

Your chapter newsletter follows after the following pages . . .

ASGA Annual Dues are \$89.00. Do you want LOWER DUES?

HOW WOULD YOU LIKE ONE YEAR OF FREE DUES?

You likely joined the American Singles Golf Association because you wanted to meet more singles and play more golf. We can't help you with your golf swing, however, we're on a mission to grow your chapter's membership. ***Golf season is upon us . . . are you onboard to grow your chapter or are you satisfied with your current membership level?***

Here's the plan:

- 1) on the following page, you'll see a revised "***Single? Play Golf?***" sign. It now has five (5) tear-off tabs instead of eight (8).
- 2) You write-in your identification (either your member number or first initial + last name) on each of the tabs. Use scissors to cut the tabs apart.
- 3) You print as many signs as you wish, keep them in the front seat of your car along with some push pins and post them ***anywhere you're permitted*** to post, e.g. golf shop bulletin boards, golf shop restrooms, driving ranges, stores, etc. ***If you would like ASGA National to print five (5) yellow signs for you, please let us know by emailing Irene@SinglesGolf.com or calling 980-833-6450 from 9am-1:45pm, M-F, Eastern.***
- 4) For every three (3) people who join using your name or ID on the yellow sign, you'll receive 12-months of ASGA membership. Note: your name or member number, as the referrer, must be submitted **with** the new member's application. No exceptions. No retroactivity. Please do not add your own name to an application form. It must be completed only the by the member currently joining and completing the application.
- 5) New members can join over the phone, at our website (SinglesGolf.com/join), fax, etc., however, **they MUST use your member number or name at the time of joining as the person who referred the new member. Again, no exceptions to this policy.**
- 6) ASGA National will keep track of how many new members you get credit for and will automatically add 12-months to your membership. Please, no slanting of these rules

**Be a Hero in Your Chapter.
Get the signs printed and get them hanging!
*(and remind others to participate)***

SINGLE? PLAY GOLF?



The Washington DC Chapter of the American Singles Golf Association WANTS YOU!

We're 2,500 members in 50 cities and we're ALL ABOUT HAVING FUN! So if you're single (*i.e. divorced, widowed, legally separated or never married*) and enjoy meeting others through the game of golf, you're invited to inquire about joining by calling the American Singles Golf Association at 1-888-465-3628 (*1-TRIPLE-EIGHT-GOLFMATE*) or visit SinglesGolf.com.

Meet MORE Singles! Play MORE Golf!



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IN ADDITION, WE CAN SEND YOU FREE BUSINESS CARDS!

As you have seen from the previous two pages of this newsletter, ASGA National is committed to seeing your chapter grow. We believe by asking each individual member for help, your chapter will grow its membership.

Besides using just the yellow signs to gain more members in your local chapter, **upon request** we will also provide you with ASGA business cards as shown below. More can be sent to you if needed, but we'll start out by sending you 25 business cards that you can give to anyone you believe might be a potential member. Are you out and about and see someone wearing a golf shirt or hat? **Start a conversation:** tell them you're a part of a local club for singles who play golf and simply ask **"are you single?"** Even if they aren't, chances are they know a golfer who is. Give them a card that's pre-filled with you name (or member #) and contact info.

Remember, you get free dues for referring 3 new folks who join!

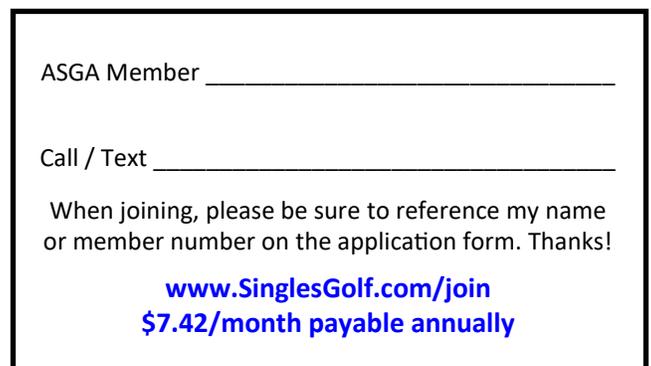
Below shows how your business card appears. They don't come to you automatically, you'll have to order them. E-mail Irene@SinglesGolf or call 980-833-6450 (9am—1:30pm, Mon-Fri, Eastern) for your free 25 cards.

**- - Tom Alsop
President and Founder
American Singles Golf Association**

25 Business Cards Will Be Mailed to You Upon Request!



Front side of business card



Back side of business card

WASHINGTON, DC SINGLES GOLF

Washington DC Chapter - American Singles Golf Association — March 2021

2021 GOLF SCHEDULE IS RELEASED



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Here's the 2021 schedule Lots of great golf. Plan now and sign up as soon as events are announced. The first three events fill up fast!

ASGA DC 2021 Weekend Schedule

Released: February 26, 2021

Date	Course	EC
4/3	Brambleton	Dan
4/10	Clustered Spires	Rick
4/17	Algonkian	Charlie
4/24	Herndon Centennial	Trey
5/8	Timbers at Troy	Kathie
5/15	Raspberry Falls	Leesa
5/22	Stonewall	Ruth
5/29	Twin Lakes	Rita
6/5	Rocky Point	George
6/12	Blue Ridge Shadows	Janice
6/19	1757	Scott P
6/26	Hampshire Greens	Scott H

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)

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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ASGA DC 2021 Weekend Schedule cont.

Date	Course	EC
7/2 - 7/4	Penn National	Mark
7/10	Bull Run	Helen F
7/17	Rattlewood	Leesa
7/24	Westfields	Mary
7/31	Hobbits Glen (pending)	Kathie
8/7	Old Hickory	BJ
8/14	Worthington Manor	Charlie
8/21	Laurel Hill	Suzanne
8/28	Whiskey Creek	Mary
9/4	Reston National	Jean
9/11	Woodlands	George
9/18	Queenstown	Todd
9/25	Poolesville	Francine
10/2	Carrol Valley	Brian
10/9	Prince William	Dave
10/15 - 10/17	Ocean City	Shelia
10/23	Bowling Green	Ruth
10/30	Raspberry Falls	TBD

Brambleton Golf Course

Saturday - April 3, 2021

Remember the day following our event is Easter... Easter Sunday is April 4th, 2021.

The event is full; contact **Dan** to get on waiting list.

The first ASGA DC Chapter 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 beginning at 11:30am and every 10 mins following.

Format: Play your own ball and have a great time. (any tee box you desire). Carts will be available for each individual requesting a single cart, if available.

Costs: \$61 for everyone. (covers golf,

cart, small bucket of balls and the year end raffle.

Respond: Reply directly to my email address below with your name, dinner if we go, and if you request a single cart.

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.

Payment:

1. via zelle..... send to me using 703-909-1916

2. via check..... send to my home address

Dan Morris
22129 Chelsy Paige Sq
Ashburn, VA 20148

Refund policy: If the golf course doesn't charge me, you get your full refund. If they charge me, you do not get a refund.

Thanks,

~Dan Morris (dmorris5577@gmail.com)



Saturday, April 10 Clustered Spires Golf Course Frederick MD

The second event of our ASGA 2021 season is scheduled for Saturday, April 10, at Clustered Spires in Frederick, Maryland. For those that have not played the course before, it is a very playable course, with ample space for errant tee shots. This makes it perfect for early season golf.

***Time*:** I have reserved tee times for 28 players, starting at 12:06. The current intervals between times are 12 minutes, but are subject to change.

***Cost:** *\$55.00 per player. (ASGA Members and Guests) This covers your golf, contests, and the end of year party fee

***Dinner:** *I am currently attempting to arrange dinner reservations. More on this later. This of course will be subject to whatever COVID protocols and regulations are in effect at the time of our event.

TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT:

1. Send an e-mail to me at: rickgoheen1@gmail.com. Please include your average score, your telephone number, and your intentions on dinner, if we can arrange it. If you have a preference on a cart partner, please indicate this as well.

2. Mail a check payable to me at the following address:
414 Navaho Drive
Frederick, MD 21701

I think we have all experienced a delay in the USPS lately, so please make sure to get your checks sent ASAP, as this will hold your reservation.

This event is open to all ASGA Members and their guests.

COVID Protocols:

Clustered Spires has a limited number of golf carts which are equipped with plastic dividers. These are available on a first come, first served basis. This may change

by the time of our event, but this is the current situation. If you would prefer to walk, the course is very walkable, however there is no rate reduction for walking.

Please feel free to call or e-mail me with any questions.

Thanks,
Rick Goheen
443-876-3547

Clustered Spires Golf Club was established in 1991, as the first public golf course in Frederick County. The 185 acres on which Clustered Spires is located on what was formally a working dairy farm, set along the side of the Monocacy River. The Monocacy River surrounds the golf course on 3 sides, creating a beautiful setting while providing a natural barrier from outside distractions. Clustered Spires received its name from the grouping of 5 very old and distinct church steeples that make up the clustered spires of Frederick City's skyline. The respected design team of Ault Clark was hired to create a first class championship golf course for the people of Frederick. The concept was to create a fun and enjoyable course from the regular tees but a challenging competitive course reaching almost 7000 yards long from the back tees. Clustered Spires, though in a rural setting, is only 2 miles from downtown Frederick City, making Clustered Spires very conveniently located. With a county population of 300,000 and 13 golf courses, Clustered Spires has earned "Best of Frederick Golf Course" for the 3rd straight year and our 17th time out of 20 years! Golf Digest awards Clustered Spires a 4 star rating. Clustered Spires reputation is a great conditioned golf course with wonderful greens and considered the best value golf course in central Maryland.

Saturday, May 15, 2021 Raspberry Falls Golf and Hunt Club Leesburg, VA

The snow will be melted, and ASGA-DC's celebration of the 2021 golf season is scheduled for Saturday, May 15, 2021, when we return to one of our favorite venues, Raspberry Falls Golf & Hunt Club.

New for 2021, Raspberry Falls is completing an expansion of its outdoor dining area, which will be near the Pro Shop entrance, the putting green/food & beverage entrance at the rear of the club house (which also is undergoing a renovation). As a result, the Chapter is planning to host an after-golf buffet dinner with all outdoor seating. (In case of questionable weather, tenting/canopies are available for the outdoor dining area.) Stay tuned!

Cost: Will be announced with the official announcement.

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

Date: Saturday, May 15, 2021

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

Host: Leesa Weiss, EC

Summer Road Trip to Penn National Golf Club & Inn July 2-4, 2021

It does not seem it now, after removing the snow, sleet and slush from your sidewalk and driveway, and putting your ski gear away for the season. Soon it will be early July, and it will be time to escape the congestion of DC and take ASGA-DC's summer road to trip to play Penn National with our friends from the Philly Chapter!

Penn National is a wonderful golf destination featuring two distinctly different golf courses. The Founders Course is a traditional tree-lined course. Iron Forge is more wide-open with breathtaking mountain views. We will stay onsite at the Penn National Inn and play both courses over the weekend. The pool will also be open for those of you who don't want to play golf every day, so bring your bathing suit and favorite beverage for a relaxing afternoon!

Following dinner each night, we will gather at either the hospitality room and gazebo, or the fire pit with your personal beverages to whine (or boast) about our golfing prowess!!

For this three-day event, numbers permitting, it is tee times on Friday, and shotgun start on Saturday and Sunday. Traveling companions can be paired on Friday and Sunday. Saturday, the pairing will be more mixed.

Host: Mark Hendrickson from the DC chapter, and Kurt Kraenbring from the Philly chapter

When: Friday, July 2 through Sunday, July 4, 2021

Where: Penn National Golf Club and Inn
3720 Club House Drive, Fayetteville, PA 19722 www.PennGolf.com, (717) 352-3000

Who's Invited: With 32 single rooms and 12 double rooms, between the two chapters, we have a potential of 56 people.

Start Time:

Friday: First tee time 12:00 noon

Saturday: Shotgun start at 1:00 pm

Sunday: Shotgun start at 9:30 am

Format: Stroke play

Social: We have a hospitality room and gazebo for our use, including room tables, chairs, tv and ice – you bring your own refreshments. In addition, we also have a fire pit available.

