

WASHINGTON, DC SINGLES GOLF

Washington DC Chapter - American Singles Golf Association — September 2020

SEPTEMBER 26TH - QUEENSTOWN HARBOR RIVER COURSE

2020 GOLF SCHEDULE

Date	Course	Event Coordinator
SEPTEMBER		
19	Enterprise	Rita Daley
26	Queenstown	Todd Sheffer
OCTOBER		
4 (Sun)	Worthington Manor	Sam Tolbert
11(Sun)	Rattlewood**	Leesa Weiss*** UPDATED INFO
16-18	Ocean City	Sheila DeTurk
24	Falls Road	Leesa Weiss
31	Whiskey Creek**	Mary Doherty

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



NATIONAL OFFICE INFORMATION

Upcoming Multi-Chapter Events (see SinglesGolf.com/events)

ASGA National is slowly working towards a multi-chapter event for this year, however, contracts have not been signed but we are "penciled-in" with anticipation of signing soon. Details out soon*:

- **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. See SinglesGolf.com/Pinehurst for full details.
- **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 as traditionally the crowds return home after the New Year's vacationers return home. Stay tuned.

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

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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American Singles
Golf Association**



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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 man 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 **July 30** 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



**Ocean City Weekend
October 16-18**

Spaces filled; sign up for waiting list!

Notes: Please respond to shem_tennis@yahoo.com

Brand new golf balls have a strong attraction to treelines and water. The strength of the attraction is in direct proportion to how expensive the ball is.

Enterprise Golf Course

Saturday, September 19
2802 Enterprise Road, Mitchellville, MD 20721
301 249-2040

Please join our group for this outing at Enterprise Golf Course. This is a public course that has been in great condition every time I have played it. We have 7 tee times beginning at 1:00 pm. Our price has been discounted because we are unable to have the closest to the pin contest. For those 60+ the cost is \$40.00. For those under 60 the cost is \$45.00. You can pay me through my Pay Pal account using my email address or sent me a check at my home address which is; Ruth D'Alessandro, 9503 Lagersfield Circle, Vienna, VA 22181. Please let me know by Sept. 11, 2020 if you are able to play. The final groupings are due to the course on September 17th.

There is no food available at the snack bar but beverages may be purchased including beer. Also, if you want to walk, this is a walkable course. Dinner will not be included for this outing unless someone has a recommendation for a restaurant nearby that has outdoor seating. Thanks Ruth

Queenstown Harbor River Course

Saturday September 26, 2020
Check it out at <https://qhgf.com/>
Tee Times Start At 11:00

The River Course is an 18-hole public golf course that offers spectacular waterfront views of the Chester River and Chesapeake Bay. It is a fun, challenging course that will test the abilities of every golfer.

Price: \$87 ASGA Member
\$97 Nonmember

Number of golfers: 24

To Sign-up: SEND an e-mail to toddsheffer23@gmail.com

With your info:

Name
Handicap or average 18 hole score (for pairing purposes)
Cell phone number
ASGA Member # or state that you are a guest

After your round has been changed because of COVID19. The club house has food and beverages and there are many food options nearby.

Please make your check payable to Todd Sheffer and mail to 1311 Walnut Ave., Halethorpe, MD 21227

Thank you

DEADLINE for RECEIPT of CHECKS:

****Monday, September 21, 2020**

– remember, while your e-mail puts you in the reservation pool, your check guarantees your spot!

Cancellations: Usual ASGA-DC policy applies – see your web page, www.singlesgolfdc.com for further details.

Worthington Manor Golf Course

Sunday October 4

We will play Worthington Manor Golf on October 4th, a Sunday at high noon. Noted for being a “Must Play” course by Golf magazine, and one of the “Top 50 Courses in Middle Atlantic”. It has been a qualifying site for the US Open and has hosted the Maryland Open several times.

The Washington Red (Devils) will be playing the Ravens, who are one of the top NFL teams. The frustration might be far less on the golf course if a Washington Football fan. It might be a good Sunday to be on the golf course if your home team is in DC.

The cost is \$59 and includes range balls. The Bar and Dining area, called “Bar 19 will be open for a drink or dinner after golf. Maryland presently limits group gatherings to 10 people. It may change in the next few weeks. Please bring a mask and be considerate of others. If you require a single cart, please let me know, I will try and accommodate you. Let me know your handicap, or I will assign one to you.

