

# WASHINGTON, DC SINGLES GOLF

Washington DC Chapter - American Singles Golf Association — July 2020

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 1ST - HOBBITS GLEN

### 2020 GOLF SCHEDULE

Date	Course	Event Coordinator
JULY		
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	Whiskey Creek**	Mary Doherty**

The people who gave us golf  
and called it a game are the  
same people who gave us bag  
pipes and called it music:  
Anonymous

### NATIONAL OFFICE INFORMATION

**Upcoming Multi-Chapter Events** (see [SinglesGolf.com/events](http://SinglesGolf.com/events))  
ASGA National is slowly working towards TWO multi-chapter events for this year, however, contracts have **not** been signed but we are “penciled -in” with anticipation of signing soon. **Details out soon\*:**

- **ASGA in Charleston, SC—Labor Day Weekend.** Arrive at the Francis Marion Hotel on Thursday, Sept. 3, depart Sunday, Sept. 6. (Labor Day is Sept. 7). Package includes 3 nights’ stay, 2 rounds of golf, 3 breakfasts, welcome reception and 3 dinners.
- **Reunion in Pinehurst—Arrive Sunday, Nov. 8, depart Wednesday, Nov. 11.** Package includes 3 nights’ stay, 2 rounds of golf, 3 breakfasts, welcome reception and 3 dinners.
- **Bringing in the New Year 2021—Arriving in Florida on Sunday, January 3, departing January 6.** Looking at locations now. We believe we’ll get some great rates when, as traditionally happens, the crowds return home after the New Year’s holiday. Stay tuned.

\* All events subject to change once contracts have been signed.

### OUR CHAPTER INFORMATION

**Regular Meeting Date**  
Variable (see [singlesgolfdc.com](http://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  
Go to [www.SinglesGolf.com/MyAccount](http://www.SinglesGolf.com/MyAccount) to make changes to your address, phone, etc. To join or renew your dues, go to [www.SinglesGolf.com/join](http://www.SinglesGolf.com/join)

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Ocean City Weekend

October 16-18

Join your fellow ASGA golfers for a fun weekend at Ocean City this Fall. Options are for two or three days of golf at excellent Ocean City courses. Don't let COVID ruin all your travel plans – we will be able to play and practice safely while enjoying beautiful October weather at the beach.



The courses include:

**Friday 16 Oct River Run:** Gary Player's favored bump and run style of play is showcased at River Run, his 6705 yard masterpiece. Spectacular views, first class conditioning and a skillful design all combine to make this course a challenging and fun experience. A friendly warm up on the par-35 front nine, modeled after the Scottish links style is followed by a sterner test of tree-lined fairways and natural marshes found on the back nine.

**Saturday 17 Oct Lighthouse Sound:** an 18 hole championship course overlooking the Ocean City skyline and St Martin's River. This course features marsh, river and bay views on 15 of the 18 holes. Ranked #80 in the country for top 100 public golf courses in the US by Golf Magazine and ranked #2 in Maryland.

**Sunday 18 October Man o' War at Glen Riddle:** This gem of a course will provide a truly spectacular golf experience, it challenges golfers with distinctive double fairways, large greens, pot bunkers and sand dunes. To preserve the beauty and significance of the historic race track, used to train so many champion thoroughbreds, the designers incorporated the track as a strategic cross hazard on three holes.

The packages include (except where noted) rooms at the Hyatt Place Ocean City, located on the Boardwalk (breakfast included), golf fees, carts, etc. Each room at the Hyatt includes King or Queen size beds as well as a sleeper sofa and private balconies overlooking the ocean. Tee times will be confirmed, I have asked for a bit later on Friday to give us time to get over the Bridge and earlier on Sunday – to get back over the bridge!

Packages:

- Single room and three rounds of golf - \$581
- Single room and two rounds of golf (Sat/Sun) - \$513
- Double room and three rounds of golf - \$459 each
- Double room and two rounds of golf (Sat/Sun)- \$391 each
- Golf only –three rounds - \$313

I was going to arrange dinners but will wait until we are closer to the date to see what is happening with the club houses and restaurants so stay tuned....

