

*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](http://SinglesGolf.com).

# Meet MORE Singles! Play MORE Golf!



### TEAR OFF A TAB BELOW

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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!**

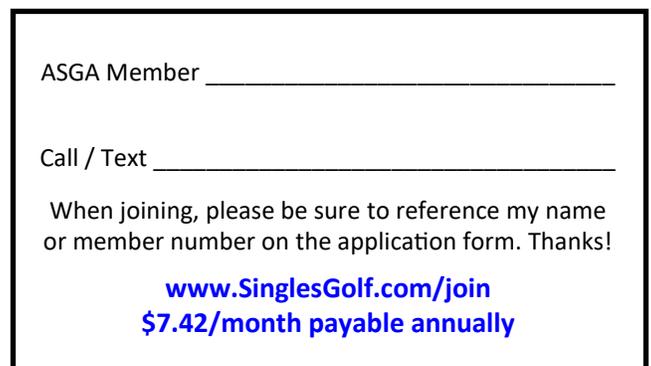
Below shows how your business card appears. They don't come to you automatically, you'll have to order them. E-mail [Irene@SinglesGolf](mailto:Irene@SinglesGolf) or call 980-833-6450 (9am—1:30pm, Mon-Fri, Eastern) for your free 25 cards.

**- - 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 — April 2021

## HERNDON CENTENNIAL - APRIL 24TH



### 2021 GOLF SCHEDULE

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 Updated: April 2021

Date	Course	EC
4/17	Algonkian	Charlie
4/24	Herndon Centennial	Trey
5/1	Enterprise	Heidi
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
7/2 - 7/4	Penn National	Mark
7/10	Bull Run	Helen F

### NATIONAL EVENT INFORMATION

Events Open to All Members Nationwide

The Greenbrier Chosen for Spring Reunion 2021



Sunday, May 31 - Thursday, June 3, 2021  
Details at [SinglesGolf.com/Greenbrier](http://SinglesGolf.com/Greenbrier)

### OUR CHAPTER INFORMATION

#### Regular Meeting Date

Variable (see [singlesgolfdc.com](http://singlesgolfdc.com))

#### Next Meeting Date & Location

TBD

Our Chapter Website: [www.singlesgolfdc.com](http://www.singlesgolfdc.com)

Our Chapter Hotline: 1-888-465-3628

(See next page for list of officers and board members.)

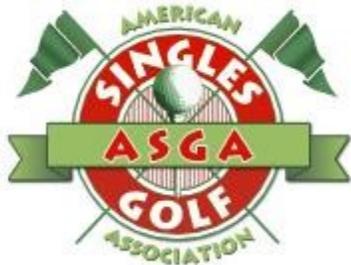
#### National Office

Office Hours: 9:00am to 2:00pm, M-F (Eastern)

National Office: 980-833-6450 or 1-888-GOLFMATE

Go to [www.SinglesGolf.com/MyAccount](http://www.SinglesGolf.com/MyAccount) to make changes to your address, phone, etc. To join or renew your dues, go to [www.SinglesGolf.com/join](http://www.SinglesGolf.com/join)

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**ASGA DC 2021 Weekend Schedule cont.**

Date	Course	EC
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	Links at Challedon*	Brian
10/9	Prince William	Dave
10/15 - 10/17	Ocean City	Shelia
10/23	Bowling Green	Ruth
10/30	Raspberry Falls	TBD

\*Updated Venue

**Herndon Centennial**

**April 24th**

We will be playing Herndon Centennial Golf course this year on Saturday April 24th.

Tee times will begin at noon. The format will be play your own ball.

Cost is \$70 for members which includes the raffle cost.

Single carts will not be available.

Please indicate interest in dinner following and if there are enough, I'll find a place nearby if possible.

To reserve a place, please RSVP to me by Thursday, April 15th.

[mailto:tmcstravick3@verizon.net](mailto:mailto:tmcstravick3@verizon.net)

Send a check with your handicap or average score and interest in dinner to:

Trey McStravick  
12000 Market St. #343  
Reston, VA 20190

You may also send payment via Zelle to 703-606-4032 (Arnold McStravick)

Refund Policy: You may cancel up to April 12th and receive a refund. Otherwise, you will need to find a replacement to be refunded. Also, if the golf course doesn't charge us, you will get a full refund.

Please read the following regarding COVID-19:

At Herndon Centennial, the health and safety of the community, guests and staff is our top priority. We take the current public health situation surrounding the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19) very seriously. We are following the guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and observing all directives issued by local, state and federal public health authorities. At the present time, Herndon Centennial is open, with significant changes to operations. The pro shop is closed, but restrooms and Egg Karne are open.

**SOCIAL DISTANCING**

To protect the health and safety of our staff and guests, we are following Social Distancing Standards recommended by the Centers for Disease Control. Please do your part to follow these standards and if you are sick or have symptoms do not come to the golf course.

**SANITATION**

In addition to social distancing, our facility is increasing sanitation practices in-

cluding, but not limited to, wiping down range buckets, pull carts, counters, credit card keypads, door handles and other common touch points on site. The sanitation measures are for our guest's protection as well as the protection of the staff.

