

WASHINGTON, DC SINGLES GOLF

Washington DC Chapter - American Singles Golf Association — October 2020

YEAR END GOLF AT RASPBERRY FALLS - NOVEMBER 7TH

Year End Golf Event

Where: Raspberry Falls Golf Course
(Leesburg Va)

When: Saturday, November 7th

Format: 11:30am modified shotgun with a maximum of 48 golfers, play your own ball (no contests - just fun golf) **(be ready to depart to your hole by 11:15am)**

Costs: \$65 for members and \$90 for non-member

Costs includes:

1. 18 holes of golf
2. cart
3. range balls
4. BBQ buffet dinner (there will be a veggie option for those who request it) - **to begin at 4:30pm**

BBQ menu: **(when you email me, let me know if you need vegetarian, pescatarian, or other special need)**

PULLED PORK BARBECUE,
GRILLED CHICKEN BREAST,
CAROLINA BBQ SAUCE,
BARBECUED BAKED BEANS,
MUSTARD SLAW,
REDSKIN POTATO SALAD,



HOMEMADE PASTA SALAD,
SWEET SOUTHERN CORNBREAD,
FOUNTAIN SODAS,
FRESHLY BREWED ICE TEA,
FRESHLY BAKED GOURMET COOKIE DISPLAY

To guarantee a spot, send me an email and your check or zelle before Oct 14th.

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Ashburn Va 20148
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703.909.1916 for zelle

This event **will** sell out. Below is what we plan to do at this event.
* hit range balls

- * play golf - shotgun start beginning at 11:30am
- * eat a great buffet (bar is available to buy drinks) - buffet to start exactly at 4:30pm (so play ready golf so you can finish in time)
- * introduction - 2020 board members, 2021 new board members, (approval of 2021 board from participants - show of hands)
- * special thank you for EC's
- * door prizes (not sure if we will have these this year - however there will be at least one prize drawing for a foursome of golf at Raspberry Falls)
- * open floor (anyone can speak for 2-3 minutes)

NATIONAL EVENT INFORMATION

Events Open to All Members Nationwide

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. **EVENT IS SOLD OUT**
- **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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2020 GOLF SCHEDULE

Date	Course	Event Coordinator
OCTOBER		
16-18	Ocean City	Sheila DeTurk
24	Prince William **	Charlie Walters **UPDATED INFO
31	Whiskey Creek	Mary Doherty
NOVEMBER		
7	Raspberry Falls Year-End Event	Dan Morris
21-28	Myrtle Beach Turkey Shoot	Sharon Geyer

UPCOMING EVENTS

"The Great ASGA-DC Myrtle Beach Turkey Shoot of 2020"

Saturday, November 21 through Saturday, November 28

(With stay & play options through Monday, November 30)

Amazing golf and outrageous singles FUN - Myrtle Beach Extravaganza!

Please note I need your commitment by October 12th and payment by COB Nov 1st ...

GOLF * FUN * 19TH HOLE * GOLF * FRIENDS * GOLF * DANCING * FUN

The ticket window to singles fun is officially open for ASGA-DC's 2020 Great American Turkey Shoot in Myrtle Beach, SC! It has been a strange year, but it's time to get out and play safely. You are invited to spend a glorious week golfing the very best and most challenging courses in Myrtle Beach! You will share an elegant Thanksgiving dinner with your singles friends by the fire. You will enjoy all of the amenities of The Grand Shore's updated, large seaside condos with ocean or side-ocean views, rooftop pool, exercise facility, indoor & outdoor pools, internet connection and hot tubs. You will take advantage of the nearby entertainment, excellent restaurants, discount golf supplies and equipment, etc. You will pay an exceptionally great price for everything! Married ASGA-DC alumni are welcome to join at guest rates.