Pay by check:

Sam Tolbert
PO BOX 3544

Hagerstown, Md 21742

Or paypal to sam.tolbert@verizon.net

Rattlewood Golf Course

13501 Penn Shop Road
Mount Airy, Maryland
Sunday, October 11, 2020
<https://www.mcggolf.com/course/Rattlewood>

Tee Times Start ~12:00 p.m.

And now for something different! **Anne Jardine** had scheduling conflicts in October, so we are using this as an opportunity to introduce a new course into our schedule! Anne and I played **Rattlewood** on September 12. From tee box to green, we found the course in great shape! In 2019, **Rattlewood** was named the winner of a “Best Conditions” Players Choice Award from the Players 1st organization

Rattlewood is an easy drive from I-270 (Clarksburg, MD exit) or I-70, and is located (mostly) in Northeast Montgomery County. The front 9 is in Montgomery County, while the back 9 is in Frederick County. The par 72 course offers challenges for golfers of all skill levels with some tempting risk/reward opportunities. It's 6,104 yards from the white tees, 5,725 yards from the gold tees, and 5,093 yards from the red tees.

See <https://www.mcggolf.com/> for current updates regarding Covid-19 Safety Measures, Precautions and Regulations for Montgomery County Golf.

Price for 24 lucky golfers: \$59/ASGA members, \$69 for guests; includes greens fees and riding golf cart.

Riding Carts: *If available*, the course will make an effort to accommodate single riders. Please advise me when RSVPing if this is a must. Walking the course is permitted, although there are some tee boxes which are a little distance from the previous green.

1st Tee Time: ~12:00 p.m. Arrive early, warm up on the driving range and putting green.

After Golf Dinner: If interested, please let me know when RSVPing, and I'll inquire about reserving outdoor tables at the **Mount Airy Inn**, less than 3 miles from the course (<https://www.mountairyinn.com/>). Anne and I en-

joyed their varied menu featuring brick oven pizzas, salads, sandwiches, and entrees, an extensive selection of local beers, hard cider, wines, and house-infused cocktails.

Host: Leesa Weiss; to sign up, e-mail: Leesa730@verizon.net with:

- 1) Your full name;
- 2) Your handicap or average 18-hole score (for pairing purposes); and
- 3) Current ASGA membership status

THEN, *promptly* mail your check, made out to: **Leesa Weiss** @ 5809 Edson Lane, #102, North Bethesda, Maryland 20852.

or

Forward payment via Zelle to: LNWeiss@verizon.net

via Venmo to: **Leesa-Weiss**

Cancellation Policy: The course requires a fixed head count for golf and dinner at least 7 days in advance, so RSVP ASAP. **! must receive your payment no later than October 3, 2020.** If you RSVP, you are responsible for payment or finding your replacement. ASGA-DC cancellation rules will apply. If you cancel, and **you** are unable to find a replacement, you will forfeit your advance payment if the Chapter is required to pay for your reservation.

Deadline for receipt of your payment or cancellation: Saturday, October 3, 2020.

NO PAYMENT ~~ NO GOLF ~~ NO EXCEPTIONS.

The ASGA-DC Chapter cancellation policy is in effect.

Rattlewood Golf Course
Pro-Shop: 301.607.9000
<https://www.mcggolf.com/course/Rattlewood>
13501 Penn Shop Road
Mount Airy, Maryland



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.

9/21-25 Scott Hall

9/28-10/2 Kathleen Griffen

10/5-9 Liz Dahreddine

10/19-23 Ellie Hochman

10/26-30 open

SIMPLE GOLF TIPS

Source: golftipsmag.com

1. Keep Your Hands Low

Limiting the height of the follow through will effectively reduce the height of your shots. The lower the hands, the lower the ball flight. Moving the ball back in your stance or choosing a stronger club and trying to swing easy are other ways to accomplish the same thing, but they're less reliable and more difficult to execute. Instead, keep your hands low in the finish and the trajectory of your shots will be lower.

2. Give Your Spine The Forearm

Make sure you're on-plane at the top of the swing to guarantee solid ball striking and increased accuracy. The right forearm is parallel to the spine, the left wrist is flat and elbows and arms form a tight triangle. These are indications that you've rotated your shoulders into the backswing perfectly.

3. Use Your Body For Power

Every good golfer knows that power comes from the body, not the arms. To learn to power the club with your body instead of your arms and hands, put the club behind the ball at address, with your body in a dead-stop position. Without taking a backswing, try to drag the ball into the air. If you're a player who uses his or her hands to control the club, you'll probably struggle at first. However, you'll quickly find that once you start moving the club with your body, you'll begin to get the ball in the air more consistently. This helps you turn fully through the ball on the downswing.