Price:

Friday arrival with golf: \$472 double occupancy, \$592 single occupancy, includes two dinners and two breakfast

Friday arrival, no golf on Friday: \$412 double occupancy, \$532 single occupancy, included two dinners and two breakfast

Saturday arrival: \$295 double occupancy, \$355 single occupancy, including one dinner and one breakfast

Reservation Deadline: Make your deposit by April 30, 2021

To sign-up for the road trip to Penn National:

1. Call Penn National at 1-800-231-0080
2. The group "ASGA Philly/DC"
3. Tell them your package, that is, number of nights, days you are golfing.
4. Tell them your roommate's name if you plan to share a double room.
5. Make a deposit of \$ 50 with your credit card
6. Email Mark at markandgolf@verizon.net that you've registered (including which package) so you can be added to the pairings for each round of golf. For Friday golf pairings, we also need to know who your traveling companions will be.

Balance is due directly to Penn National upon check-in. Your package includes: Penn National Inn accommodations, taxes, breakfasts and dinners, green fees & cart. Princes include range balls and club storage, state and local taxes as well as a 15% gratuity for meals. Additional tips for housekeepers, cart attendants, restaurant staff, and other service personnel are at your discretion. Notify event coordinators if your plans change. There are NO refunds unless someone can fill your spot.

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!

The first event will be April 7th at Laurel Hill. 4 tee times filled fast; I'm trying to get more. If you'd like to play, email me at bjbarger@verizon.net.

Date.	Host
4/5-9	BJ
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
8/23-27	Scott
8/30-9/3	Liz
9/6-10	Joan
9/13-17	Betsy
9/20-24	Charlie
9/27-10/1	Joan
10/4-8	Kathleen
10/11-15	Open
10/18-22	Open
10/25-29	Open

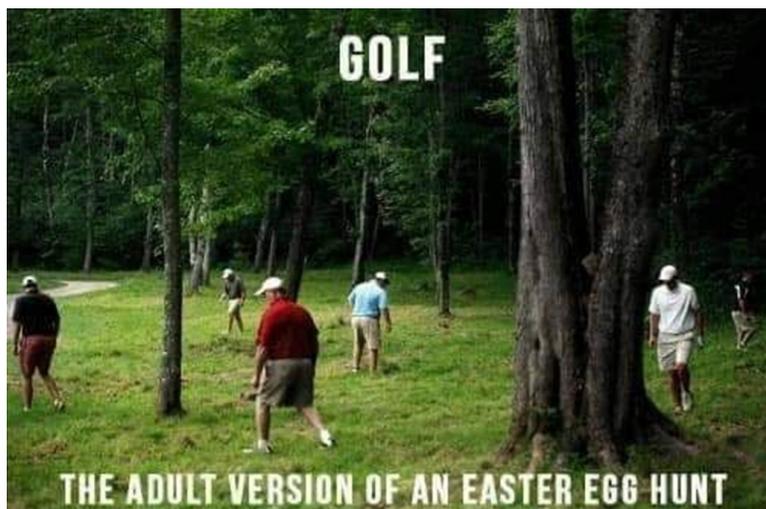
10 Tricks to Boost Your Driving Distance as You Get Older

BY: KELLIE STENZEL, TOP 100 TEACHER
FEBRUARY 15, 2021, golf.com

We have a number of senior golfers at the course where I teach in Florida, and I'm lucky to teach a number of them. One of my students is an 80 year-old who shoots below his age almost every time he's on the course. Another is a 90 year-old who still plays regularly, and hits drives over 200 yards when he hits the ball well. Coaching students from a range of different skills, ages, strengths and limitations gives you a great understanding of how to help golfers get the most out of their body. With the right information, your score doesn't have to follow your age upwards.

1. Use your hands and wrists

When your body decreases in strength as you get older, it becomes all the more important to use your hands and wrists — your "levers" — more effectively.



A proper grip that is secure without tension, held mostly in the fingers, will allow your wrists and arms full range of motion through impact. The feeling your going for is a “slap” with your trail hand at the ball, where the clubhead would accelerate but not twist causing poor direction. Flipping your club upside down and making some swings like this can help groove this feeling.

2. Close your stance

If you have lost distance and your ball flight has turned into a fade or even a slice, it's likely caused by a loss in flexibility. You're not able to rotate away from the target as much, which causes you to get steep. A simple adjustment you can make to negate this is to drop your trail foot back a few inches, and flare your toes out. These two tricks will help you create more depth in your turn and shallow out your swing path.