THE DAILY SCHEDULE:

- Saturday settle-in your condo, meet and greet in Sharon's partyroom then party-on into the night at local establishments!
- Sunday 9:20 AM we play one of our favs the **River Club**. See <https://playriverclub.com> for details. After golf we'll head a highly rated local restaurant for food and drink.
- Monday 9:30 AM we play Jack Nicklaus designed **Pawley's Plantation Golf and Country Club** (<https://www.pawleysplantation.com>). Then we'll head to Murrells Inlet for libations.
- Tuesday 9:10 AM we golf at the immaculately maintained **Kings North** course at Myrtle Beach National designed by Arnold Palmer. Always a pleasure and a challenge. Visit <http://www.myrtlebeachnational.com/courses/kings-north/> for info and pics. Then we'll head to the inter-coastal waterway for refreshment.
- Wednesday 9:56 AM we get some Southern Charm and tackle Dan Maples' **Heritage Golf** down South in Pawleys Island. See <https://www.legendsgolf.com/heritage> for details. Our round includes a free hot breakfast, lunch off the menu and soda/tea or 2 draft beers.
- Thursday 10:00AM we head to Pete and P.B. Dye's **Prestwick Country Club** (<https://prestwickcountryclub.com/>) for some thoughtful challenges. After our round, we'll head to the Pier for a light lunch, but won't eat too much because we'll later be sharing...
Thanksgiving dinner by the fire at **Sam Sneads Oak Grill and Tavern** on Rt 501. They'll serve all the traditional holiday fare, wine and their very delicious martinis! Amazing desserts, nightcaps and final, finals follow...
- Friday 10:00 AM we golf at Ray Floyd's 27-hole **Arrowhead Country Club**. Visit <https://www.arrowheadcc.com/> for info and pics. Depending on our immediate famishment, we have fabulous food and drink options to choose from.
- Saturday 9:12 AM we'll head north to one of our favorite courses, the spectacular **Tidewater Golf Club** along the inter-coastal waterway. Visit <http://tidewatergolf.com> for more information and photos. After our round, we'll meet in the clubhouse for food and sad partings, since some folks will be heading home...and some of us will head to Locals for some serious libations...

EXTENDED STAY AND PLAY OPTIONS!

- Sunday 9:30 AM golf at the **Legend's Moorland** is a return to one of P.B. Dye's masterpieces molded in the image of the British Isles links with dastardly twists. Our round includes a free hot breakfast, lunch off the menu and soda/tea or 2 draft beers – Yeah!!!!!!!. See <https://legendsgolf.com/ Moorland> for more details.
- Monday Nov 28 Optional Bonus round for those left standing will be scheduled, but it's likely to be the very challenging Scottish inspired **Glen Dornoch Waterway Golf Links** designed by Donald Ross. See <https://glendornoch.com> for details. 9ish t-time and paid for individually at the course.

Then we take a stress-free weekday drive the rest of the way home on Monday!

Note: If the weather cooperates, Optional night golf at Tupelo Bay's par-3 GC is always available for fun and games.

COST:

- The 7-day basic package is \$883 per person (dbl occ in one double bdrm in a 3 bdrm condo). [Non-members/guests \$893 pp]
- Member package price with a guaranteed single bdrm in a 3 bdrm condo is \$1058. [Non-members/guests \$1068]!
- Optional Saturday and Sunday night lodging: Double \$40/nt, Single \$65/nt.
- Optional Sunday Bonus round at Legends Moorland \$68.
- Optional Monday Bonus round: Near North Myrtle Beach TBD and less than \$70 – paid individually at the course.

***** How To Reserve *****

Send Sharon Geyer an email (sjgeyermd@yahoo.com) with the following information:

- Full name
- Member number (found in the landscape format of the member list at My Account on singlegolf.com)
- Handicap or ave score for 18 (used for pairing purposes only).
- Preference for basic package or extended package.
- Preference for a single or double accommodation. I will try to match players of the same sex – if none are available, the single rate will apply.
- Interest in carpooling as a driver or rider. I will try to connect you to others interested in driving or carpooling.

Send a check made out to Sharon Geyer to 10219 Oldfield Drive, Kensington, MD 20895 (your check will not be cashed until immediately before the event), OR request a link to pay by credit card (there is a convenience fee with this payment option). Note ASGA-DC's cancellation policy posted at www.singlegolfdc.com applies to this trip.