#### ABOUT HERNDON CENTENNIAL

The Course: The 18 hole, par 71 layout features well bunkered undulating greens, gently rolling fairways, meandering creeks and several water hazards. Closest golf course to the Dulles International Airport and an easy drive from downtown Washington D.C. Herndon Centennial has received numerous recognitions to include:

Four-time host of USGA Public Links Sectional Qualifiers  
Golf Digest's "Places to Play" for 18 consecutive years  
"Best Area Courses for Women" by Pro's n Hackers Magazine  
Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary

### Enterprise

#### May 1st

Fellow Golfers,

We are returning to Enterprise Golf Course this year! Enterprise is a very walkable, beautiful course in a bucolic setting. We have tee times for 28 golfers starting at 1 pm on Saturday, May 1st. The cost is \$41 walk or ride for members (guest fee of \$20 for non-members).

To hold your spot, please RSVP to me by Thursday 22 April. Then, send your check with your handicap or average score for 18 holes to:

Heidi Moos  
3849 Watkins Mill Drive  
Alexandria, VA 22304

If you prefer Zelle, my phone number is 703-919-0208

Please specify if you want to ride with someone, otherwise all carts are single-occupancy. Again, if you like to walk, this course is perfect for walkers. Website link below:

<http://www.pgparcs.com/4559/Enterprise-Golf-Course>

Hope to see you on the course! Heidi Moos  
[heidimoos1@gmail.com](mailto:heidimoos1@gmail.com)

### Timbers at Troy

#### Saturday May 8

We are returning to Timbers at Troy in Elkridge, MD, conveniently located just a few miles off I-95. The course underwent extensive renovations 4 years ago to construct new bunkers, cart paths, irrigation improvements, and clubhouse enhancements. The course has bent-grass from tee to green.

Time: Seven consecutive tee times every 9 minutes starting at 12:06 pm

Cost: ASGA members: With cart: \$72;  
Walkers: \$54  
Nonmembers/guests add \$20

Address: Timbers at Troy  
6100 Marshalee Dr  
Elkridge, MD 21075  
(410) 313-4653

Format: Play your own ball and have a good time.

Email me immediately to reserve your spot and send payment to me by 4/30/21. Include your handicap or average 18-hole score. Riders will be sharing a cart, so please let me in advance who you want to share a cart with

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

Kathie Hiatt  
13106 Old Field Ter  
Laurel, MD 20707  
Cell 443.745.4778  
[hokie311@gmail.com](mailto:hokie311@gmail.com)

Payment deadline: Friday, 4/30/21

The ASGA-DC Chapter cancellation policy is in effect.

### Raspberry Falls Golf & Hunt Club

#### May 15th

<http://www.raspberryfalls.com/>  
Leesburg, Virginia  
Saturday, May 15, 2021

Celebrate the 2021 golf season when we return to Raspberry Falls Golf & Hunt Club!

Please read this announcement carefully!  
Note: The ASGA-DC member price is limited to the first 48 ASGA-DC members

to sign up and pay. Priority will be given to ASGA-DC members.

Raspberry Falls is adding an outdoor patio which will be ready for us by May 15; progress pictures are posted below. We'll dine al fresco après golf. We are closely monitoring the status of Virginia's restrictions relating to the permitted size of social gatherings.

When RSVPing, please let me know if you must have a single rider cart. If you want to share a cart with someone, please make sure both of you confirm your request.

If you responded to the "Save the Date" announcement, please confirm your RSVP before forwarding your payment.

Cost: ASGA-DC members (limited to the first 48 to sign up and pay): \$100\*

Non-ASGA-DC members/guests: \$125

Your cost covers:

- \* Range Balls,
- \* 18 holes of golf,
- \* CTP contest,
- \* Year-end raffle, and
- \* Italian style buffet dinner (served by Raspberry Falls staff)

\*After the first 48 ASGA-DC members have signed up and payment has been received, additional ASGA-DC members may sign up at \$115. There is no discount if you don't stay for dinner.

Tee Time: Modified shotgun start at 12:30 PM (minimum 32 golfers required).  
Back-up plan: straight tee times.

Format: Play your own ball; return to women's & men's CTP contests. Pace of play rules will be enforced. Beginners/high handicap players are encouraged to play best ball.

Dinner Menu (buffet style served by Raspberry Falls staff; no self-service).

Masks required when in line for food or ordering drinks.

- \* Caesar salad with croutons
- \* Dinner rolls
- \* Herbed-breaded chicken parmesan
- \* Baked ziti pasta (meatless)
- \* Italian meatballs with tomato sauce
- \* Sodas, freshly brewed iced tea, freshly baked gourmet cookies

Tables/outdoor seating will be set up and spaced for social distancing;

indoor seating will be available to accommodate Virginia restrictions.

Please read the instructions carefully! Confirm your ASGA membership status before responding!

Host: Leesa Weiss, EC

ASAP send an email with cart pairing preference, handicap/ average 18-hole score, and current ASGA member status to [LNWeiss@verizon.net](mailto:LNWeiss@verizon.net) (don't hit "reply all").

Preferred payment: via Zelle to: [LNWeiss@verizon.net](mailto:LNWeiss@verizon.net) via Venmo to: Leesa -Weiss or promptly mail your payment to: Leesa Weiss, for \$100 (non-member \$125), to:

Leesa Weiss  
5809 Edson Lane  
Apt. 102  
North Bethesda, Maryland 20852

We have filled the first 48 spots! We have plenty of room for more golfers, but at \$115/ASGA-member golfer (non-ASGA members: \$125).

## 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.Pennngolf.com](http://www.Pennngolf.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](mailto: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 7<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:bjbarger@verizon.net).