A \$200 deposit is due by **AUGUST 7** to hold your place. Please indicate which package you are paying for and if possible your roommate. Final payments are **due September 14** which is also the date for a return of the deposit in case you have to cancel.

Send checks (or else Paypal or Zelle) to:

Sheila DeTurk

6068 Joust Lane

Alexandria, VA 22315

Telephone: 703-931233 cell: 202-823-3992

[Shem\\_tennis@yahoo.com](mailto:Shem_tennis@yahoo.com)



### **Bull Run July 18**

Join us for a fun day of golf at Bull Run which sits on a huge piece of open land in the foothills of Bull Run mountain. 4 miles from 66, it's an easy drive. Where the typical golf course covers an area of 125 acres, Bull Run stretches across 450.

We have 24 tee times starting at 12:30pm. Range balls included.

Their Grille Room will be fully open for food and refreshments during and after golf. Linger after golf at their outdoor covered seating, indoors seating will also be available.

They are unable to provide individual carts. They do have 20 cart dividers for any player that would like to use one. Please let me know if you have a cart partner or parking preference.

Cost: \$65. Non-members +\$10

Deadline to sign up: Wednesday 15 July

To sign up send me an email at:

[jerry.bennis@hotmail.com](mailto:jerry.bennis@hotmail.com)

Then write a check payable to Jerry Bennis and mail to:

400 Madison St #2105

Alexandria, Va 22314

**Bull Run Golf Club**

3520 James Madison Highway

Haymarket, Va 20169

703-753-7777



### **Lansdowne**

#### **July 25**

Join us for a round of golf on the Robert Trent Jones Jr Course at Lansdowne Resort and Golf in Loudoun County on Saturday 25 July.

We have 10 tee times starting at 12:00 pm (10-minute intervals). Range balls included.

Cost: \$95. Non-member +\$10

Deadline to sign up is Friday 10 July

Notes regarding COVID-19 and Phase III reopening:

1. Carts. Lansdowne expects two riders per cart. The carts are new, cleaned, and sanitized. However, they will consider requests for single riders if inventory allows.
2. Dining. Lansdowne's Piedmont Pub is open and will allow larger gatherings. We will meet after golf at the pub and assess the situation. First four-somes to finish golfing will stake out an area for our group. Fallback / overflow will be at Bungalow Lakehouse in Sterling.
3. Golf. I was told the course is in great shape. They have only been open to members (low volume) and operations have been maintaining the course during the pandemic.

To sign-up, send me an email at

[jake.hund@gmail.com](mailto:jake.hund@gmail.com)

Requests for cart pairings will be first prioritized based on COVID-19 concerns.

Payment due by 18 July:

1. Check payable to Scott Patton and mail to  
925 Holly Blossom Ct  
Great Falls, VA 22066
2. Paypal: [jake.hund@gmail.com](mailto:jake.hund@gmail.com)
3. Venmo: @Sepatt29

Lansdowne Resort and Golf

44050 Woodridge Parkway

Leesburg, VA 20176

703-753-7777

See you there!

~Scott Patton, 571-320-1205

### Lansdowne's Robert Trent Jones Jr Course

A classic experience awaits both the accomplished and novice golfer on this 7,063-yard, par-72 course. The key to

success on this course is the ability to accurately judge the impact of elevation changes. For example, the par-3 13th hole features a 50-foot drop from tee to green, requiring a carry over a creek that runs across the front of the green, as well as a stone wall that dates back to the 1700s.

The course provides mental challenges with risk-reward holes and a tee-to-green carry over water on the par-3 17th, as well as physical tests with a pair of classic, three-shot par-5s. While friendly, the strategic layout will test the skills of all playing levels, rewarding each with a memorable round.

### **Hobbit's Glen Golf Outing August 1**

Hobbit's Glen is a semi-private club located in Columbia, MD. The course offers lush green fairways, excellent practice facilities and a restaurant on-site.

