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Washington DC Chapter - American Singles Golf Association — June 2021

HAMPSHIRE GREENS - JUNE 26TH

2021 GOLF SCHEDULE

Here's the 2021 schedule Lots of great golf. Plan now and sign up as soon as events are announced. Events are filling up fast.

ASGA DC 2021 Weekend Schedule

Date	Course	EC
6/19	1757	Scott P
6/26	Hampshire Greens	Scott H
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	Charlie
8/14	Worthington Manor	BJ
8/21	Laurel Hill	Suzanne
8/28	Whiskey Creek	Mary
9/4	Reston National	Jean
9/11	Woodlands	George
9/18	Queenstown	Todd



NATIONAL EVENT INFORMATION

Events Open to All Members Nationwide



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

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ASGA DC 2021 Weekend Schedule cont.

Date	Course	EC
9/25	Poolesville	Francine
10/2	Carroll Valley	Brian
10/9	Prince William	Dave
10/15 - 10/17	Ocean City	Shelia
10/23	Bowling Green	Ruth
10/30	Raspberry Falls	Greg

Upcoming Events

Hampshire Greens Golf Course

Come join us and play a round at Hampshire Greens Golf Course. Hampshire Greens is one of Montgomery County's nicest golf facilities. The visually scenic course challenges golfers at all skill levels. The course features bent grass fairways, tees and greens, a bent-grass driving range and a 4,000 square foot practice putting green.

Hampshire Greens Golf Course
616 Firestone Dr.
Ashton, MD 20861
Tel: 301-476-7999
www.mcggolf.com

Date: Saturday, June 26, 2021

Time: Tee times starting at 12:00 PM

Number of Players: 28 (7 consecutive tee times).

Price: \$72 (include \$1 towards year-end raffle) for members., \$82 for non-members.

Dinner after golf will most likely be at the Grillmarx Steakhouse and Raw Bar in Olney Town Center. Inside dining is now permitted in Montgomery County.

Sign-up: To sign up send an email to me (Scott Hall) at: scott.hall4@gmail.com with the following information:

- Name
- Your handicap or average score for 18 holes (for pairing purposes)
- Your ASGA member number
- Yes or no for dinner

Payment: Payment should then be made by VENMO (@William-Hall-273) or by check mailed to me at: Scott Hall, 10607 Kenilworth Ave. Apt.102, Bethesda, MD 20814.

*Deadline: *June 18, 2021. Remember that your email puts you in the reservation pool but your payment is what guarantees your spot.

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

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. Prices include range balls and club stor-

age, 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.

BULL RUN

Saturday July 10, 2021 we are scheduled to play at www.golfbullrun.com

Bull Run is amid the foothills of historic Bull Run Mountain a few miles from Haymarket, VA. You will enjoy the wide fairways with excellent views, the greens and tough pin locations will challenge us all.

Address:

Bull Run Golf Club
3520 James Madison Highway
Haymarket, Virginia 20169

When:

On Saturday July 10, 2021 first tee time will be 1:30 - consecutive tee times will be sent out one week prior to our event.

Price for the first 28 players will be \$66.00 which includes:

- Driving Range prior to event (come early)
- Putting and chipping green (come early)
- Green fees and cart fees
- taxes and service charges

First, email me if you are interested and I will confirm you are part of the 28 players.

Next please mail checks to the address below (ASAP). Please include your handy cap, pairing request if any and if you would be interested in staying for dinner afterwards at Bull Run (menu to follow). If you are concerned about Covid you have 2 options (pay for an extra cart \$25 or request a plexiglass divider and they will hang it in your cart)

Deadline for receiving checks will be July 3rd.

Address:

Helen Flaim
5480 Rodriguez Lane
Haymarket, VA. 20169

Regards,
Helen Flaim
610-324-2002

Rattlewood Golf Course

13501 Penn Shop Road
Mount Airy, Maryland
Saturday, July 17, 2021
<https://www.mcggolf.com/course/Rattlewood>

Tee Times Start ~12:00 p.m.

And now for something different! After getting rained out last October, we again are introducing a new course into our schedule! In 2019, Rattlewood was named the winner of a "Best Conditions" Players Choice Award from the Players 1st organization.

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

Please read very important RSVP/cancellation information below!

Price for 28 lucky golfers: \$70/ASGA members riding (\$60 walking); \$80 for guests riding (\$70 walking). This includes greens fees, closest-to-the-pin contests, and year-end Chapter raffle. The course cannot accept County discount programs for this event.