Date.	Host
4/5-9	B J
4/8-16	Ruth
4/19-23	Kathleen
4/26-30	Ellie
5/3-7	Charlie



"YEAH, MAYBE THE COURSE IS STILL A LITTLE TOO WET TO PLAY ON!"

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

## Recaps

### Brambleton

To all,

The weather was a little nippy at the beginning but was a beautiful day overall. The greens had just been aerated and somewhat of a challenge but manageable for making 3 putts. yuck...

The golf was amazing and I had an amazing day playing a game (yes, game) that I love! I hope everyone (46 golfers total) enjoyed it as much as I did. It felt great getting out of the house and being outdoors with friends. It was nice seeing current ASGA members again, and even meeting new members! We didn't have a chance to have a large gathering afterwards, but hopefully most of you had a small gathering after your round yesterday.

Thank you EVERYONE for the pace of play!!!!!!

Keep signing up for future weekend and weekday events expecting the weather to improve, gatherings to be allowed, and more fun as this 2021 season continues.

Thank you all for signing up and making yesterday's Brambleton outing very enjoyable for me as always!

Take Care,  
~Dan Morris

## Clustered Spires

39 ASGA members enjoyed a pleasant afternoon stroll through the park like setting at Clustered Spires on Saturday. The weather cleared for us just in time for the first group to tee off, and remained comfortable throughout the day.

Closest to the pin winners were as follows:

- #2 Holly Warner
- #7 Holly Warner
- #13 Annette Maguire
- #16 Brian Durkin

Honorable mention on #13 to Anne Woodward, who hit her shot in to about 6 feet, only to watch Annette step up and hit her shot to about 3 feet.

Thank you to everyone for paying in advance, and for generally arriving on time.

~Rick Goheen

## Heads up!

### Cicadas Swarm And Copperheads: Yes, It's A Thing In the DC area

~Deb Belt, Patch Staff

When billions of Brood X 17-year cicadas emerge this spring copperhead snakes may be waiting to dine on them.

While many of our courses have copperheads every year, what with the 17-yr cicadas providing additional food for the snakes this year, we are likely to see an increase of their numbers around the courses. Plus here's advice about treatment of bites: the immediate treatment is NOT what is normal for many snake bites.

Whenever you approach a creek or bushy area to hit / retrieve a ball, make sure to stop 5 ft away and do a good search for those "reddish/brown sticks" that may not be sticks.

Don't be surprised if you see copperhead snakes when the 17-year periodical cicadas emerge this spring. Experts say they're an easy snack for the pit vipers to obtain. (Photo courtesy of Charlton McDaniel)

MARYLAND — Marylanders may have different views about the billions of Brood X 17-year cicadas that will emerge next month — some see the deafening noise and insects as pests, even as experts say they're an edible snack.

But copperheads will be happy to see them because the insects will provide a quick meal.

The venomous snakes found in many of the same states, including Maryland, where billions of cicadas will emerge later this spring. So if you plan an outing to listen to the cacophony set up by these creatures, be careful no copperheads are slithering nearby.

Billions of the 17-year periodical cicadas — Brood X, otherwise known as the Great Eastern Brood this year — are due to emerge in 15 U.S. states in May, give or take a few weeks.

The synchronized emergence of periodical cicadas, which have the longest life cycle of any known insect, still baffles scientists. But one evolutionary hypothesis is that the forced developmental delay was an adaptation to climate cooling during the ice ages.

There are two species of periodical cicadas — the 17-year cicadas, found in Northern states, and the 13-year cicadas, found in the South.

Copperheads, a close relative of the cottonmouth or water moccasin, are found in forested rock outcrops of central and western Maryland. The Department of Natural Resources said the snakes are found throughout Maryland except for sev-



eral counties on the Eastern Shore.

Dr. Michael Raupp, known for his [Bug Guy blog](#) and a professor emeritus of entomology at the University of Maryland, said parts of Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia will witness the spectacle.

"Maryland is at the [epicenter of the cicada emergence](#), so there will be spectacular numbers of cicadas emerging very heavily, starting perhaps in early May," Raupp told WJLA. "But the big 'cicada-palooza' is going to happen the last two weeks of May and into early June. So in some areas, there will be 1.5 million cicadas per acre emerging from the ground."

Researchers have said that in our state, they'll be in Allegany, Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Cecil, Frederick, Garrett, Harford, Howard, Montgomery, Prince George's and Washington counties.

Cities likely to see and hear the invasion of bugs include Annapolis, Baltimore, Bel Air, Bethesda, Bowie, Brooklyn Park, Catonsville, Chevy Chase, College Park, Columbia, Cockeysville, Crofton, Eldersburg, Elkridge, Ellicott City, Fallston, Gaithersburg, Gambrills, Germantown, Glen Burnie, Greenbelt, Hanover, Havre De Grace, Hyattsville, Landover Hills, Laurel, Lutherville, Odenton, Owings Mills, Pikesville, Potomac, Randallstown, Reisterstown, Riverdale, Rockville, Severna Park, Silver Spring, Takoma Park, Timonium, Towson, and Wheaton.

Raupp also said cicadas are good protein snacks for humans; his students have come up with recipes using the critters.

Shy and reclusive copperheads come out of their figurative shells when the cicadas emerge. The snakes exploit the insect emergence as a smorgasbord requiring no more effort than simply showing up.

Cicadas are a "pretty easy snack" for the copperheads, Stephen Richter, an Eastern Kentucky University biology professor, told Tulsa World in 2019.

He and his students were working with the U.S. Forest Service in Daniel Boone National Forest at the time, looking at what the federal agency saw as a potential conflict and threat to campers: the convergence of [copperheads and emerging cicadas](#).

Amateur photographer Charlton McDaniel of Fort Smith, Arkansas, snapped a picture of a [copperhead devouring a cicada](#).

"It jumped pretty good at first," he told

Tulsa World, explaining he tried to shoo the snake away with a stick, but it was persistent, and took the long way around to get the prize.

"I had no idea about the copperheads-and-cicadas thing until this happened," he said.

With their retractable hypodermic fangs, these pit vipers are more than capable of delivering a debilitating, venomous strike to most prey.

"Why would such a well-armed predator bother to dine on cicadas?" writer Andy Gluesenkamp asked in a 2016 issue of Texas Parks and Wildlife magazine. "For the same reason we eat fast food: It's cheap and easy. Cicadas can occur in high densities, and they offer no defense of their fat-and-protein-filled bodies other than a crunchy exoskeleton."

Copperheads aren't particularly aggressive, though they'll strike defensively. Experts say most copperhead bites occur as a result of accidental encounters.

[Copperhead bites are rarely deadly](#). Their venom isn't the most potent of venomous snakes, and is hemolytic, which means it breaks down blood cells, according to a National Geographic species profile.

When cicadas emerge, the males all tune up in a [species-wide mating call](#) that can reach up to 100 decibels. Think of a Harley-Davidson motorcycle with straight pipes constantly running outside your window.

Newly adult cicadas are in a rush to mate because they don't live very long after that — three, maybe four, weeks. The females can't produce the same sounds. They wait quietly to do their job in perpetuating the species, which is to lay as many eggs as possible, up to 600 over their short lifetime.

After mating, the females split the bark on living tree trunks, branches and twigs, burrow in and lay between 24 and 48 eggs at a time.

### Copperhead Snakebite Treatment

A bite from a copperhead snake is known to cause excruciating pain. The good part, however, is that these bites are not fatal in most cases.

Copperhead snakes are listed among the secondary venomous category,

which indicates that their bite almost never results in death. Nevertheless, it is important to seek medical attention at the earliest.

Appearance-wise, copperheads have that distinct woody color that allows them to effortlessly blend into the background. The length of their body is crisscrossed with dark bands. A noteworthy point about copperheads is that the younger the snake is, the more vicious its bite. This is because older snakes tend to exercise control over the venom they inject into a bite. Therefore, noting the length of the snake is also important as it helps determine its age, and thus, the possible intensity of the bite.



### First Aid: What Not To Do

The approach to treating snakebites has changed over the years. The first aid techniques that were applied previously have been rendered obsolete, thanks to the knowledge and information we now possess. So here's a list of things to avoid while providing first aid to a victim of copperhead snakebite -

- ☒ Do not apply an ice pack on the affected area.
- ☒ It is extremely unsafe to remove the venom from the wound through oral suction.
- ☒ Do not apply a tourniquet above the wound, as it may entirely arrest blood supply to the area.
- ☒ Do not make any incisions around the snakebite in order to drain venom.
- ☒ Do not provide the affected person with any painkillers or anti-inflammatory medication without consulting a doctor

## First Aid: What To Do

- ☑ Summon medical assistance, or 911.
- ☑ Ask the affected person to remain calm, as hyperactive behavior will increase the blood flow in the body, allowing the venom to spread faster.
- ☑ Remove any tight clothing that may be binding the affected area.
- ☑ Wash the area with clean water and disinfectant soap.
- ☑ Try to keep the affected area as steady as possible and keep it at a lower level than the heart.
- ☑ Ensure that you summon the emergency services at the earliest.

**Men at 25 play football.  
Men at 40 play tennis.  
Men at 60 play golf.  
Have you noticed that  
as you get older your  
balls get smaller?**

## Twenty Reasons to Love Golf Now

~Golf.com

Lucky for us, golf continues to ride a high tide of favorability and good fortune. As spring approaches, let's take a moment to note a few of the things we appreciate most about the game and discover new ways to enjoy them to the fullest.

### 1. Playing golf is popular again

The game boomed in the second half of 2020. According to the National Golf Foundation, the coronavirus shutdown cost the industry 20 million rounds last spring.

When the clouds finally lifted in June, golf exploded as a recreational activity for everyone who'd been stuck indoors, even non-golfers. Year-over-year play increased steadily each month, reaching 57% in November! Now you have more golf friends than you did last year. It's a beautiful silver lining.

### 2. And it's cool, too!

Change is happening in golf apparel. Tyrrell Hatton wore an Adidas hoodie when he won the BMW PGA in the UK, and it

created quite a stir. The next week, an English club decried it, citing its rigid dress code. But sales soared for Adidas, which sold out its entire inventory of the garment. Hoodies and other hip looks are here to stay.

### 3. We're in the golden age of gear design

Evan Gibbs and the team at Callaway have seen a lot during his two-decade stint in product creation. As the research and development director for woods, it's Gibbs' job to cook up game-changing tech that makes the sport more enjoyable for all golfers. Some designs boom, while others bust. It's part of the business. But lately it feels like everything Gibbs and his team — along with their industry rivals — have been churning out is boomin' like never before

"The last couple years, it feels like we're able to see yearly gains in performance that, in the past, we would've only seen every couple of years," Gibbs says. "It makes you stand up and take notice."