3. Turn early

Most people's backswings become shorter over time, due to a loss of flexibility. That's why it's so important to feel as though you're turning early on your backswing – starting on your takeaway. Doing this will create some depth in your turn, and if you're doing that, you'll be able to hit the ball a reasonable distance.

4. Turn your hips, too

As your upper body becomes less flexible, it may feel unnatural to turn your hips, too — especially if you have lower-back problems. But flaring your feet will help promote more hip turn, and minimize any stress you place on your lower back.

5. Make the club lighter on your backswing

We talked about using your levers in the downswing, but using them in the backswing is just as important. Allowing your wrists to hinge earlier in the backswing. This will make the club feel lighter in the backswing, and create more speed in the clubhead.

One drill I use for this is to hold your club with your lead hand only, and try swinging the club halfway back. Because you're only using one arm, your natural reaction will be to try hinging the club earlier to make it feel lighter. This is the exact same feeling you should have in your backswing as you swing your arms back and allow your body

to rotate.

6. Lighter clubs

Yes, your equipment is important and can make a huge difference. Having lighter clubheads and more flexible shafts is an easy way to gain distance, which is why it's even more important to get a [get a fitting from a top clubfitter like True Spec](#) (editor's note: True Spec Golf and GOLF.com are owned by the same parent company).

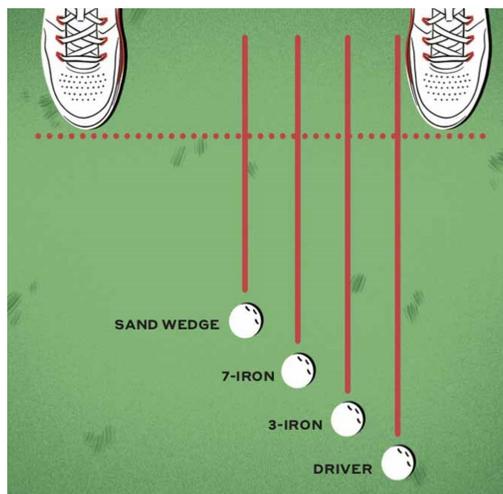
7. Use more loft

As you lose speed it may be more difficult to get the ball into the air, which can cost you even more distance. A lack of hang time can haunt you in other ways, too, like when you need to carry a fairway bunker.

That's why loft becomes more important. Employing more loft on your driver can [help you reach your optimal launch conditions](#) — therefore helping you hit the ball longer without adding clubhead speed. Combine this with a lower center of gravity, like the kind you see in a 7-wood, for instance, and you can gain more distance simply by bringing up your launch angle.

8. Proper ball position

As you get older, it's important to tweak the conventional fundamentals so they fit your physical abilities. It may be difficult for you to pivot on your forward swing, for example, which may cause you to hit fat shots. Sometimes, a common sense solution is to simply move the ball more back in your stance, so it's situation more at the low point of your golf swing. I'd highly recommend you seeing a good coach beforehand, though, who will help



you make subtle tweaks without causing long term damage to your golf swing.

9. Grips that fit your hands

Properly-fitted grips are important at every stage of the game, but even more so when you're older, when your hands may not be as strong. Many golfers may develop arthritis, too, which makes it hard to keep your hands closed and the club secure. A larger grip can help with this, but the most important thing is to get the correct size grips to match your hand size. If your grips are too big, that can inhibit your hands' ability to move. Too small, and you'll struggle with security.

10. Turning back may be more important than turning forward

Please keep in mind that these are all just suggestions, and you may find that one works better for you than another. I spend a lot of my teaching time with senior golfers and we fight distance loss every day all day long. The goal always remains the same: figuring out how to match your golf swing with your physical capabilities.

35 Signs You Are Obsessed with Golf

By [Joel Beall](#), July 01, 2016, [GolfDigest.com](#)

If you're reading GolfDigest.com, you likely have some interest in the sport. But to many of us, golf is more than a game. It's our religion, a theology that requires utmost attention. Our leisure periods are devoted to hitting the links; when we're on the clock, we're rehashing our rounds or counting the hours until we return. We occasionally curse its name, but will defend it to the death to any that besmirch it. In short, golf is our addiction.

