish for a couple of seconds. Better balance will always be rewarded with higher levels of consistency.

### 3. Work on your rhythm

Good rhythm and timing can be practiced at home without a golf ball. Assuming that your grip and posture are reasonable, a continuous swing will be rewarded with good solid shots. At times, thinking too much or trying to produce a result, rather than focusing on your process, can cause issues with shots that aren't as good as you might like.

One of my favorite drills that [I learned from Mike Adams](#) was to swing continuously back and through without stopping for three of four full swings. The goal of keeping the club moving will help build efficiencies in your swing and the momentum will help you to learn your best rhythm.

### 4. Speed training

I don't think any of my students would complain they are hitting it too far. And since many of us are not on a golf course now, this can be the ideal time to work on speed. One of my favorite products is the Super Speed golf training system ([which you can buy for 10% off with the promo code GOLFMAG](#)). Their product and training protocols are proven, as well as comprehensive and not overly time consuming. I would highly recommend this system to anyone looking to increase their distance, and I do suggest them to my students.

### 5. Head still putting

One of the most common mistakes made by golfers is that they move their head and body when they putt. I would be willing to say it is the biggest difference between recreational golfers and playing professionals. This is another really important fundamental you could practice at home in your mirror.

Set yourself up to roll a ball and then look up in the mirror and make sure that your head and your eyes do not shift or move at all during your stroke. You could also check by seeing that your lower body or knees don't move either. When your head moves during your putting stroke, your shoulder line often changes, which will directly affect the path of the stroke.

This movement can often make it difficult to control distance. If you are moving at all you will certainly see it when looking in the mirror. Practice this and then roll the ball just looking at the ball and transfer the correct motion into your stroke. This will pay off greatly when you are back on your putting green at your course.

### 6. Short putt practice

Those three and four foot putts that can make or break a good round are so important. This is the perfect time to practice these and there are so many great training aids to help you learn to aim your putter face properly as well as align your body — shoulders and forearms being the priority. [These putting mats or training aids can also help you to improve your stroke path as well as your make percentage.](#)

Start by choosing a number of putts that you need to make in a row and when you have success, increase this quality goal. For example: I am going to make 20 three-foot putts in a row. Once that task becomes easy, either increase the number in a row or the distance of the putt.

### 7. Find your favorite teacher on social media

One of the quickest ways to improve your golf game is to better understand what you are trying to do and why, for your full swing as well your short game shots. There certainly is a lot of free video out there, and a lot of it is very good. You do want to be careful that you do not listen to too many different voices because this could lead to confusion as well as frustration. [I would suggest to watch a few different teachers](#) and once you find one that you understand whose lessons make a lot of sense to you, stick to their instruction. You may choose one to two teachers who you can follow their instruction and many will also have video product for sale that might be helpful to add to your understanding and your enjoyment of the game. Understanding is the first step toward success.

### 8. Small chipping targets

When you have that big driving range or that big golf course right in front of

you, it can often seem more fun to get right to big swings and big clubs. With some of us having limited space available, this can be a great opportunity to practice those smaller chips and pitches that may only carry [three to 10 yards depending upon your area](#). You can order great little pitching baskets to use or if you don't have these, you could use pillows, or towels. You can also order small whiffle balls or foam practice balls if your space is limited.

One suggestion I would give you to help to make these smaller motions is to remember you can always grip lower on the handle of the club, which makes the lever shorter and, therefore, delivers less power. You should narrow your stance as well. Narrowing your stance will limit your flexibility and also help you to make the smaller swing or stroke needed for these smaller distances.

### 9. Try some new technology

There is so much great technology out there relative to golf it can be overwhelming and yet so very interesting. The advancement in these technologies can help you to improve your games. Two of my favorites are [Golfloqix app](#) (Golf and GOLF.com are operated by the same holding company, 8AM Golf.) and Arccos smart grip technology, which can help you discover if there's a distance gap in your clubs, and you may need to add another to your bag.

There are lots of great products out there, now is your time to experiment!

### 10. Do a golf club inventory

As I sit in my house looking at this beautiful new set of Ping clubs, I can't wait to get back out there on the golf course and use them.

Assuming that you have an idea of what fits you, now can be a good time to do an inventory of your clubs in your bag and see what is helping you to be the best golfer you can be, and also consider what parts of your bag could use an upgrade. A new driver or a new longer fairway wood can really pay off in increased distance and, hopefully, consistency.

It also gives you an opportunity to clean out your golf bag. Scary to find out what we have put into our bags and forgotten. This clean out process may also lead to the purchase of a new bag so you're nice

and refreshed when you do hit the course again.

Keep busy. Stay safe and I can't wait to see you all back on the course.

## ASGA-DC Communications

Share your content!

Did you take some awesome pictures at an event? Share them by sending to **BJ Barger**, [bjbarger@verizon.net](mailto:bjbarger@verizon.net).

Our website is [www.singlesgolfdc.com](http://www.singlesgolfdc.com).

Our social and golf schedule are published on the website and updated frequently.

Check the list below for National websites.

Have you "friended" ASGA-DC on Facebook yet? It's the best way to get the latest news, recaps and pictures from ASGA-DC events. You can also add your pictures from our events.

The Facebook name is SinglesGolf Asgadc. or you can go to <https://www.facebook.com/singlesgolf.asgadc.5> If you friend us you can see all our posts plus those of other members. If you'd prefer to not share everything, you can change your Facebook privacy setting by going to Settings, Privacy, then answer the question, "who can see my posts?" by changing it to My Friends on Facebook. That way, your posts won't be seen by all.