4. Hinge For Power

Amateurs have problems hitting crisp iron shots due to two fatal flaws. First, the takeaway tends to be too low to the ground, which delays the proper hinging of the wrists until too late in the backswing. Second, in a misguided effort to create power, the arms tend to swing too far in the backswing. This causes a breakdown in posture and usually leads to a reverse pivot. These flaws cause mis-hits and a lack of distance and control.

Several simple steps can be taken to gain control over the length of the swing in order to create more solid contact. At set-up, a 45-degree angle should be present between the left arm and the club shaft. This starts the swing with the wrists already hinged halfway to the necessary 90 degrees. During the takeaway, the hands should stay close to the ground while the clubhead moves up quickly. The goal is to get the left thumb pointing at the right shoulder as soon as possible. You'll know you've achieved the proper wrist hinge when your left arm is parallel to the ground and the club shaft is perpendicular to it. This sets the wrists much earlier in the backswing, eliminating the need to swing the arms too far at the top. The tendency to lose posture and reverse pivot will be removed with this more compact golf swing.

Creating the proper wrist hinge in the backswing will lead to noticeably better ball striking and, as a result, more consistent distance and direction on all iron shots.

5. Give Your Slice The Elbow

Some players like John Daly swing with their elbow flying out, while others like Sergio Garcia keep it in, proving that it's possible to hit great shots with either method. However, my biomechanical studies indicate that the flying right elbow position favors a fade ball flight while a tucked right elbow promotes a draw. If you struggle with slicing or have always wanted to develop a power-rich draw, then the right elbow may hold the answer. Plus, when you let the right elbow fly, it has the tendency to raise the right shoulder skyward, which almost always causes an over-the-top move during the downswing and an array of bad results.

The key for long-term success is to eliminate the faulty shoulder tilt and right elbow

position at the top. The most efficient right elbow position for keeping slices at bay and promoting a draw is on or just inside the seam running down the right side of your shirt. When you place your right elbow in this general area, it allows the shoulders to turn level to the spine, making it much easier to drop the club inside on the downswing for maximum power and improved control.

6. Solid Plane = No Slice

An open face at the point of contact can cause a slice. So, too, can a faulty swing path, even if your clubface is square to the target at impact. Slicers' swing paths tend to come too much outside in (hookers, vice versa). All golfers need a path that comes just slightly from the inside. Try the Box Drill. Take the top half of a golf ball box and stand it on its side. Align the box parallel to your target line. Strive to groove a path that allows the shaft to pass just over the box. For slicers, set up the box on the same line, but just forward of the golf ball. Don't hit the box!

7. Thumbs Up, Thumbs Down

Hookers need to stop the clubface from closing too soon. To do this, adopt a thumbs-down approach to impact. In the photos at right, you clearly can see the red side of the paddle with both my thumbs pointing down toward the ground. This type of movement slows the closing of your clubface, thus eliminating shots that curve to the left. In the second photo, the blue side of the paddle shows. This thumbs-up position is what slicers need to attain (a closing of the clubface).

8. No Flips

"Flippiness" (the dreaded early release) occurs if your body gets too far in front of the golf ball. When this happens, your club will drastically lag, usually with an open face. Instinctually, your hands will work to close the face at impact. This level of timing is difficult even for the pros to execute on a consistent basis. What usually happens is the clubhead races in front of the shaft and strikes the ball with an open or a closed face, and typically on an ascending arc. In baseball, if you get too far in front, you'll hit the ball to right field, unless you flip the wrists. The same is true in golf. You need to establish a firm left side to

keep your head behind the ball and stop the flip.

Usual suspects

Enemy number one: Your body is out of position or out of balance. Your body senses this, so your hands take over to try to get the clubface squared at impact. However, this adjustment usually takes the form of a flick or flip of the wrists.

Fixing The Flip

Set up to an impact bag (or an old duffel bag stuffed with towels), push the clubhead into the bag and set your body into a good impact position. The lead arm and shaft should form one straight, vertical line with the head back. Make sure your lead leg is braced and that your hips are turned slightly open. Hold this position to create the proper feel.

9. Chipping

Although it's tempting to hit chips indoors, all it takes is one broken lamp to realize that golf is an outdoor activity. Nevertheless, you can improve your chipping technique within the friendly confines of your own living room with the help of a wooden dowel or broken golf shaft. Take the dowel and place it through the hole on the top of the grip on a pitching wedge. Push the dowel roughly eight to 12 inches down the butt end of the shaft (a little Vaseline may help the dowel slide easier through the club shaft). Two to three feet of the dowel should extend outward from the top of the grip.

