

# WASHINGTON, DC SINGLES GOLF

Washington DC Chapter - American Singles Golf Association — January 2021

## SAVE THE DATE - APRIL 3RD - BRAMBLETON G.C.



### 2021 GOLF SCHEDULE

Ruth and Charlie are busy putting together next year's schedule. But we do have one event announced. Lots of time to get ready!

### Brambleton Golf Course

Saturday - April 3, 2021

Mark your calendars.... more information will be distributed in Feb 2021 so you do not need to respond yet. FYI.... Easter Sunday is April 4th, 2021.

The first ASGA golf outing for 2021 will take place Saturday, April 3rd, where we'll be playing at the \*Brambleton Golf Course \*located in Ashburn VA. Brambleton takes advantage of the land's natural contours to deliver a uniquely challenging game for golfers of all levels. Encounter wildlife as you walk the rolling terrain, which features bunkered greens and fairways, large sand traps, and smooth putting greens. (greens are scheduled to be aerated the week before - weather permitting).

\*Time:\* Consecutive tee times for 28 players beginning at 11:30am and every 9 mins following.

\*Format:\* Play your own ball and have a great time. (any tee box you desire)

\*Costs:\* TBD for ASGA members. (the cost will be the same for all nonmembers)

\*Afterwards:\* This is TBD depending on how vaccines have been progressing. We'll head over to the \*Blue Ridge Grill\* for 5:15pm outdoor dining (located less than a mile from the course) for dinner and conversation.

Thanks,

~Dan Morris ([dmorris5577@gmail.com](mailto:dmorris5577@gmail.com))

### WEEKDAY GOLF

We do have a weekday golf schedule. Here's the weeks' leaders. They will send notifications of exact dates and times. There's still a few spaces open. Charlie would love some more volunteers.

Date.	Host
4/5-9	B J
4/8-16	Ruth
4/19-23	Kathleen
4/26-30	Ellie
5/3-7	Charlie
5/10-14	Heidi
5/17-21	Scott
5/24-28	Marion
5/31-6/4	Suzanne
6/7-11	Betsy
6/14-18.	David
6/21-26.	Marion
6/28-7/2	Leesa
7/5-9	Kathie
7/12-16	Heidi
7/19-23	BJ
7/26-30	Ruth
8/2-6	David
8/9-13	Ellie
8/16-20	Suzanne

## NATIONAL EVENT INFORMATION

Events Open to All Members Nationwide

### FROM THE NATIONAL OFFICE

Multi-Chapter Events (MCEs) will be curtailed until we begin to feel safe to travel. ASGA National expects our next event will be Memorial Day Weekend, 2021, if that. We're all hoping for success with the vaccine distribution. If things appear to be improving, we may plan a trip to Scotland for August or the Barcelona side of Spain for September of 2021. A return trip to Cabo may be in the offing as well. These three locations represent the best turnouts in ASGA's history since we started doing events outside of our country ten years ago. Stay tuned!

## 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.)

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10/4-8	Kathleen
10/11-15	Open
10/18-22	Open
10/25-29	Open

## How To Win at Winter Golf: 7 keys to mastering playing in the cold

~JOSH SENS, GOLF.COM

It's the dead of winter, people! Across large swaths of the mainland, hordes of us are dealing with dreary weather and sub-par course conditions, if our local courses are open at all. Not that we're complaining. Winter golf is still golf, which means it can be great. It just requires a bit of savvy and some thoughtful preparation. Here are 7 keys to playing through the cold and ice and snow.

### Walk, don't ride

If you really want to feel the wind-chill factor, hop onto a golf cart and whip around the course. If, on the other hand, you'd rather play 18 without contracting frostbite, it's pretty simple: you ought to hoof it. It keeps the movement going and the blood flowing, your body warmed by the beating of your heart.

### Layer up

Don't make like a mummy or the Michelin Man. But do try to think in terms of light, warm layers, clothes that keep the chill off without restricting your silky swing. Thermal underwear is wise. Ditto sweater vests and long-sleeve shirts. Have you heard of those golf jackets with battery-powered heaters? Yep. They make them. It's not a bad idea to stash one in your bag.