Time: **Consecutive tee times every 10 minutes starting at 2:00 pm**

Cost: \$70 ASGA members; ~~\$90~~ **\$80** for nonmembers/guests. Carts have a GPS and are equipped with a plastic divider between driver and passenger. Single carts are probably not going to be available.

Address: Hobbit's Glen, 11130 Willowbottom Drive, Columbia, MD 21044

410-730-5980

Format: Play your own ball and have a good time

After golf, dine at The Turn House restaurant located at the club house.

Email me by 7/25/20 to reserve your spot. Include your handicap or average 18-hole score. If you want to share a cart with another person, please provide the name.

You can transfer the funds to me by Zelle via my cell or email, or mail you check to:

Kathie Hiatt

13106 Old Field Ter

Laurel, MD 20707

Cell 443.745.4778

[hokie311@gmail.com](mailto:hokie311@gmail.com)

Payment deadline: Monday, July 27, 2019

## Turf Valley Golf Club

### August 8th

Join us **Saturday August 8<sup>th</sup>** in Ellicott City Maryland at Turf Valley Golf Club. This is an exclusive member's and hotel guest only club that ASGA has finagled our way into through friend of a friend's friend (you get the idea). As far anyone knows, this the first time our group has ever played here, so do not miss this chance. We will be playing The Original Course. The Resort is about forty miles from Downtown DC and fifty-five Dulles Airport. The Baltimore folks can practically roll out of bed and be there.

**Cost:** \$91 members/\$101 for non-members

**Times:** 1:04, 1:12, 1:20, 1:28, 1:36, 1:44 and 1:52 PM

**Event Coordinator:** Brian Durkin [bdurkin2441@gmail.com](mailto:bdurkin2441@gmail.com)

We have twenty-two openings left and they are going fast, so email [bdurkin2441@gmail.com](mailto:bdurkin2441@gmail.com) ASAP if you want to play. Please let me know your pairing preference or if you prefer to ride solo (sorry, no walkers). Then send a check for \$91/\$101 payable to Brian Durkin:

Brian Durkin  
2441 Valley Way  
Cheverly MD 20785

The cost includes green fee, cart, range balls and \$8.50 golf shop merchandise credit.

Sorry, to PayPal, or Venmo.

We may be able to meet for drinks on an outdoor patio after the round.

## 11 really hard golf questions that have appeared on Jeopardy!

By [Alan Bastable](#) [golf.com](#)

Most of the golf questions that have appeared on Jeopardy! — [there have been more than 800 in all](#) — would be a snap for the golf-mad users of this site. (Take, for example, this softball from a show that aired last June: Like New Orleans, golfer [Ernie Els](#) has this nickname. Come on, Alex, challenge us!) But every so often the show's writers do cook up a doozy. Here are 11 golf-related questions (to be fair, a couple are really loosely related) that

might stall you, if not outright stump you. Answers are found later in the newsletter. Good luck!

### MILITARY NICKNAMES & SLANG / \$1200

This term for an unidentified aircraft or missile is also used on the golf course

### CONTRONYMS / \$1200

An advantage in golf or a disadvantage through lack

### ENDS IN DOUBLE LETTERS / \$2000

Tiny, sharp teeth give this plant its name, also an elite Florida golf course

### SPORTS / \$400

This last name of golfer David is applied to what he called a "correction shot"

### AMERICA'S GOT TALONS / \$1000

A golf tourney was the scene of a catch made by this seabird, also the name of a tiltrotor hybrid aircraft

### SHARP (& FLAT) INSTRUMENTS / \$1200

An old joke says that golf was invented by the same people who think that music comes out of these

### GOLF / \$300

[Golf ball](#) covers are usually made of this

### ADVERTISING / \$500

Slogan created in 1921 when a pal of an R.J. Reynolds adman ran out of cigarettes on a golf course

### GOLF TALK / \$300

"Stretcher Bearer" is a slang expression for one of these golf helpers

### SPORTS HISTORY / \$600

Rudyard Kipling painted golf balls this color to find them on snow-covered "greens" in Vermont

### ENDS IN "SS" / \$200

Golfers know it means to lay the club behind the ball in preparation to hit it (not mail it)

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## 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.