Not sure if you fall under this umbrella? Here are 35 signs that you're obsessed with golf:

You use an umbrella to work on your takeaway

Be sure not to click the automatic button when bringing it back.

When buying a carpet, you don't care about color or material, only "Can I putt on it?"

If the dealer gives you an odd look for bring a Stimpmeter into the store, then clearly they don't deserve your business.

You can't remember all your fiancé's friends, but can roll-call every Masters champion

In your defense, "Charles Coody" is an unforgettable name.

You have an unusually strong opinion on white belts (or the interlocking grip)

The Golf Digest rule: If your age plus handicap is under 35, you're in the clear to rock whatever you please.

The first week of April is your favorite holiday

If we have to tell you why, then you're reading the wrong list.

You can't explain Einstein's theory of relativity but do know the Stableford equation

You might sound like John Nash from "A Beautiful Mind," but it makes sense to you. Deem only one word an expletive: "Shank" Even writing said word makes me shiver.

Think Will Smith was robbed of an Oscar in "The Legend of Bagger Vance"

He at least deserved a nomination!

You constantly find yourself thinking, "This would make a great par 3"

True story: I once found myself contemplating this at a cemetery during a funeral.

You have some serious year-round tan lines

You don't get that type of burn from playing softball, my friend.

You've got annoying grass stains on all your shorts pockets

Thank God for Tide Stick.

You've tried to put ball markers in vending machines

Better yet, they've worked!

You watch "Tin Cup" every time it's on TV

Even if Don Johnson has the swing of a 20-handicap.

You know how many days it is until your next golf trip

To go along with the subsequent emails to friends keeping them apprised of the count-down.

You'd sacrifice one of your children to play Augusta National

We joke...but don't lie, you've thought about it.

Your first question when planning a vacation is "What good courses are nearby?"

And if the answer is "none," you move on to the next prospective destination.

You're that guy being chased by the course employees when it gets too dark to play

Or, if you're really close with the staff, they'll light up the 18th green like the fans did for Tiger at Firestone.

To you, Adam Scott is a handsome golfer, not handsome actor

Nothing weird about it, just game recognizing game: Scott's a good-looking cat.

You find old tees in every pair of shorts

Hopefully you make this discovery before doing laundry.

You tend to measure time in relation to the golf calendar

"She's due the Tuesday after the member-guest."

You always have an uncanny grasp of the 10-day forecast

Which is coupled with an optimistic outlook. "Guys, it's only an 80 percent chance of rain. That means there's a 20 percent shot it won't!"

You have a life-sized painting of Rich Lerner in your foyer at home.

Frankly, it'd be weird if you didn't.

The screensaver on your phone is a photo of some great golf course you've played or visited

As the Golf Digest editors were compiling this list, I thought, "Eh, this seems like a stretch." Until I looked down at my phone and realized I have Whistling Straits as my background.

When a car stops to let you cross the street, you wave to them like you're Rory McIlroy after making a birdie at a golf tournament

But don't tip your hat; some drivers see that as an affront.

The pro you take lessons from is your emergency contact

He's already seen your god-awful back-swing and stuck with you. I can think of

no better candidate to help out in your time of need.

You name your pets after famous golf clubs

"Merion" and "Muirfield" are nice handles, right? Almost as nice as...

Your Pebble Beach polo is the nicest piece of clothing in your closet

Everyone has a shirt and tie; flaunting a Pebble logo is like being in a club.

You own both of John Daly's country music albums

And they're not that bad!

You ask "Where were you when Tiger hit the hydrant?" the way some people ask "Where were you when Armstrong landed on the moon?"

And just like the moon landing, you probably have a few conspiracy theories of what happened that night in Isleworth.

You refer to a successful job of parallel parking as a "green in regulation"

Hopefully the person riding shotgun reciprocates the high-five like a caddie would.

You consider that time you saw Arnold Palmer at a car dealership a religious experience

In the middle ages, royalty would often leave the throne to walk the streets with the commoners. In today's time, that means the King signing autographs surrounded by used Pontiacs and radio djs. But boy, was Palmer's smile something else.