I NEED YOUR STAY AND PLAY COMMITMENT BY OCTOBER 12TH AND YOUR FULL PAYMENT BY COB NOVEMBER 1ST (checks will not be cashed until immediately before the trip).

Invite friends and come out to play...

The Great ASGA-DC Myrtle Beach Turkey Shoot of 2020 is ON!!!!





"I don't care if he is just trying to make a buck, following us with that defibrillator is unnerving."

The Whiskey Creek event on Oct.31st is sold out!! I will start a wait list for those who are interested.

Whiskey Creek

Saturday, October 31

We're back! Whiskey Creek Fall Event!

So pencil in Saturday, October 31, 2020 and come play one of the top 25 courses in the Mid-Atlantic area. Ernie Els designed this course with **you** in mind. Hills, hills and more hills. This is the best time of year to play this course. Each year AS-GA members have a great time at this event. Not only will there be fabulous golf, and door prizes. You will be spending the day with terrific people. So don't delay and send me your check today. We will stay at the course and enjoy a delicious dinner from their bar menu. **In addition, It's Halloween!! A prize will be given for the best costume. So come creative!!!** Send me an email and the check.

\$79.00 –Members \$89 Guests

Spots - 28

First tee time – 1:03 PM

Format - Best two net scores per hole for the team. Must have hcp or average score for 18 holes.

Free range balls.

Prizes for 1st and 2nd place teams

Competitive prizes - Closest to the pin on all par three's

Deadline – Monday, October 26, 2020

PLEASE MAKE YOUR CHECK PAYABLE AND SEND WITH HCP OR AVERAGE SCORE FOR 18 HOLES

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ONLY YOUR CHECK GUARANTEES YOUR SPOT!

SEE YOU AT WHISKEY CREEK!

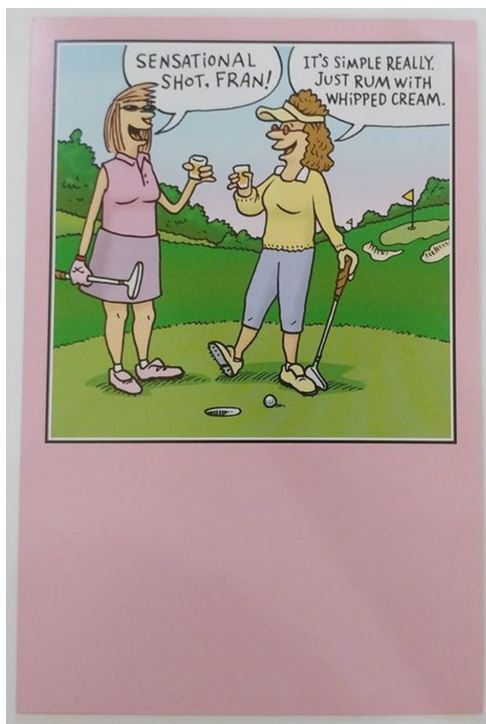
Whiskey Creek Golf Club

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Prince William

October 24th

We are replacing Falls Road on the schedule with Prince William in Nokesville, Va.

I have 24 spots starting at 11:30. The cost is \$51 for members, \$61 for guests which includes cart, green fee, and range balls. If you would like to play reply to this email. Please do not hit replay all as this sends your reply to everyone on yahoo. After golf we will try to eat at Blue Ridge Seafood on route 29 in Gainesville. They have outdoor seating but do not take reservations.

Send your check for \$51 to:

Charles Walters

4331 Still Meadow Rd.

Fairfax, VA 22032

charleswalters1966@gmail.com

The Prince William outing is full. I will start a wait list for those who would like to play.

If you have not sent your check please send it ASAP. Your check guarantees your spot.

10 Short Game Tricks to Instantly Lower Your Score

KELLIE STENZEL, TOP 100 TEACHER
SEPTEMBER 27, 2020, GOLF.COM

One of the most efficient ways to lower your golf scores is to improve your short game. A combination of good technique, proper shot selection, structured practice can add up quickly.