Now, practice your chipping motion, making sure that your left wrist remains rigid as the clubface passes through the impact zone. If your left wrist breaks down (a flaw that can cause a lot of short-game misery), you'll feel the protruding portion of the dowel hit against your left side. In addition to guarding against wrist breakdown, the dowel will also help you to establish the proper hands-forward position at address—a crucial factor for clean contact.

The dowel also will force you to keep your hands moving forward and swing the club down the target line in the follow through. Once you master this drill, you'll be able to get up and down with the best of them.

As you perform these drills, you'll begin to see the value of other everyday items in helping you improve your game. Don't be afraid to experiment—you may just develop the next must-have training aid.

10. Stay In Your K

Even good golfers with sound, grooved swings come untracked now and then, especially if they lose the flex in the back leg trying for distance. If you stiffen your back leg during the backswing, your body will likely tilt out of balance, making it tough to re-flex the knee just the right amount in time for impact. If you can play some great golf, but consistency is your problem, it might be that you need a dose of Special K. Here's how it works.

K Pasa?

At address, the Special K is the angle formed in your back leg by the upper and lower leg. The manner in which you stand to the ball determines in large part how well you maintain your Special K during your swing.

The best advice is to establish an athletic, ready-to-move setup. Create this posture by bending forward from the hip sockets and back from the knees. When your back leg is flexed correctly, it creates room for your arms to swing and aligns the joints, one on top of the other. You should be able to draw a line from the top of the spine through the tip of the elbow and then from the tip of your knee down through the ball joint of your foot.

Keeping The K

To keep your swing level, this angle should be maintained from address to just after impact. A good way to experience what it feels like to keep the Special K while you swing is to look in a mirror while you take practice swings. Start with the setup position shown in the photo, below left. Hold it steady, then look in the mirror to connect the sight and feel of the correct back leg flex for that position. Next, swing to the top. Again, hold that position and use the mirror to see if you maintained the angle in your back leg.

Recaps

Poolesville, September 6

Thirty-five golfers set out on a sun-soaked, low humidity, late summer/early fall day in the bucolic setting of Poolesville Golf Course on Sunday, September 6, 2020. The course was well prepared, and accommodated our single cart requests. The greens challenged our putting, and the rough, well, it lived up to its name.

After finishing, 19 of us retired to Bassett's in downtown Poolesville to continue the day's fun, sharing lots of laughs and libations in the outdoor comfort of socially/physically distanced tables (except for this critter who had designs on **Raj's** crushed red peppers).



Laurel Hill

The weather gods prevailed and we had no rain yesterday. We finished #18 to the cheers and clapping of our earlier players. Thank you Raj for the great photo. We welcomed a new member to the outing, Steve Vito. After playing, a group headed over to Glory Days to recount our experiences. Kudos to **Marlene Hammond** who scored her first birdie. Thank you all for participating and making the event so much fun.



Don't get peer-pressured into playing the wrong tees

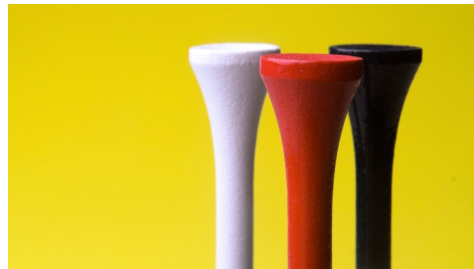
Golf Digest, Sept 1 2020

Playing the right tees is an important part of golf. You'll have more fun playing the course from a yardage best suited to your ability, and it'll also help you play faster — which means your fellow golfers on the course will enjoy themselves more, too. But sometimes, teeing up in the best spot can be hard, especially when your playing partners are pressuring you into playing with them further back. Enter GOLF's resident mid-handicaps, who are here to offer some helpful advice, golfer-to-golfer.

1. Stop taking it too seriously

Tim Reilly (11.4 handicap): Simply put, I just don't play tees I'm not comfortable with. It's that easy for me. If I see 7,000+ yards and that's where my low-handicap friends want to play from, great, good for them. I just won't be joining them. This isn't professional golf. We're out here to have fun in our free time. Golf can be frustrating enough as is. Don't make the game harder for you than it has to be. Find a yardage range you're comfortable with and stick with it.

Don't give those first hole tee box jokes any attention. Once you show they won't get into your head they'll stop real quick.