7/13-17 Rita Daley-1757

7/20-24 Kathleen Griffin-Algonkian

7/27-31 David Bath

8/3-7 Anne Jardine

8/10-14 Jerry Bennis

8/17-21 Sam Tolbert

8/24-28 Charlie Walters

8/31-9/4 Marion Block

9/7-11 Jerry Bennis

9/14- 18 Charlie Walters

9/21-25 Scott Hall

9/28-10/2 open

10/5-9 Liz Dahreddine

10/19-23 Ellie Hochman

10/26-30 open

## Golfers should eat more snacks on the course, according to Tiger Woods

BY: [RACHEL BLEIER](#) JUNE 26, 2020 [golf.com](#)



*Tiger recommends eating a snack every two or three holes to keep your energy up and your focus on going low.*

With the PGA and LPGA Tours both on an extended hiatus due to coronavirus, players have had a lot of free time to fill. For Lexi Thompson that meant [breaking down her workouts](#) for her fans and hosting live Q&As on social media.

During one of these Q&A sessions, a fan asked Lexi if Tiger had ever given her any advice.

Her answer? Yes.

His advice? It was about on-course snacks.

According to the announcers recounting the story on the PGA Tour Live stream during [the morning wave at the Travelers](#),

Tiger told Lexi to “eat as much as you can — every two or three holes.”

For Tiger, this means munching on a crunchy peanut butter and banana sandwich throughout his rounds.

Any advice from Tiger is generally good advice; he’s got the resume to prove it. So if he says you should snack, there’s a good chance you should snack.

Golfers burn an average of 400-700 calories per round when riding in a cart. That number jumps to 800-1200 calories per round if you choose to walk. ([This calculator](#) allows you to specify your scenario for a more personalized calories burned count.)

Either way, you’re bound to get hungry before your round is over. What’s more, snacking every few holes helps keep your energy up and your blood sugar level so you can stay focused on going low.

So the next time you’re headed out to play, make sure you bring plenty of snacks to keep you fueled up on the course.

## Recaps

### Hampshire Greens

Our planned outing at Hampshire Greens (on the summer solstice!) was anticipated with great enthusiasm. We had a total of some 34 golfers scheduled to play, with COVID-19 protocols eased as the DC area moved to Phase II re-opening.

Unfortunately the hopes of most were dashed as intense thunderstorms began to pass through just as we headed out to play. Roughly two thirds of our group wisely but regrettably decided to cancel rather than risk playing through lightning and heavy rain. However, nine players waited out the storm and eventually got back on the course. The weather cleared and we had a marvelous late-afternoon round on a largely empty course (cart-path-only conditions aside).

After golf, six of us spontaneously decided to try out Phase II outside dining at the Grillmax Steakhouse and Raw Bar in Olney Town Center. For most of us it was our first restaurant dining experience since the lockdown started. We all thought it was truly wonderful to be able to feel “normal” again.

Thanks to all who signed up for Hampshire Greens. Sorry the weather didn’t cooperate.

~Scott

### Bristow Manor

Twenty golfers enjoyed (survived?) a lovely day at Bristow Manor. More than a few balls were sacrificed to the challenging course. At least the back nine proved to be a little friendlier.

After the round we convened on the patio to commensurate about our tough days. We welcomed several new members including **Shelly Annan, Donna Scott and Ray Mohler.**

~BJ

### Raspberry Falls

ASGA-DC’s (pandemic-belated) official start of its 2020 season is now in the books following a beautifully sunny July afternoon at Raspberry Falls Golf & Hunt Club in Leesburg, Virginia. Forty-nine golfers teed off on Saturday, July 11, 2020, to enjoy fairways lined with wildflowers and butterflies. (Photos courtesy of Raj Roy)

Raspberry Falls also shared the following video via their Facebook page, and we’ve shared it on the Chapter’s Facebook page, SinglesGolf Asgadc: [https://](https://www.facebook.com/136752216348952/videos/1499993990203323/?t=5)