Believe "Sandbagger" is the most insulting name in the English language

With "Vanity Handicapper" not far behind.

Your first thought after "Brexit" was "Hmm, I should book a Scotland golf trip"

It would be fiscally irresponsible NOT to look into the matter.

You have a calendar reminder to change your grips

In case you forget, that's once every 40 rounds. And finally...

Deem "shooting your age" the highest honor one can achieve

If I ever attain this triumph, I hope I die on the spot. Because life doesn't get any better than that.

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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.

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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.

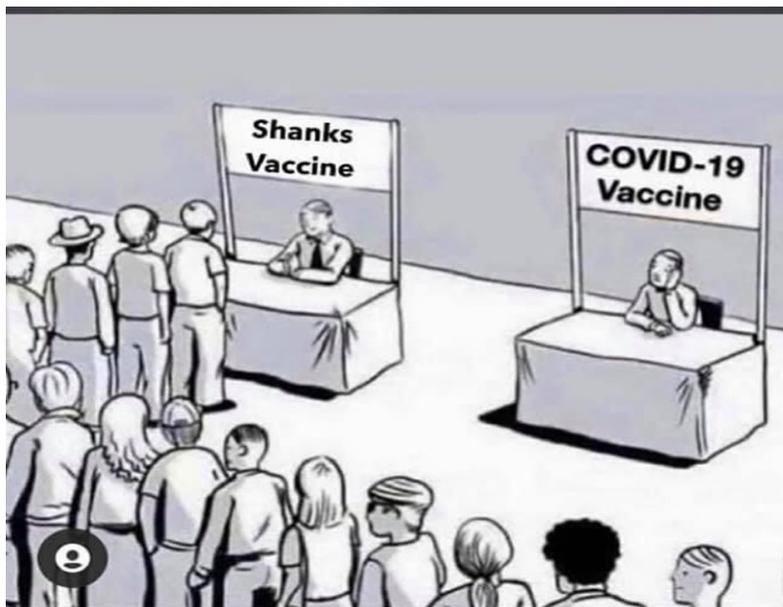
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About Our Members

(THIS REPORT RAN 03/16/2021)

Happy Birthday to these members:

Phil Agee - 03/24
Linda Banton - 03/28
BJ Barger - 04/03
Sandra Brunken - 03/10
William Cash - 04/11
Karen Farrington - 04/13
Kathie Hiatt - 03/11
Linda Johnson - 03/09
Tony Paduano - 03/17
Mary Rapson - 03/24
Raj Roy - 03/18
Gregory Russell - 04/02
George Salmon - 04/08
David Sheets - 03/09
Steven Vito - 03/06
Charles Walters - 03/05
Holly Warner - 03/27

These members are up for renewal:

(date shown is last day of membership)

William Hall - 03/31/2021
Donald Lyons - 03/31/2021
Suzanne McNicholas - 03/31/2021

Nancy Mitchell - 03/31/2021
Raymond Moehler - 03/31/2021
Christine Ozyjowski - 03/31/2021
Keith Proudfoot - 03/31/2021
Holly Warner - 03/31/2021

Welcome newest members:

Linda Banton - Joined 02/15/2021
Brett Meyer - Joined 01/05/2021
Kimberly Prather - Joined 02/19/2021
Rhonda Young - Joined 01/15/2021

These members recently renewed:

Gordon Bosch
Karen Butler
Debra Jungers
Lesli Mangeri
Brenda Mara
David Sheets
Todd Sheffer
Anne Woodward

These members did not renew their dues:

(date shown is date membership expired)
Margaret Brown - 02/28/2021
Pat DiDonato - 02/28/2021
John Donnelly - 01/31/2021
Jean Fleming - 01/31/2021
Frank Kyle - 02/28/2021
Velma Layton - 02/28/2021
Eugenia Lee - 02/28/2021
Joe Peralta - 02/28/2021
Deb Swedberg - 02/28/2021
Cathy Thompson - 02/28/2021
Felicia Wilson - 02/28/2021

Our chapter currently has 119 members

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ASGA-DC Chapter:	http://www.singlesgolfdc.com
ASGA-DC Chapter Events:	http://www.singlesgolfdc.com/2021-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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