### Rain gloves and hand warmers

Of all the parts of your body you'll want to keep warm, your hands are probably the most important. Lose the feeling in them, and you'll never find your swing.

### Waterproof shoes, moisture-wicking socks

Just because the ground is frozen when you step to the first tee doesn't mean it's going to stay that way throughout the day.

Before long, the turf your trodding on will be cold and soggy, which is not a combination you want for your feet.

### A proper lid

Remember how your parents used to tell you that half your body heat is lost through your head? Apparently, that's bunk, at least according to a study by the British Medical Journal, which found that the heat-loss number is more like 7 to 10 percent. But why give away even that modest amount? Ditch the standard golf hat and wear a woolen beanie. It's a smarter choice. 100 percent.

### Play winter rules

By that we don't just mean lift, clean and place. We mean free drops when balls go missing under leaves or vanish in the slush and snow. Go easy on yourself. The conditions you're up against are hard enough.

### Post your score, or don't

If you're going by the strict letter of the law, you might not be able to post your score for handicap purposes. It depends on the region of the country where you play. As GOLF.com's Luke Kerr Dineen explained in this recent piece, certain state golf associations (the organizations that oversee handicaps) abide by an off-season, a blackout period during which you're not allowed to post. The idea behind this is high-minded. It's to guard against sandbagging: if, after all, you're playing in sloppy winter conditions, you might shoot a poor score that is not a fair reflection of your skill. We understand that reasoning. But we also recognize that this is winter, and we don't want to be killjoys. If you play a round and really want to post



your score, you could get around the black-out by backdating the day played. We promise not to judge you. And we promise not to tell.

Also, Winter is a great time to upgrade your set. Schedule a fitting with the experts

*After slicing his tee shot into the woods, a golfer heads off in search of his ball, which he finds behind a large tree. After considering his position — and not wanting to take a drop and lose a stroke — he decides to hook the ball around the tree. He swings, the ball hits the tree, ricochets back at him, and instantly kills him.*

*When he opens his eyes, he sees the Pearly Gates and St. Peter standing before him. "Am I dead?" he asks.*

*"Yes, my son," replies St. Peter, who looks the man over and notices his clubs.*

*"I see you're a golfer," St. Peter says. "Are you any good?"*

*"Hey, I got here in two, didn't I?"*

## ASGA-DC Communications

Share your content!

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

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

Our social and golf schedule are published on the website and updated frequently. Check the list below for National websites.

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

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

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

Since having to check back to the website for schedule updates and pairings updates is inconvenient, we also have a Yahoo listserve. Announcements on upcoming social and golf events, as well as reminders and updates to these events, are

sent out to subscribers to the listserve. A couple of days before a golf event, the pairings and tee times are also sent out.

To subscribe, send an email to: [ASGA-DC-Chapter-subscribe@yahoo.com](mailto:ASGA-DC-Chapter-subscribe@yahoo.com). Be sure to include your name in the subject of the note and do not include anything else in the body of the note.

## About Our Members

(THIS REPORT RAN 01/20/2021)

### Happy Birthday to these members:

Rita Daley - 01/17  
John Donnelly - 02/11  
Sandra Goshgarian - 01/25  
William Hall - 01/02  
April Langevin - 01/01  
Alicia McCarthy - 02/07  
Karen Nicely - 02/14  
Todd Sheffer - 02/14  
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### These members are up for renewal:

(date shown is last day of membership)

John Donnelly - 01/31/2021

Jean Fleming - 01/31/2021  
Kimberly Litherland - 01/31/2021

### These members recently renewed:

Kathie Hiatt  
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Yoneko Ramsey  
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### These members did not renew their dues:

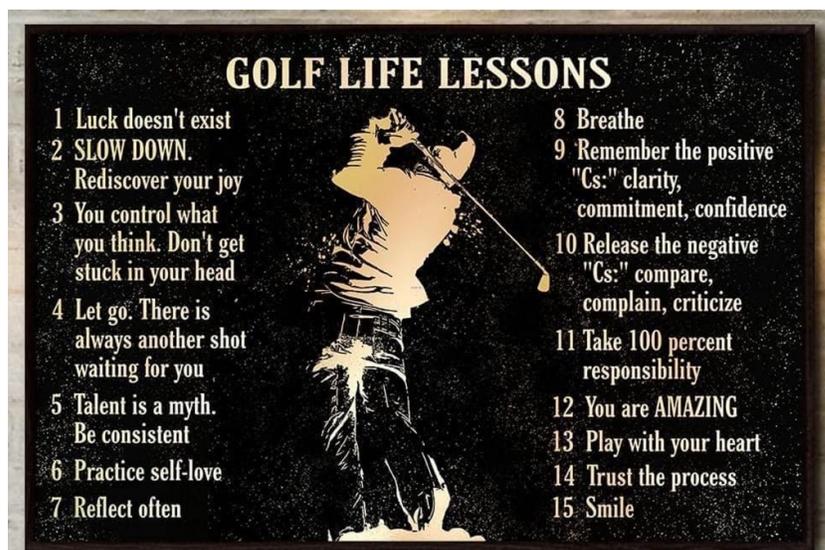
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Nancy Barnett - 11/30/2020  
Susan Bennett - 12/31/2020  
Deborah Bowden - 11/30/2020  
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Our chapter currently has 122 members

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

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ASGA Newsletters:	<a href="http://www.singlesgolf.com/chapter_list.php">http://www.singlesgolf.com/chapter_list.php</a>
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# Thank You 2020 Volunteers!

ASGA chapters would not exist without the effort of local volunteers *who make your life more enjoyable*. They book the golf outings, social events, do membership committee work and handle the communications you receive through emails, your newsletter and website postings. So a **big thank you** to those who stepped forward to make a difference in 2020. Names in **BOLD** are members who held chairperson positions within the chapter:

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## COVID-19 Rules and Handicapping FAQs

The guidance below supplements a memo released by the USGA as to how the Rules of Golf and Rules of Handicapping apply in response to questions received from golf course owners, administrators, tournament organizers and golfers. As was noted in that memo, it is not the intended purpose of the below guidance to either encourage or discourage anyone from playing the game, but rather, in our governance role, to help golf course operators, committees and golfers better understand how the Rules of Golf and Rules of Handicapping apply to the various questions we have received.

The questions received fit into four main topics. In each of the four topics below, the guidance provided serves both to directly answer the questions asked as well as cover additional considerations that might also serve useful.

### FLAGSTICK

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**May a course remove all flagsticks to minimize the possibility of exposing players to coronavirus?**

**May a committee introduce a code of conduct that does not allow players to remove (or even touch) the flagstick?**

- The flagstick serves an important purpose in the game of golf – that is as an indicator to a player as to where the hole is located on the putting green or a target for shots.
- If a Committee decides to set-up a golf course without flagsticks, consideration should be given as to how best to support such a decision by providing players the location of each hole on the green. Whether this is general guidance (such as in the right front portion) or through a detailed hole-location sheet.
- As another means of minimizing exposure to players, a Committee might decide to introduce a code of conduct that prohibits players from touching or removing the flagstick. As is authorized under Rule 1.2b, such a code could also include penalties (such as one penalty stroke or the general penalty) if a player is in breach of its standards.
- Before a Committee decides to introduce such a restriction, it is recommended that consideration be given to the fact that removing the flagstick is an instinctual, even automated, act for many players. Drafting such a code of conduct to restrict only deliberate acts to affect the outcome of the hole would be reflective of that reality and would mean that a player who instinctually removes the flagstick would not get a penalty in doing so.
- If a Committee takes any of the above actions, it is at the discretion of the Committee whether scores would be acceptable for handicap purposes.