Thanks to supercomputers and materials once earmarked for ballistic armor applications, every player in the sport is reaping the benefits of advanced technologies and designs entering the space at a breakneck clip. "The implementation of A.I. into our design process changed the way we design clubs and opened up so many opportunities to increase performance across all handicaps," Gibbs says. "The convergence of these leaps in design and manufacturing have allowed us and others to continue to push the performance of these products in a very short time." In other words, there's never been a better time to be on the lookout for new gear.

### 4. You don't have to be perfect

Like many of GOLF's Top 100 Teachers, Jon Tattersall is a swing nerd at heart. "I've studied it from every angle, in person, on film and, for the past 15 years, with 3D cameras and launch monitors. If there's a swing worth seeing, I've seen it. That's why I'm confident in saying, this isn't a beauty contest!

"Plenty of players from the 1950s through the '80s had swings that didn't make sense to the eye. They were successful by every measure, winning

events and making money. But video technology became the teacher's main tool of choice, and as a result we overemphasized style over substance.

"Fast-forward to the present and we have engineers with Ph.D.'s crunching numbers to determine the force a player applies to the grip and to the ground to make the ball soar into the sky at the proper trajectory. Dizzy yet? Every part of the swing is broken down, from the pressure of your right ring finger to the flex in your left ankle.

"Does the club need to come back in perfect, Adam Scott-esque form? I say no. I'm more focused on what needs to be done to the club at a specific time and to what degree. All that matters is force, torque, speed and alignment, not how pretty it looks. It's all about how it works."

### 5. Clubfitting is now for the masses

Tour pros used to have it good compared to the regular guy. Their gear was handcrafted and perfectly tuned to fit them, down to the gram. Amateurs were relegated to buying stock clubs off the shelf! Not anymore. Clubfitting has become so widely available that it's expected at this point "All the love letters we get, so to speak, come from people who indeed picked up 20 or 30 yards with the driver, or who dropped their index by five shots because they hit it straighter or farther or a combination of the two," says [True Spec](#) GM Allen Gobeski. "The real benefit? They're enjoying the game like never before." So what are you waiting for? [True Spec is owned and operated by GOLF's parent company, 8AM Golf.]

### 6. You can get 'golf-wise' in a hurry

It's super easy to become a stat-savvy golfer in the very best way. GOLF's analytics editor Mark Broadie's Strokes Gained can apply to you, if you wish to apply them (@MarkBroadie). Scott Fawcett's Decade system can save your scorecards, if you want to dive in (@ScottFawcett). [GolfLogix](#) can help you revolutionize your green reading and course management — all you need to do is use it.

"Most people don't realize the importance data holds in their game," says Pete Charleston, president and cofounder of GolfLogix. "At all levels of golf, information is power, and when you're capable of learning more about your own game, it

only stands to benefit you.” Take advantage. [GolfLogix is owned and operated by GOLF’s parent company, 8AM Golf.]

### **7. The game is more affordable**

For every iconic course like [Pebble Beach](#), where green fees run north of \$500, there are hundreds of fantastic courses that charge less than \$50, even at peak times. According to the National Golf Foundation, the median rate for an 18-hole round in the U.S. at the start of 2021 is just \$49. Play on a weekday without a cart and that number drops below \$40 or about \$10 an hour. Not bad at all.

### **8. It’s fun to fine-tune your gear**

There are endless ways to enhance your golf swag. A pushcart is a great and affordable addition. Want to purchase a club but not empty your wallet? Wedges are still very affordable and one of the best ways to lower scores. The rest of the golf world certainly agrees; wedge purchases saw an 18% increase in Q3.

### **9. Golf’s health benefits are real**

It’s one of the world’s universal truths: Walking is good for your health. So is walking plus golf, which can help you burn 1,500 to 2,000 calories over four hours. That’s the same rate as a day on the ski slopes! If the course is hilly, there’s even greater benefit. Up the ante by carrying your bag. Then it’ll really start to feel like a workout. And you’ll be the better for it.

### **10. That goes for mental health too**

Think about the last time you stepped up to the first tee on a dewy morning. That rush of happiness is a mood boost caused by a release of serotonin in response to your setting and your surroundings. If ever you’re feeling down, that first tee might be just what you need. There’s more.

“Outside of the obvious benefits of being outdoors and enjoying social interaction with your partners, golf is a game that requires a full mental commitment,” says Dr. Greg Cartin, a sport psychology consultant in Belmont, Mass. “One that, at least temporarily, commands so much of your attention that you can leave the rest of the world behind.”

### **11. There’s more time to play**

While many of us continue to work from home, commuting hours have been all but eliminated. Suddenly, there’s extra time in

the evening and extra time in the morning — all the more time to tend to your golf game! Think about how great your ball striking could get by spending an extra 40 minutes at the range each week. Or just 20 minutes of golf-focused stretches and movements before clocking in. Now that you have more time, what will you do with it?

### **12. Shorter rounds can be a blast**

The massive influx of golf rounds being played has had one unfortunate side effect: Tee times can be hard to come by! No need to fear, though. Golfers all across the country elected to play 9-hole rounds a lot more in 2020. According to the NGF, short loops (anything less than a full 18 holes) increased by 15% nationwide in 2020. And don’t forget par-3 tracks! When you need to get your golf in, you’ll take it any way you can get it.

### **13. Quality instruction is just a click away**

The modern golfer has so much quality instruction available at their fingertips, it’s hard to know what to do with it. From YouTube (see: Me and My Golf, Rick Shiels, even Padraig Harrington!) to Instagram (George Gankas, Mike Bender, Chris Como and more) and everywhere in between, teachers are putting their ideas out there more than ever before. And largely for free.