Riding Carts: The price is based on 2 riders/cart; \$10 + tax for single riders. Walking is permitted, but some tee boxes are a short hike from the previous green.

1st Tee Time: ~12:00 p.m. Arrive early, warm up on the driving range (range balls are not included) and putting green.

After Golf Dinner: If interested, please let me know when RSVPing. I'm confirming dinner reservations at the Mount Airy Inn, 2.7 miles from the course. The menu features brick oven pizzas, salads, sandwiches, and entrees, local beers, hard cider, wines, and house-infused cocktails.

<https://www.mountairyinn.com/>

Host: Leesa Weiss; to sign up, e-mail (please don't "reply all"):

LNWeiss@verizon.net with:

- 1) Your full name;

- 2) Your handicap or average 18-hole score (for pairing purposes);
- 3) Current ASGA membership status; and
- 4) If you plan to join us for dinner after golf.

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

or

Forward payment via Zelle to:

LNWeiss@verizon.net

via Venmo to: Leesa-Weiss

Cancellation Policy:

The course requires a fixed head count for golf by July 10, 2021 (7 days in advance). Thereafter, we (read: me/I) will be charged for any cancellations.

All checks will be deposited by Friday, July 9, 2021.

I must receive your payment no later than Friday, July 9, 2021. If you RSVP, you are responsible for payment or finding your replacement. ASGA-DC cancellation rules will apply. If you cancel after Friday, July 9, 2021, and you are unable to find a replacement, you will forfeit your advance payment.

Deadline for receipt of your payment or cancellation: Friday, July 9, 2021.

NO PAYMENT ~~ NO GOLF ~~ NO EXCEPTIONS.

The ASGA-DC Chapter cancellation policy is in effect.

Rattlewood Golf Course

Pro-Shop: 301.607.9000

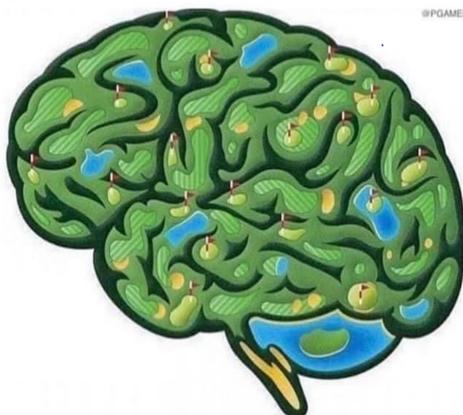
<https://www.mcggolf.com/course/>

Rattlewood

13501 Penn Shop Road

Mount Airy, Maryland

My mind:



WEEKDAY GOLF

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

Date.	Host
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

Raspberry Falls

Under record glorious weather, sun-drenched skies and conversational clouds, relatively low humidity, cicada-free conditions, ASGA-DC celebrated the official start of its 2021 season with 60 golfers, and welcomed 8 new 2021 ASGA members (four of whom were golfing with us for the first time). We teed off, shotgun style, at Raspberry Falls on Saturday, May 21, 2021.

The Raspberry Falls staff were their usual fantastic, the fairway conditions were conducive to great ball rolls, and some of us were treated to experience the recently renovated bunkers.

Following completion of our rounds, we were treated to Raspberry Falls' Italian-style buffet spread, and tall tales from the day's fun. Closest to the pin cash prizes, kudos and congratulations were awarded to:

5th hole:

Women's --> **Suzanne McNicholas @ 10'9"**

Men's --> **Mark Hendrickson @ 13'8"**

7th hole:

Women's --> **Michelle Cannon @ 29'7"**

Men's --> **Gordon Bosch @ 10'1"**

13th hole:

Women's --> **Lori Ryan @ 10'4"**

Men's --> **John Cash @ 12'7"**

15th hole:

Women's --> **Ruth D'Alessandro @ 17'3"**

Men's --> **Tony Paduano @ 12'7"**

New member, **Linda Banton**, won the door prize drawing: a round of golf for four donated by Raspberry Falls.

I look forward to seeing many of you again on Saturday, July 17, 2021, at Rattlewood Golf Course, in Mt. Airy, Maryland. The announcement will be posted soon.

~Leesa Weiss, EC Raspberry Falls

Stonewall

On Saturday May 22, 2021, 35 golfers enjoyed much better weather conditions than expected while playing Stonewall Golf Course in Gainesville, VA. The course was in great condition and the scenery was beautiful. All groups completed their rounds in under 5 hours. The staff at Stonewall was excellent and well prepared for our group. Everyone seemed to enjoy the course. