

WASHINGTON, DC SINGLES GOLF

Washington DC Chapter - American Singles Golf Association — May 2020

MAY 30TH - GOLF AT STONEWALL

Golf will begin again May 30th. All members play at their own risk. Please review and adhere to local, state and government advisories. Event chairs are now conferring with courses to determine status. Things will be different, but we will be playing golf! Look for announcement emails about upcoming events.

2020 GOLF SCHEDULE

Date	Course	Event Coordinator
May 30	Stonewall	Ruth D'Allessandro
JUNE		
6	Sparrows Point	George Salmon / Annette McGuire
13	Blue Ridge Shadows	Janice Bittner
20	Hampshire Greens	Scott Hall
27	Bristow Manor	B J Barger
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'Allessandro

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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

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

Go to www.SinglesGolf.com/MyAccount to make changes to your address, phone, etc. To join or renew your dues, go to www.SinglesGolf.com/join

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SEPTEMBER

6 (Sun) Poolesville
13 (Sun) Lake Presidential
19 Prince William
26 Queenstown

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Trey McStravick
Rita Daley
Todd Sheffer

OCTOBER

4 (Sun) Worthington Manor
11(Sun) Renditions
16-18 Ocean City
24 Falls Road
31 Reston National

Sam Tolbert
Anne Jardine
Sheila DeTurk
Leesa Weiss
Jean Wintemute

UPCOMING EVENTS

STONEWALL, MAY 30

We will be playing our first Golf outing of the season on May 30th at Stonewall Golf course. Tee times will begin at 1:00 pm. Please adhere to the guidelines sent out yesterday and agreed to by our board. We want everyone to be safe.

The cost is 65.00 per person. Please respond only to me if you would like to participate and send me a check ASAP. There will be 2 carts provided per foursome. Both bags will be on the cart but only 1 person is allowed to be in the cart at a time. The other person will be walking. I need to give Stonewall a count by May 23rd. Food is available for take out in the clubhouse and there will be a beverage cart on the course. The snack bar on hole 10 will be available.

If you want to share a cart with another player both players should let me know. Masks are not required. However I will be wearing one when you arrive until I begin playing. Please wear a mask if you wish but it is not required.

We will be leaving the course as soon as play is completed.

I am very excited about playing Stonewall and seeing you all. My address is 9503 Lagersfield Circle, Vienna, VA 22181.

~Ruth

BRISTOW MANOR, June 26

We are playing at Bristow Manor (bristowmanorgc.com) on Saturday June 27th. Tee times will begin at 1:00 pm.

Bristow Manor Golf Club
11507 Valley View Dr
Bristow VA

The cost is \$68.00 per person. Please respond to me if you would like to participate. Deadline is June 19th.

Let's hope social distancing rules are more flexible by then. Bristow Manor has some extra carts but can't guarantee one per person. They recommend 2 carts provided per foursome with 1 person in the cart at a time. It's a walkable course.

Please consider transmitting your \$68 electronically. I'm in VENMO as @BJ-Barger. You could also use PayPal or Zelle. Email me if you want to try that. Save that stamp!

If you are sending a check, it's:

BJ Barger
1306 Chetworth Ct
Alexandria VA 22314.

Looking forward to playing Bristow Manor again.

~BJ Barger

**"Always make a
total effort, even
when the odds are
against you."**

- Arnold Palmer

WEEKEND at PENN NATIONAL GOLF CLUB & INN

3720 Club House Drive, Fayetteville, PA 19722 www.pennngolf.com Phone #: 717-352-3000

ASGA PHILADELPHIA & WASHINGTON DC CHAPTERS

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

Due to COVID -19 dining options are limited. We can't predict conditions for that weekend. Please contact Deb if you no longer want to attend.

DEADLINE TO REGISTER JUNE 1ST --- ROOMS ARE LIMITED – SO REGISTER EARLY!!!

Coordinators: Kurt Kraenbring kkraenbring@gmail.com 609-405-9017
Deb Swedberg deb.swedberg@accenture.com 571-436-4832

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, 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 - 1:30 p.m. SG
Sunday:	Tee Times	9:30 a.m. 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 includes: 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

Raspberry Falls Golf & Hunt Club

<http://www.raspberryfalls.com/>
Leesburg, Virginia

Rescheduled for Saturday, July 11, 2020

If you saved the date in May, thank you. We're all disappointed. But, fear not! Good golf days are ahead.

Tentatively, we have postponed our belated official tee off of the ASGA-DC 2020 season on **Saturday, July 11, 2020**, when we hope to return to one of our favorite venues, **Raspberry Falls Golf & Hunt Club**. (This is in place of Enterprise, which will be rescheduled as a weekday event. Thank you, **Anne Jardine**. 😊)

The course is working under the assumption that Gov. Northam's restrictions will be lifted on (or before) June 15th. (Keep your fingers crossed.) There may be a phase one where the course is limited to hosting smaller groups in the early stages of reopening to business as usual which should work well for us. As Dan Morris shared in his April 16 email, the ASGA-DC board will meet again on May 13th to discuss plans for June and future ASGA-DC activities. Stay tuned.

Cost: Will be announced when with the official announcement.

Note: We will be limited to a maximum of 48 ASGA members.

Date: Saturday, July 11, 2020

Tee Time: Modified shotgun start at 12:30 PM for a maximum of 48 golfers

Host: Leesa Weiss, EC

UPCOMING EVENTS- POLICY Updates

Changes due to covid-19. (changes in BLUE)

1. Who is a guest and how much should they pay to play in our chapter events?

A guest is anyone who is not a current active ASGA-DC Chapter member.....all others are GUESTS. (friends, family, married, single, ASGA members of other chapters, anyone interested in possibly joining our ASGA Chapter who is at least 21 and single.) Guests do not have any privileges associated with our ASGA-DC Chapter.

These options were discussed and approved about payment for GUESTS who attend any ASGA-DC Chapter single day weekend event (Penn National and Ocean City not included)

1.1. Jan 1 - April 30 - guests pay the same as ASGA-DC Chapter members for golf and cart (**we have extended this to June 30th 2020**)

1.2. Anytime the costs of golf+cart is \$45 or less - guest pay the same as ASGA-DC Chapter members for golf and cart

1.3. Guests can play in any ASGA-DC weekday event and must take care of their own costs (they can use coupon books, etc...)

1.4. ASGA members from other chapters - They pay a one time charge of \$10 good for the entire 2020 calendar year (excluding Penn National and Ocean City). This does not make them an ac-

tive ASGA-DC Chapter member.

1.5. All other guests - They pay \$10 at each weekend event (excluding Penn National and Ocean City)

2. Will we have another raffle in 2020? (this has been eliminated during 2020)

3. Hole-in-one and Eagle prizes in 2020? (this has been eliminated during 2020)

Welcome back, golfers! As the game reawakens, here are 12 things every golfer should aspire to do.

~Golf.com

1. Support your local muni

After being locked in a cramped apartment for the better part of two months, there are many things I aspire to do on the course when I am finally able, but I think playing more municipal courses has to top the list. I've seen too many courses shutter for good during this unprecedented crisis, and when I'm able to play again, I'm going to do my best to support these rugged gems. My only round this year was at Pinehurst No. 2, but I guarantee it won't be more special than my first round back out on a New York City muni. — Zephyr Melton

2. Resume the quest for the perfect putting stroke

I've spent my entire life tinkering with my putting, in search of the secret, to no avail.



"Our company is giving you 10,000 free golf balls with our company's info on them. Since you'll lose everyone of them, it'll be good advertising for us."

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.

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

It left me quite disheartened towards the end of last season. I won't lie: There were times when I was left wondering if I was tinkering too much with my putting. That maybe I was my own worst enemy. That I should just pick something and stick with it, because putting is a simple art which need not be overcomplicated. I did some soul-searching and eventually realized that was, obviously...ridiculous. I hadn't been tinkering too much with my putting. I hadn't been tinkering enough with my putting. So, when I get back rolling again in 2020, I'm kicking things up a notch. I'm about to lean — hard — into the crazy. No stone will be left unturned, and when offseason rolls around, I'll be living proof that there is indeed a singular secret to good putting, and I, Luke Giles Kerr-Dineen, have discovered it. — Luke Kerr-Dineen

3. Stop and smell the fertilizer

Before stay-in-place orders, I was already spending too much time on my phone. Since the orders, I dread seeing my screen-time report notification at the end of every week. We're losing out on time outside but we sure aren't losing out on time inside with our phones. My iPhone has essentially become an extension of my arm. In the absence of sports on TV, I was struggling to find something to watch recently when I stumbled upon Ferris Bueller's Day Off. It's one of those movies I just can't pass up. One line took on a new meaning for me, "Life moves pretty fast. If you don't stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it." That mantra hits closer to home now more than ever. Getting back on the course is at the top of my to-do list and when I do, it's time

to put my phone away, stop and look around. Tweets can wait. I'll text my friends back later. No one wants to see a video of my swing on Instagram. I don't want to miss out on any more time spent on the course. — Tim Reilly

4. Don't procrastinate. Just buy the damn putter!

This job has some perks and that is never more clear than right now. About a year ago I visited Ping headquarters in Scottsdale and got the full campus tour, from club creation to the golden putter room. It culminated in an exclusive putter fitting, the kind they give to pro staffers like Bubba Watson and Tony Finau. Ping's fitting lab provides quite the experience. You climb up on a gigantic putting stage, rap a couple of 10-footers that get analyzed by Ping's putting computers, which spit out a consistency grade. Based on the data pulled from just five putts, you'll know (really, they'll know) if the flatstick model you're using makes sense for your stroke. Turns out, my super-straight stroke called for a Karsten TR Anser 5 blade putter. What a thrill! A putter made for me. What did I do with that information? I smiled and went on my way, and then spent a summer testing similar blade putters we had lying around the GOLF.com office. Simple solution, Sean: just buy the damn thing! We waste too many rounds (and years) of our golfing life matching our game to equipment. Here in Wisconsin, about 1,000 miles away from my gamer set, that is quite apparent. So, when our normal golf world returns, yes, I'll be buying the damn putter. — Sean Zak

5. Make a Covid era fashion statement

I hate to sound like a dandy, but I do love my golf accoutrements: leather head covers, fancy metal ball markers, engraved flasks and other such small luxuries bring me pleasure, both for their fine craftsmanship and the memories they stir, as each piece usually comes with a story. Now that face-coverings are becoming a way of life on the golf course, I'm not gonna just tie on a bandana, like a down-market Wyatt Earp, or wear a medical mask as if I had just escaped from the E.R. No, I need some-

thing stylish and unique, which sent me on a long search to the nether regions of the Internet. I wound up purchasing two gaiters, one in black and one in white, to maximize the chances of being properly color-coordinated with my golf togs. I'm not going to link to these items because then some of you might buy them, too, and then in my eyes they would become less cool, in the manner of discovering an underground rock band and then renouncing your fandom when they have a hit single. The point is, the Covid era is bringing new inconveniences to the golf experience but also opportunities. Expensive leather bags and bespoke golf shoes are sooooo 2019; if you want to make a statement these days, find yourself a cool face covering. — Alan Shipnuck

6. Have a beer. Maybe two. And a burger, too

A well-run food and beverage operation can be a significant revenue stream for golf course operators. But it's the only revenue stream for servers and bartenders returning (hopefully) to work at public and private clubs all over the country. Make a commitment to enjoy a proper meal the next time — nay, every time — you head over to your local or anywhere you play that offers one. I know I will. A hot dog and a beer at the turn is nice, but it's even better if you can grab your partners, see a menu and spend a few bucks to support the folks hit hardest by the shutdown. Sure, your time is valuable, and you've got things to do. Just remember what you would've given to be able to sit down to a post-round meal with your golf buddies when all you could do was practice chipping in your backyard by yourself. Dining at the course is an easy way to return to a sense of normalcy while helping out these hardworking men and women. And for God's sake, over tip! — John Ledesma 6½. No, seriously ... have a beer!

I don't remember what I shot that summer day at New Berlin Hills Golf Course in Wisconsin. I maybe birdied one, very likely double-bogeyed two and probably parred a few to complete a 12-, 13- or 14-over round. I do remember what I drank that summer day at the clubhouse at New Berlin Hills Golf Course. I absolutely put down one hoppy IPA, which was on tap, served to me by the bartender in a cold mug and

“Golf is the closest game to the game we call life. You get bad breaks from good shots; you get good breaks from bad shots — but you have to play where it lies.”

- Bobby Jones

checked? Over time, clubs can get bent and throw off your yardage gapping and overall ball striking on the course. A club fitter, club builder or even a local pro can help get your clubs dialed in. Even better, go through a full bag fitting with an expert to ensure you're using the right clubs for your game! (4) Reassess your club set-up. It's been a while since you've last played golf, so you need to familiarize yourself with your tools all over again. During your first range session, hit at least a few shots with every single club in your bag. Take note of the problem clubs that either need to be replaced or adjusted. (5) Promise yourself to practice better habits. After going through these steps, maybe you've realized how disorganized and dirty your golf bag is. Try to remember how good it feels to have an organized bag and clean golf clubs, and don't let it get out of hand again! — Andrew Tursky

11. Hit the road with friends

The world has taught us some eye-opening lessons over the past two months, one of which is that we humans — and golfers — are social beings, not meant for isolation. So now we have to make up for lost time, both with our friends and on the links. No need to jump on a plane just yet if you don't want to; let's make this boondoggle an easy weekend excursion. You'll need: Your car, your golf clubs, three to 11 friends — groups of four preferred! — and permission from your significant other. After that, you're set. We're blessed with great golf courses all over the U.S., so find a resort or cluster of two or three courses within 300 miles and pack up your Honda. It's perfect. Far enough to make it a trip while close enough to make it convenient. Leave on a Friday night after work, check into your spot and get ready for 36 on Saturday. Mix in a clubhouse lunch — keep pumping money back into those courses, people! — and then hit a local spot for dinner that night. Knock out 18 more on Sunday morning before you pulling into your driveway for dinner. What's great about road trips like this is you don't need a golf capital of the world to host your weekend. Just find a good spot with some decent lodging and a couple of solid restaurants with quality, affordable golf within a couple of 3-woods away. You'll bet with your pals,

you'll top shots, you'll make birdies, someone will drink too much and you'll relax at night thinking just how great it is to have some normalcy back in your life. Friends and golf. They go great together. — Josh Berhow

12. Learn to enjoy ... Every. Single. Fleeting. Moment.

Don't get me wrong. I think you should get fitted for new clubs, and a new putter while you're at it. And since you'll have new sticks, a new custom leather carry bag should suit you nicely, along with a new pair of stylish shoes and a flattering new shirt stitched from moisture-wicking fabric. Go for it all, I say, so long as you remember that golf's greatest possession requires no purchase. The space between your ears isn't just home to your swing thoughts. It contains your outlook, and all else pales before it in importance. That this sounds corny doesn't mean it isn't true. There's nothing like a forced layoff from the game to lay bare why you play it in the first place. You play it for the fresh air and the recreation, for the inner-challenge and the outward competition, for the beauty of the landscape and the chance to bust the chops of your best

buddies with a few bucks or maybe just your pride on the line. When you're playing the game as you know you ought to, you're shrugging off the bad shots and savoring the good ones. You're enjoying every single fleeting instance. You're being in the moment. You're being the ball. The Buddha taught a lesson that Ty Webb passed on later. The best things in life, and golf, aren't things. Your new clubs and your new clothes will grow old some day. Your mindset doesn't have to. When you get back to the golf course, no matter what you're swinging or what you're wearing, that is all you'll ever really going to need. — Josh Sens

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. Our website is 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 AS-



"I'm sorry, but we weren't able to find you a job that provides you with free golf clubs, and pays you to golf all day."

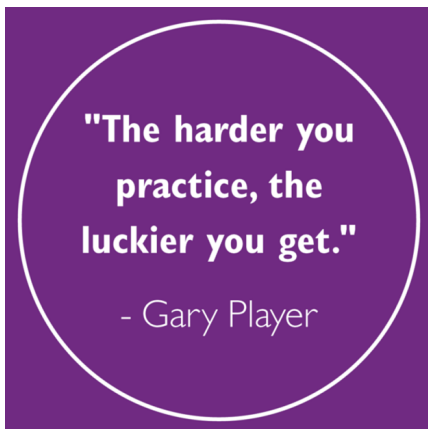
GA-DC events. You can also add your pictures from our events.

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. 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 05/20/2020)

Happy Birthday to these members:

Janice Bittner - 06/01
 Shannon Bonk - 05/27
 Pamela Carter - 05/15
 Elizabeth Dahreddine - 05/14
 Helen Flaim - 05/06
 Rick Goheen - 05/23
 Marlene Hammond - 06/11
 Katherine Harris - 06/07
 John McCririe - 06/08
 Arnold McStravick - 05/03
 Nancy Mitchell - 05/31
 Christine Ozyjowski - 05/08
 Jody Ruth - 06/01
 Nanci Schimizzi - 05/12
 Patricia Sims - 06/06
 Ken Unzicker - 06/06

These members are up for renewal: (date shown is last day of membership)

Marian Block - 05/31/2020
 Shannon Bonk - 05/31/2020
 Rita Daley - 05/31/2020
 Sue Eliasberg - 05/31/2020
 Katherine Harris - 05/31/2020
 Lisa Hathaway - 05/31/2020
 Mark Hendrickson - 05/31/2020
 Neil Mark - 05/31/2020
 John McCririe - 05/31/2020
 Arnold McStravick - 05/31/2020
 Heidi Moos - 05/31/2020
 Richard Proctor - 05/31/2020
 Kenneth Welch - 05/31/2020
 Ronald Wichin - 05/31/2020

Welcome newest members:

Donald Lyons - Joined 03/17/2020
 Raymond Moehler - Joined 03/11/2020

These members did not renew their dues:

(date shown is date membership expired)

William Armstrong - 03/31/2020
 Michael Bradford - 04/30/2020
 Gary Cohen - 03/31/2020
 Paula Ginchereau - 03/31/2020
 Sandra Goshgarian - 03/31/2020
 April Langevin - 04/30/2020
 Scott Lawson - 04/30/2020
 James Lynch - 03/31/2020
 Jennifer Pakula - 03/31/2020
 Geoffrey Pennoyer - 03/31/2020
 Sharon Pickup - 04/30/2020
 Melinda Snow - 03/31/2020
 Mark Stein - 04/30/2020
 Susan Sullivan - 04/30/2020
 Sam Tolbert - 04/30/2020
 Ed Webb - 03/31/2020

To renew your dues today, go to 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 140 members.



The roster of members in our chapter is **updated daily**, that is, any day there are changes to our chapter's roster, the National Association office updates it.

Want to play weekdays? Our roster indicates who's available! Need to contact a chapter leader, go for it!

To see a roster of our members, go to www.SinglesGolf.com/roster and key-in your username and password. If you don't have that info, just follow the prompts and we'll e-mail your information to you.

Once you are logged-in, you can also update your personal information.

Save these links and phone number for easy access to information about local and national ASGA events:

ASGA-DC Meetup site	http://www.meetup.com/ASGADC/
ASGA-DC Chapter:	http://www.singlesgolfdc.com
ASGA-DC Chapter Events:	http://www.singlesgolfdc.com/2017-Schedule
ASGA-DC Facebook	https://www.facebook.com/Singlesgolf.asgadc.5
ASGA-National:	http://www.singlesgolf.com
ASGA Newsletters:	http://www.singlesgolf.com/chapter_list.php
ASGA Chapter Rosters:	http://www.singlesgolf.com/roster.php
ASGA Member Account Info:	http://www.singlesgolf.com (click on "My Account")

“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

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

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

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

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.



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