The information shared has the potential to deliver results even better than in the past, thanks to the continued embrace of technology. When you do find a teacher you like, digital lessons mean you can actually connect directly with them and share Trackman data or a report of your most recent range session. Golf instruction is no longer a closed shop. It’s a network of ideas where the best rise to the top.

### **14. Spectating is off the charts**

For most live sports, the lack of fans in the stands has proved quite complex. Socially-distant broadcasters and production trucks? No problem. Giant, impenetrable bubbles at various locations? No worries. But no crowds? Now that’s tricky.

Except for golf. Rather than masking what wasn’t there, golf embraced fan-less tournaments and in the process drafted a winning blueprint for the sport as we see it.

Look no further than ESPN’s blazing-fast

PGA Championship broadcast. The network’s first year of tournament coverage was brilliant, showing fans golf with the fervor, agility and shot variety of a Steph Curry heat check.

Meanwhile, the PGA Tour is steaming into the analytics age at full speed. Shot-Link data means there’s more to know with each passing second — both for the data geeks and the seasoned gamblers tapping away at home. Speaking of gambling, live-betting and daily fantasy are creating more opportunities than ever to turn your Sundays into payday.

Techies have swooned over the television product, and Toptracer outlining Rory’s gorgeous drives is just the tip of the iceberg. NBC and CBS have experimented with futuristic audio and every shot from every hole broadcasts to take fans deeper than ever before into the minds and actions of their favorite players.

We all want the fans back, but who knew all the silence could be so damn fun?

### **15. Course design is for the people**

The essence of what makes a golf course has receded back to its roots. What’s important now is not the glitz of housing projects or the notoriety of an extremely punitive layout, but rather the Golden Age absolutes: recovery and openness. Less trees, more room to roam, more challenge from the rest of the property. For all kinds of reasons, it’s better this way.

### **16. You can play by your own rules**

It was great when the USGA decided to roll back the Rules of Golf a bit in 2019. Take it as a hint: Golf doesn’t have to be played by the book every single time! Hit it where you can’t find it? Feel free to drop wherever, even in the middle of the fairway. Want to make this par 4 even more drivable? Bounce around between tee boxes. Unless you’re playing in an event, feel free to make this game even more your own.

### **17. Grillrooms are now open 24-7**

For decades you’ve sat there in the clubhouse, in front of a pint glass, rehashing your best shots, silliest mistakes and craziest putts from a round complete. The 19th hole was the psyche’s saving grace, but it was oh so static.

Nowadays, for golf-talk purposes at

least, the 19th hole is anywhere you want it to be. There are a number of online channels and digital clubhouses that go wherever your smartphone is.

Make an ace on your favorite par 3? Ten strangers will congratulate you from within Reddit's "Golf" community by the time you've signed the scorecard. (This assumes, of course, you had someone else take the photo. No witnesses and the merits of your hole in one will be properly litigated.)

Want to work through your spiciest opinions on the PGA Tour? No Laying Up's "The Refuge" is a great place to opine like Brandel and find discourse related to every corner of the game. If you have had problems with your wedges, rest assured, 43 other "refugees" have as well.

While these virtual golf buddies might seem far away, they don't have to be. Redditors and Refugees have regularly used these platforms to schedule meetups at courses somewhere in between their keyboards. Now that's growing the game — guerrilla style!

### 18. Travel golf has never been so fun

No disrespect to your grandpa's golf getaway — long hours on the links, steak dinner, sauna — but today's top destinations offer all that and more, with options that appeal to a range of ages, interests and abilities. It's a shift reflected in the proliferation of alternative short courses — not to mention a wonderland of non-golf attractions — at such marquee properties as Streamsong, Sand Valley, Bandon Dunes and beyond. At Pinehurst, sepia-toned traditions now go hand in hand with Instagram-ready amenities, including a par-3 track, The Cradle, and a putting course, Thistle Dhu, where the tee markers double as cupholders for your beer.

"It's not that we weren't having fun before," says Pinehurst president Tom Pashley. "It's just that we were having a different kind of fun."

For Pashley, a telling moment came this spring, when he overheard a guest, dressed in shorts and a T-shirt, ask a bellhop if he was properly attired to go bat around some balls on Thistle Dhu. "No problem, sir," said the bellhop, with an answer that could pass as a new industry motto: "We take our golf seriously, but not ourselves."

### 19. Elite clubs are more accessible

Before golf boomed in 2020, the 12 years leading up to it were pretty rough. Hundreds of courses closed their doors — public tracks and private clubs alike. According to GOLF Top 100 course rater Hal Phillips, there's a silver lining hidden within that.

"Many private clubs coped with revenue shortfalls by going 'semi-private,' albeit very quietly," he says. "A number of second- and third-rate clubs are now more accepting of public reservations. Call them up on a Monday or Tuesday and you might be surprised what you find." Some are simply being reactive to the uptick in American golfers.

"Once the pandemic subsides, if the rounds-played numbers sustain, the laws of supply and demand will call for even more private courses to ease open their doors if they haven't already," Phillips says.

There is also a ground-swell of major cities appreciating golf's municipal benefits.

"To have Tom Doak renovating a municipal course in Washington, D.C., instead of slaving over a private course that hosts Tour events is a public golf asset." We love that.