Sometimes, however, life gets in the way, and it's hard to find the time to take a lesson or practice as much as you might like. Here are some shortcuts and ways to improve your technique right away.

1. Putting turn toes in

Keeping your lower body still when you putt will make it much more likely to roll your golf ball on the line you are aimed and also be more consistent controlling distance.

You can improve your chances of staying still by turning your toes in much like Arnold Palmer used to do. This will force you to keep your lower body still as it limits your ability to move and turn. You can use this for a drill, but many times, drills can work just as well when used over the span of your round.

2. Pace your putts – one inch per step

For those golfers who have played for a long time, controlling distance with putting is something they do thanks to years of trial and error.

But for newer golfers or those who struggle around the green, having a system to control distance can be a welcome skill. And while it may be a bit oversimplified, you can improve your distance control by using a simple system of adding one inch to your backstroke for every foot of putt distance. It's not perfect, but it's a Bryson-approved way of helping gauge your distances.



3. Stroke then look

A good habit when putting is to complete your stroke, hold the finish and THEN turn your eyes to see the ball rolling.

This goes back to being still over your putting stroke to eliminate unnecessary and unwanted movement that can make it difficult to control distance and direction.

Make sure you complete your stroke, hold your finish and once the ball is well away from you, then turn to see it either go in, or roll close to the pin on a longer putt.

4. Lean forward when putting

You've heard the cliché that golf is a game of inches. One of the more frustrating examples of that is when your ball rolls just past the pin, off the edge of the green and settles into really deep rough. While it can be very tricky to hit a soft chip or pitch if you are just a couple of feet into the rough, you can putt instead.

To do this, make one very important setup change: place a ton of weight on your forward foot and drop your forward shoulder to match.

This extreme shoulder tilt toward the target will change the angle that the putter head approaches the ball. Rather than a shallow, sweeping stroke, this stance will help the putter glance down the back of the ball, which makes it much easier to have direct contact between the ball and

the putter face.

This extreme contact angle will cause the ball to "jump" a bit, which typically clears the longer grass and then when the ball lands onto the green it will start to roll normally.

Once you get the feel of this it is a great way to shave strokes and also limit risk.

5. Choke down on short shots

Those really short chips and pitches can often be a big challenge when it comes to getting your distance control right. Here is a wonderful opportunity to use physics: shorten the lever, and less power will be delivered. The lower you hold on the club the shorter your golf ball will travel. It's as simple as that!

Don't hesitate to hold the very bottom of the grip, and in extreme cases, come off of the grip and down to the shaft.

6. Heel up for chips

When you are hitting your basic chip shot, grip lower on the handle, narrow your stance and slightly lean your weight, club shaft and upper body forward toward the target.

Many golfers will incorrectly fall back and try to lift the golf ball. This can cause you to hit the ground before the ball or even top it, but in either case contact will suffer.

A great "trick" to avoid this is to get all set up and then pick up your back heel and keep it up throughout your stroke. This will help to avoid any inclination to fall back and try to lift the golf ball, helping to produce solid ball and turf contact. While this may be used as a drill, if you find it makes a big difference in contact, you may want to consider adding it to your on-course play.

7. Square looks open for pitches

When you are hitting a pitch shot with your lob, sand or gap wedge, the bottom is rounded on purpose. It's called bounce. This design characteristic is built



to allow your club to glide across the grass and not dig.

The good news is when you set the club properly on the bottom — where it doesn't dig — there's no reason to be hesitant about letting it hit the ground. This is what will help you to hit high, soft, beautiful pitch shots.

Setting this club properly on its bottom can look "open," but rest assured, it's not. It's lofted, which is just how you want it.

8. Remember: Speed and sand

Greenside sand is one of my favorite areas to teach because it seems to cause so many frustrations for regular golfers.