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We welcomed new 2020 members (some of whom have already golfed with us): **Ray Moehler, Michelle Cannon, Scott Rapson, Jim Lyons, Karen Nicely, Cathy Thompson, Nanci Schmizzi, and Liz Anthony.**

The Raspberry Falls staff outdid themselves this year with outstanding organization, hospitality and sensitivity to Covid-19 protocol, including accommodating all who requested solo riding carts. Following the completion of our rounds, we were treated to Raspberry Falls’ Italian-style buffet, graciously served by their masked/gloved staff, with tables well-spaced throughout the Hunter’s Grille, including availability for outside seating. The bar was well-staffed to quaff our thirst.

We did not sponsor our usual contests, but Raspberry Falls generously donated a certificate for greens fees for a foursome. **Brenda Mara’s** name was drawn for the door prize.

~Leesa Weiss, EC Raspberry Falls



*Answer key: What is a bogey?, What is a handicap?, What is Sawgrass?, What is Mulligan?, What is an osprey?, What are bagpipes?, What is a vulcanized rubber compound?, What is “I’d walk a mile for a Camel”, What is a caddie?, What is red?, What is address?*

GOLF, n. [1] a game that consists of a lot of walking, broken up by disappointment and bad arithmetic. [2] a game of opposites – the world's slowest people are ahead of you, and the fastest are behind. [3] a colorful sport that keeps you on the green, in the pink, and financially in the red. [4] a game which is allowed to be played on Sunday (under blue laws) because it was not considered a game by the law, but a form of moral effort. [5] a game a lot like taxation – you drive hard to get to the green, and then you find yourself in a hole.

## 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 Ya-

hoo 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 07/17/2020)

### Happy Birthday to these members:

Jerry Bennis - 08/15  
 Caroline Brinsley-Smith - 07/25  
 Sam Cappetta - 07/31  
 Michael Cioppi - 07/27  
 David Classen - 07/16  
 Sharon Davies - 07/18  
 Julie Fanburg - 07/17  
 Steve Fisher - 07/09  
 Velma Layton - 07/21  
 Brenda Mara - 07/13  
 George Neumayr - 07/16  
 Betsy Pond - 08/15  
 Lee Roxbrough - 07/02  
 Susan Smith - 08/10  
 Leesa Weiss - 07/30

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

Pamela Carter - 07/31/2020  
 David Classen - 07/31/2020  
 Ilene Cook - 07/31/2020  
 Julie Fanburg - 07/31/2020  
 Steve Fisher - 07/31/2020  
 Ed Harper - 07/31/2020  
 Irene Kratky - 07/31/2020  
 Brenda Mara - 07/31/2020  
 Cheryl Murrill - 07/31/2020  
 George Neumayr - 07/31/2020  
 Ginger Phillips - 07/31/2020  
 Pamela Skiff - 07/31/2020  
 Thomas Skrobala - 07/31/2020  
 Francine Vigliotti - 07/31/2020

### Welcome newest members:

Shelley Annand - Joined 06/12/2020  
 Elizabeth Anthony - Joined 06/02/2020  
 Peggy Honts - Joined 05/18/2020  
 Karen Nicely - Joined 05/29/2020  
 Nanci Schimizzi - Joined 05/18/2020

### These members recently renewed:

Marian Block  
 John McCririe  
 Heidi Moos  
 Scott Rapson  
 Raj Roy  
 Donna Scott

### These members did not renew their dues:

(date shown is date membership expired)

Amy Hammer - 06/30/2020  
 Katherine Harris - 05/31/2020  
 Lisa Hathaway - 05/31/2020  
 Steven Hornburg - 06/30/2020  
 Neil Mark - 05/31/2020  
 Gayla Moilanen - 06/30/2020  
 Richard Proctor - 05/31/2020  
 Kenneth Welch - 05/31/2020  
 Ronald Wichin - 05/31/2020  
 Jean Wintemute - 06/30/2020

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 137 members.



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

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

## 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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