### 20. Urban golf is helping communities

The hottest Topgolf of 2021? That would probably be in Augusta, Ga., during a normal Masters week. But in 2020, even without the hundreds of thousands of fans in town, Topgolf Augusta was poppin'. It's a great example of golf finding ways into our urban centers and not just being a sport for the suburbs. A similar trend is happening with Popstroke. It's mini golf on steroids, and Tiger Woods is designing a few of the courses. Count us all the way in!

## ASGA-DC Communications

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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.

Here's how to get messages or send them to our groups

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## About Our Members

(THIS REPORT RAN 04/16/2021)

### Happy Birthday to these members:

BJ Barger - 04/03  
Marian Block - 04/28  
Pamela Carter - 05/15  
William Cash - 04/11  
Virginia Combs - 04/19  
Elizabeth Dahreddine - 05/14  
Chuck Davis - 04/30  
Karen Farrington - 04/13  
Helen Flaim - 05/06  
Nancy Hempstead - 05/09  
Irene Kratky - 04/24  
Suzanne McNicholas - 04/24  
Arnold McStravick - 05/03  
Brett Meyer - 05/14  
Christine Ozyjowski - 05/08  
Gregory Russell - 04/02  
George Salmon - 04/08  
Marcia Sanford - 05/07  
Nanci Schimizzi - 05/12  
Sabra Thompson - 05/03  
Kenneth Via - 04/26  
Rhonda Young - 04/27

### These members are up for renewal:

(date shown is last day of membership)

April Langevin - 04/30/2021  
Daniel Morris - 04/30/2021  
Lew Privon - 04/30/2021  
Scott Rapson - 04/30/2021  
Lee Roxbrough - 04/30/2021  
Sam Tolbert - 04/30/2021

### Welcome newest members:

Linda Banton - Joined 02/15/2021  
Alison Ford - Joined 03/02/2021  
Bennett Lowenthal - Joined 03/29/2021  
Kimberly Prather - Joined 02/19/2021  
Therese Pung - Joined 03/04/2021  
Janelle Straszheim - Joined 03/02/2021  
Elizebeth Veghte - Joined 03/08/2021

### These members recently renewed:

Deborah Bowden  
Helen Flaim  
Linda Johnson  
Joan Lee  
Donald Lyons  
Suzanne McNicholas  
Christine Ozyjowski  
Lynn Chandler Pivik  
Keith Proudfoot  
Cheryl Riisager  
Jody Ruth  
Holly Warner

### These members did not renew their dues:

(date shown is date membership expired)

Margaret Brown - 02/28/2021  
Pat DiDonato - 02/28/2021  
Frank Kyle - 02/28/2021  
Velma Layton - 02/28/2021  
Eugenia Lee - 02/28/2021  
Nancy Mitchell - 03/31/2021  
Joe Peralta - 02/28/2021  
Deb Swedberg - 02/28/2021  
Cathy Thompson - 02/28/2021  
Felicia Wilson - 02/28/2021

### Our chapter currently has 126 members

## DID YOU EVER WONDER...

1.. **WHY?** Do men's clothes have buttons on the right while women's clothes have buttons on the left?

**BECAUSE:** When buttons were invented, they were very expensive and worn primarily by the rich. Since most people are right-handed, it is easier to push buttons on the right through holes on the left. Because wealthy women were dressed by maids, dressmakers put the buttons on the maid's right! And that's where women's buttons have remained since.

2 .. **WHY?** Why do ships and aircraft use 'mayday' as their call for help?

**BECAUSE:** This comes from the French word *m'aidez* - meaning 'help me' - and is pronounced, approximately, 'mayday.'

3 .. **WHY?** Why are zero scores in tennis called 'love'?

**BECAUSE:** In France, where tennis first became popular, the round zero on the scoreboard looked like an egg and was called 'l'oeuf,' which is French for 'the egg.' When tennis was introduced in the US, Americans (naturally), mispronounced it 'love.'

4 .. **WHY?** Why do X's at the end of a letter signify kisses?

**BECAUSE:** In the Middle Ages, when many people were unable to read or write, documents were often signed using an X. Kissing the X represented an oath to fulfill obligations specified in the document. The X and the kiss eventually became synonymous.

5 .. **WHY?** Why is shifting responsibility to someone else called 'passing the buck'?

**BECAUSE:** In card games, it was once cus-

tomary to pass an item, called a buck, from player to player to indicate whose turn it was to deal. If a player did not wish to assume the responsibility of dealing, he would 'pass the buck' to the next player.

6 .. **WHY?** Why do people clink their glasses before drinking a toast?

**BECAUSE:** In earlier times it used to be common for someone to try to kill an enemy by offering him a poisoned drink. To prove to a guest that a drink was safe, it became customary for a guest to pour a small amount of his drink into the glass of the host. Both men would drink it simultaneously. When a guest trusted his host, he would only touch or clink the host's glass with his own.

7.. **WHY?** Why are people in the public eye said to be 'in the limelight'?

**BECAUSE:** Invented in 1825, limelight was used in lighthouses and theatres by burning a cylinder of lime which produced a brilliant light. In the theatre, a performer 'in the limelight' was the Centre of attention.

8 .. **WHY?** Why is someone who is feeling great 'on cloud nine'?

**BECAUSE:** Types of clouds are numbered according to the altitudes they attain, with nine being the highest cloud. If someone is said to be on cloud nine, that person is floating well above worldly cares.

9 .. **WHY?** In golf, where did the term 'Caddie' come from?