The two major skills you need to be a good bunker player are 1) to take a lot of sand and 2) to generate lots of speed. Speed without sand, well...it's gone and going far away. Sand without speed and you probably get to take a few steps forward and try it again.

I think one of the best ways to get good at this is to practice simply throwing sand out of the bunker and onto the grass. By taking the golf ball out of the scenario, you can practice proper motion.

Once you have the proper motion for whenever you find yourself in a bunker, keep it. Don't change your technique, change your club selection. Higher lofted for closer shots and less loft for longer ones, but the motion is always the same.



9. Dig your feet in when you're in the bunker

When in a bunker it is important to have your clubhead enter the sand before the ball, and stay into the sand long enough to exit the sand well after the ball.

What makes this possible comes from understanding what needs to happen, and also a proper setup.

The more you dig your feet into the sand at address, the more you lower the bottom of your swing. If you struggle with taking enough sand, remember that the more you dig your feet, the easier it will be to make that nice long divot that will produce suc-

cessful sand shots. And don't be shy here. Really dig your feet in enough to make the soles of your shoes disappear.

10. Always remember: Putt, chip, pitch

One of the quickest ways to improve you score and your short game is to limit your risk by choosing the least risky shot when possible. And if you have been around me at all, you understand that this is such a key to success.

Your priority order for short game:

1. Putt whenever you can.
2. Chip when you can't putt.
3. Pitch only when you have to.

Simply understanding that order and sticking to it when you play will limit your risk and also allow subtle misses to not show up on your scorecard.

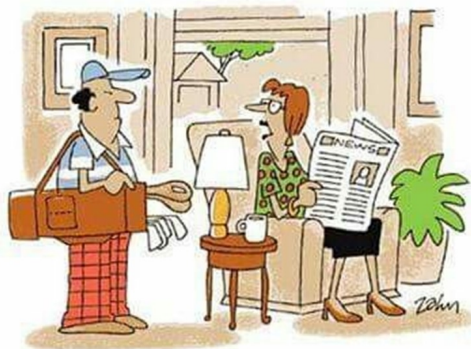
You might be surprised to know that better players know to limit their risk and choose the shot they can execute the highest percentage of the time, even if they're proficient in all areas of their short game.

While having time to practice and take lessons is nice and will pay off on the course, having little "tricks" to help you to make better decisions and understand fundamentals can help you to see results right away.

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.

10/19-23 Ellie Hochman
10/26-30 open



"You had a ninety nine!
...bowling, I presume?"

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 10/19/2020)

Happy Birthday to these members:

- Elizabeth Anthony - 10/23
- Gregory Basheda - 11/01
- Margaret Brown - 10/20
- Alan Crupi - 10/25
- Jean Fleming - 11/04
- Kathleen Griffin - 10/05
- Mark Hendrickson - 11/05
- Peggy Honts - 10/05
- Donald Lyons - 11/07
- Annette McGuire - 10/07
- Daniel Morris - 10/19
- Lew Privon - 10/29
- Cheryl Riisager - 10/01
- Daniel Stentz - 10/02
- Deb Swedberg - 10/27
- Sam Tolbert - 10/31
- Felicia Wilson - 10/10
- Diane Yantus - 10/14

These members are up for renewal:

- (date shown is last day of membership)*
- Michelle Cannon - 10/31/2020
 - Brian Durkin - 10/31/2020
 - Kathleen Griffin - 10/31/2020

Welcome newest members:

- Jeff Kauffman - Joined 08/21/2020
- Diane Yantus - Joined 09/22/2020

These members recently renewed:

- Gregory Basheda
- David Classen
- Sheila DeTurk
- Sharon Geyer
- Annette McGuire
- Daniel Stentz
- Ronald Wichin

These members did not renew their dues:

- (date shown is date membership expired)*
- Michael Abelson - 09/30/2020
 - Ellie Hochman - 09/30/2020
 - Sue Morgan - 08/31/2020
 - Santina Rocca - 08/31/2020
 - Joann St. Peter - 09/30/2020
 - Kay Wilson - 09/30/2020

Our chapter currently has 128 members.

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//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")

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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