### BUNKERS AND BUNKER RAKES

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**We have removed all bunker rakes from our course to help stop the spread of coronavirus. What options do we have for players who end up in unraked areas?**

- By removing rakes from the course, the Committee has various options as to how best to address the likely possibility of a player's ball coming to rest in an unmaintained area of sand and should consider which is the best approach under your unique circumstances.
- If you have limited play and most players at your course use a golf cart, the best approach might be to ask that each player takes a rake with them.
- If it is decided that no additional Rules will be put into effect to deal with these areas, it would be advisable to strongly encourage that players try their best to smooth the disturbed area with a foot or a club.
- Additional options could include changing the status of bunkers to be part of the general area. This would give players additional options under multiple relief rules (Rules 16 and 19) and would remove the restrictions normally in effect under Rule 12.
- Ground under repair could be used in two different manners. The first being to declare all bunkers to be ground under repair and treat them as part of the general area. This would allow players the option to take free relief outside the bunker under Rule 16.1. The second is to treat disturbed areas only as ground under repair. This would still allow a player free relief from such areas, but would require such relief to be taken elsewhere within the bunker.
- As a last resort, we have fielded questions as to whether a Committee may add a preferred local rule that would allow a player to place the ball elsewhere in a bunker without penalty (such as within one club length of where the ball came to rest). While that may seem like a good option in that it requires players to play from the bunker, there will be times when no effective relief would be available to a player, such as when a bunker is frequently played from and large areas are unraked. It would be recommended that the other options, such as those listed above are considered first, noting that using

the ground under repair options above ensure a player will get full relief and when dropping from knee height, balls very rarely plug.

- If a Committee takes any of the above actions, it is at the discretion of the Committee whether scores would be acceptable for handicap purposes.

## **SCORECARDS AND SCORING**

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**We are holding a competition, but want to limit how scorecards are exchanged both between players and after the round to the Committee. Do you have any recommendations?**

- The Rules already allow numerous options to address these concerns noting that certifying a score does not require a physical signature, nor does it require a physical scorecard.
- If a Committee wishes to run a competition using a form of electronic scoring, this could come in many forms, such as asking that each marker send an email to the Committee and the player he or she is marking for, including the player's hole-by-hole scores. The player can then reply to verify the accuracy of the card.
- When electronic methods are used, such as the email example above or similar methods that involve text messaging, the Committee should decide when a scorecard would be considered to have been returned. For example, this could be when the player responds certifying that the scores are correct or some other action that the Committee might consider more appropriate.
- A Committee might also wish to employ the above method but also combine these with a physical scorecard by having the marker take a picture of the completed scorecard and either email or text it to the Committee using the same process described above.
- If physical scorecards are the preferred method, a Committee may wish to have the player and marker not exchange cards but rather verbally communicate the hole-by-hole scores to the Committee verbally in the scoring area. Additionally, verbal confirmation could be a substitute for the physical signature. As with the electronic scoring methods described above, the Committee should be diligent to clearly define when a scorecard has been returned, such as when a player leaves the golf shop if that is where the process takes place.
- If a Committee takes any of the above actions, it is at the discretion of the Committee whether scores would be acceptable for handicap purposes.

## **MODIFICATIONS TO THE HOLE; NOT REQUIRING THAT PLAYERS HOLE OUT**

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A number of questions have been received that relate to modifying the hole so that players no longer need to reach into the hole to remove a ball to minimize the possibility of exposing golfers to coronavirus.

These have included some courses setting holes so that the hole liner remains an inch or two above the surface of the green while others have placed various objects into the hole or around the flagstick (such as foam pool noodles or plastic piping) so that a ball is unable to fall to the bottom.

While in all of these instances, the ball is not holed per the Rules of Golf (Rule 3.3c), a round played under these conditions will result in an acceptable score for handicap purposes using the most likely score guidelines (see Rule 3.3 of the Rules of Handicapping).

While the most likely score procedure is intended to support certain formats of play where the player is not required to hole out (such as in match play when the player's next stroke is conceded or in fourball stroke play when a partner picks up), it is also temporarily in effect where the above described safety measures are being used.

When using most likely score, the player should consider the number of strokes most likely required to complete the hole, and determine whether the ball would have been holed or not. Most likely score is at the player's best judgment and should not be used to gain an unfair advantage.

This measure is temporary and in effect within the United States until advised otherwise by the USGA.

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