2. Stretch, but don't break

Josh Berhow (17.1 handicap): I'm always honest. There's no shame in being truthful about your game. I'd much rather play 6,400 over 6,700, and have no problem telling the group that. But I've never felt pressured into playing a set of tees I wasn't comfortable with.

Sure, I've played tees that definitely stretch my game in order to stick with my group, but it's never been a ridiculous distance, and if it were, like the tips at Erin Hills or something, I'd have no problem heading a tee or two up. Golf is camaraderie and of course you want to stick with your group, but it's also four-plus hours and sometimes expensive. It's supposed to be fun. Don't dampen what should be a



“Cattle prod.”

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nice day at the links because you were too afraid to speak up and play in a way that would maximize the fun for you.



3. Make a self-deprecating joke

James Colgan (17.2 handicap): "Hey guys, I don't know about you, but I actually want to enjoy the next four hours. I'm going to play from the whites today for both my sanity and yours."

It's quick, honest, self-deprecating and not at all inappropriate. Sure, you might get poked fun at, but if you didn't want that to happen, you probably should've spent some more time on the range.

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 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@yahoogroups.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 09/18/2020)

Happy Birthday to these members:

Michael Abelson - 10/03
 Nancy Barnett - 09/14
 Sharon Geyer - 09/13
 Kathleen Griffin - 10/05
 Peggy Honts - 10/05
 Debra Jungers - 09/24
 Joan Lee - 09/15
 Kimberly Litherland - 09/29
 Joseph McCloskey Jr - 09/19
 Annette McGuire - 10/07
 Cheryl Riisager - 10/01
 Cathy Thompson - 09/13
 Felicia Wilson - 10/10

These members are up for renewal:

(date shown is last day of membership)

Michael Abelson - 09/30/2020
 Gregory Basheda - 09/30/2020
 Rick Goheen - 09/30/2020
 Ellie Hochman - 09/30/2020
 Joann St. Peter - 09/30/2020
 Kay Wilson - 09/30/2020

Welcome newest members:

Jeff Kauffman - Joined 08/21/2020
 Steven Vito - Joined 08/03/2020

These members recently renewed:

Pamela Carter
 William Cash
 Marlene Hammond
 Lori Ryan
 George Salmon
 Judith Wortman

These members did not renew their dues:

(date shown is date membership expired)

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
 Brenda Mara - 07/31/2020
 Sue Morgan - 08/31/2020
 Cheryl Murrill - 07/31/2020
 George Neumayr - 07/31/2020
 Santana Rocca - 08/31/2020
 Pamela Skiff - 07/31/2020
 Thomas Skrobala - 07/31/2020
 Daniel Stentz - 08/31/2020

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 127 members.

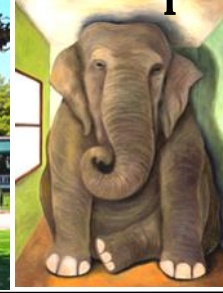
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ASGA-DC Meetup site	http://www.meetup.com/ASGADC/
ASGA-DC Chapter:	http://www.singlesgolfdc.com/
ASGA-DC Chapter Events:	http://www.singlesgolfdc.com//schedule
ASGA-DC Facebook	https://www.facebook.com/Singlesgolf.asgadc.5
ASGA-National:	http://www.singlesgolf.com
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")



At Last! REUNION IN PINEHURST



The Elephant in the Room



We know what you're thinking: COVID-19...

See how Pinehurst is preparing for our visit. Go to

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 Event Website: SinglesGolf.com/Pinehurst Resort Website: Pinehurst.com Resort Phone: 910-295-6811

See SinglesGolf.com/Pinehurst for complete details, COVID, etc.

- ➔ **One Package Price: Same Rate/Person** rooming alone or not
- 2 rounds of golf (includes cart, green fees & range balls)
- 3 nights lodging at Pinehurst Resort-Sun/Mon/Tue nights
- 6 food functions: Sunday arrival cocktail party (includes 2 drinks) followed by dinner; 1 cookout-style dinner and 1 awards banquet) + cash bars; 3 buffet breakfasts which will be staff-served
- DJ dancing (if attendance is 100 or more), welcoming gift & golf prizes
- Includes all resort service fees & taxes. Resort svcs. incl: on-site transportation, bicycles, afternoon tea, practice putting, driving range, in-room high-speed internet & more

Add'l. Nights: Come up to 2 days early or late, add'l. nights @ \$209/person to room alone or if double occupancy. See Pinehurst.com for details on room types.

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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.