**BECAUSE:** When Mary Queen of Scots went to France as a young girl, Louis, King of France, learned that she loved the Scots game 'golf.' He had the first course outside of Scotland built for her enjoyment. To make sure she was properly chaperoned (and guarded) while she played, Louis hired cadets from a military school to accompany her. Mary liked this a lot and when she returned to Scotland (not a very good idea in the long run), she took the practice with her. In French, the word cadet is pronounced 'ca-day' and the Scots changed it into caddie.

10 ... **WHY?** Why are many coin collection jar banks shaped like pigs?

**BECAUSE:** Long ago, dishes and cookware in Europe were made of dense orange clay called 'pygg'. When people saved coins in jars made of this clay, the jars became known as 'pygg banks.' When an English potter misunderstood the word, he made a container that resembled a pig. And it caught on.

# ASGA National News

## The Greenbrier Chosen for Spring Reunion 2021



Sunday, May 31 ~ Thursday, June 3, 2021  
Details at [SinglesGolf.com/Greenbrier](https://SinglesGolf.com/Greenbrier)

### Head to The Greenbrier on Memorial Day

The Greenbrier is America's Resort. It's a beautiful, luxury resort located in the Allegheny Mountains near White Sulphur, West Virginia. Since 1778, visitors have traveled to this part of the state. Today, The Greenbrier is situated on 11,000 acres of land with 710 guest rooms, 20 restaurants and lounges, more than 55 indoor and outdoor activities and sports, and 36 retail shops.

The current Greenbrier was built in 1913 by the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway and was owned for much of its history by that company and its successors, Chessie System and CSX Corporation. Following years of heavy losses, CSX had the hotel file for bankruptcy protection in 2009. Justice Family Group, a company owned by local entrepreneur and later Governor of West Virginia Jim Justice, subsequently bought the property and guaranteed all debts, resulting in dismissal of the bankruptcy protection. Justice promised to return the hotel to its former status as a five-star resort and to introduce "tasteful" gambling for guests to increase profit.

The last U.S. president to stay at The Greenbrier during a presidency was Dwight D. Eisenhower. A total of 26 presidents have stayed at the hotel. The Greenbrier is also the site of a massive underground bunker that was meant to

serve as an emergency shelter for the United States Congress during the Cold War. Attendees to the ASGA event will have an opportunity to purchase bunker tour tickets.

### ASGA Member Writes Definitive Guide

*51 Shades of Online Dating: A Guide for People Over 50* is a non-fiction book for anyone who is thinking about or who uses the internet in search of love. The author is a long-time ASGA member from Tampa Bay. Ms. Lindberg offers humor and insight by using her true life experiences and lessons learned; she lived the information given in her book. The author's stories are funny, sad, baffling, moving, shocking, uplifting, and sometimes scary. She offers guidance when writing a profile, posting photos, and when messaging potential and not-so-potential prospects. Can you separate the wheat from the chaff or spot a scam or a bot? This book will answer these and many more questions.

Help make your story a successful one AND keeping yourself safe! You can get a signed copy of *51 Shades of Online Dating: A Guide for People Over 50* by ordering from [www.sandralindberg-writer.com](https://www.sandralindberg-writer.com) (\$14.95). Unsigned copies are also available on Booklocker, Amazon, and Barnes and Noble. Available in paperback and eBook getting 5-star reviews.



**MONDAY, MAY 31 - THURSDAY, JUNE 3, 2021**

**Standard Package (dbl. occ.) Includes:**

- 2 rounds of golf (Old White & Meadows, includes cart, green fees, range balls, prizes) + **free 9-holes of golf** on The Greenbrier Course if you register by May 14\*
- 3 nights' lodging at The Greenbrier (Mon/Tue/Wed)
- 6 food functions: 3 dinners (cash bars) + 3 breakfasts
- DJ dancing on final night (if 100+ register by 5/14/21)
- Welcome gift, all resort service fees & taxes.

*Room-alone package also available, see below.*

**SPONSORED BY THE AMERICAN SINGLES GOLF ASSOCIATION — Phone 980-833-6450 (M-F, 9-2pm Eastern)**  
**Event Website: [SinglesGolf.com/Greenbrier](http://SinglesGolf.com/Greenbrier) Resort Website: [Greenbrier.com](http://Greenbrier.com) Resort Phone: 855-453-4858**

*See [SinglesGolf.com/Greenbrier](http://SinglesGolf.com/Greenbrier) for complete details, updates, etc.*

**GOLF:** Play the Old White & Meadows courses on Tues + Wed, June 1 & 2. Play your own ball both days. **Scoring:** 2 best net balls of 4-some. USGA Rules apply. Opt. 1:00pm 9-hole Day-of-Arrival Golf (5/31) OR 9:00am Day-of-Departure Golf (6/3) at the Greenbrier course if you register by 5/14.

**CANCELLATION:** There is a 25% cancellation fee on or prior to 5/14. Absolutely NO refunds after 5/14/21. If your plans change, you can sell your position to another member. See event website for cancellation policy, terms & conditions.

**CONFIRMATION:** A letter or e-mail confirmation will be sent to you upon receipt of payment. If you do not receive confirmation within 10 days after registering, you must contact us at [info@SinglesGolf.com](mailto:info@SinglesGolf.com) or call 980-833-6450, M-F, 9-2, ET.

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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.

The above guidance will continue to be updated. If you have any questions or concerns, you can contact the Rules of Golf and Rules of Handicapping departments by going to [www.USGA.org](http://www.USGA.org).



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