Like us, friend us, find out what's happening with ASGA-DC!

Since having to check back to the website for schedule updates and pairings updates is inconvenient, we also have a Yahoo listserve. Announcements on upcoming social and golf events, as well as reminders and updates to these events, are sent out to subscribers to the listserve. A couple of days before a golf event, the pairings and tee times are also sent out.

To subscribe, send an email to:

[ASGA-DC-Chapter-subscribe@yahoo.com](mailto:ASGA-DC-Chapter-subscribe@yahoo.com). Be sure to include your

name in the subject of the note and do not include anything else in the body of the note.

## About Our Members

(THIS REPORT RAN 04/18/2020)

### Happy Birthday to these members:

BJ Barger - 04/03  
Marian Block - 04/28  
Pamela Carter - 05/15  
William Cash - 04/11  
Virginia Combs - 04/19  
Elizabeth Dahreddine - 05/14  
Chuck Davis - 04/30  
Pat DiDonato - 04/28  
Karen Farrington - 04/13  
Helen Flaim - 05/06  
Irene Kratky - 04/24  
Scott Lawson - 05/09  
Suzanne McNicholas - 04/24  
Arnold McStravick - 05/03  
Sue Morgan - 04/22  
Christine Ozyjowski - 05/08  
Gregory Russell - 04/02  
George Salmon - 04/08  
Mark Stein - 04/15  
Kenneth Via - 04/26  
Kevin Walsh - 05/11

### These members are up for renewal:

(date shown is last day of membership)

Michael Bradford - 04/30/2020  
April Langevin - 04/30/2020  
Scott Lawson - 04/30/2020  
Daniel Morris - 04/30/2020  
Sharon Pickup - 04/30/2020  
Lew Privon - 04/30/2020  
Mark Stein - 04/30/2020  
Susan Sullivan - 04/30/2020  
Sam Tolbert - 04/30/2020  
Kevin Walsh - 04/30/2020

### Welcome newest members:

Karen Butler - Joined 02/26/2020  
Velma Layton - Joined 02/13/2020  
Donald Lyons - Joined 03/17/2020  
Raymond Moehler - Joined 03/11/2020  
Susan Smith - Joined 02/03/2020  
Cathy Thompson - Joined 02/24/2020  
Anne Woodward - Joined 02/26/2020

### These members recently renewed:

Sam Cappetta  
William Hall  
Linda Johnson  
Suzanne McNicholas  
Nancy Mitchell  
Christine Ozyjowski  
Keith Proudfoot  
Ken Unzicker

### These members did not renew their dues:

(date shown is date membership expired)

Johnny Aranza - 02/29/2020  
William Armstrong - 03/31/2020  
Carl Blackburn - 02/29/2020  
Gary Cohen - 03/31/2020  
Sharon Geyer - 02/29/2020  
Paula Ginchereau - 03/31/2020  
Sandra Goshgarian - 03/31/2020  
Paul Karpiscak - 02/29/2020  
Jim Lissefeld - 02/29/2020  
James Lynch - 03/31/2020  
Jennifer Pakula - 03/31/2020  
Geoffrey Pennoyer - 03/31/2020  
Melinda Snow - 03/31/2020  
Ed Webb - 03/31/2020  
Steve Woodard - 02/29/2020

To renew your dues today, go to [SinglesGolf.com/renew](http://SinglesGolf.com/renew) If you wish to renew over the phone, call 980-833-6450, M-F, 9-2 Eastern Time.

**Our chapter currently has 147 members**

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ASGA-DC Meetup site	<a href="http://www.meetup.com/ASGADC/">http://www.meetup.com/ASGADC/</a>
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# ***“Better 6 Feet Apart than Six Feet Under”***

## **And Other Quips of the Day**

- ◆ Classified Ad: Single man with toilet paper seeks woman with hand sanitizer for good clean fun.
- ◆ Half of us are going to come out of this quarantine as amazing cooks. The other half will come out with a drinking problem.
- ◆ I used to spin that toilet paper like I was on Wheel of Fortune. Now I turn it like I'm cracking a safe.
- ◆ I need to practice social distancing from the refrigerator.
- ◆ I could never decide where to go for Easter . . . the Living Room or the Bedroom.
- ◆ Every few days try your jeans on just to make sure they fit. Pajamas will have you believe all is well in the kingdom.
- ◆ Homeschooling is going well. Two students suspended for fighting and one teacher fired for drinking on the job.
- ◆ I don't think anyone expected that when we changed the clocks, we'd go from Standard Time to the Twilight Zone.
- ◆ This morning I saw a neighbor talking to her cat. It was obvious she thought her cat understood her. I came into my house, told my dog . . . we laughed a lot.
- ◆ So, after this quarantine, will the producers of *My 600 Pound Life* just find me or do I find them?
- ◆ Quarantine Day 25: Went to this restaurant called THE KITCHEN. You must gather all the ingredients and make your own meal. I have no clue how this place is still in business.
- ◆ My body has absorbed so much soap and disinfectant lately that when I pee it cleans the toilet.
- ◆ Day 15 of Homeschooling: One of these little monsters called in a bomb threat.
- ◆ I'm so excited . . . it's time to take out the garbage. What should I wear?
- ◆ I hope the weather is good tomorrow for my trip to Puerto Backyarda. I'm getting tired of Los Livingroom.
- ◆ Day 26 of Homeschooling: My child just said "I hope I don't have the same teacher next year. I'm offended.
- ◆ They said that a mask and gloves were enough to go to the supermarket. They lied, everyone else has clothes on.
- ◆ And lastly, I know a great joke about Corona Virus, you probably won't get it though.

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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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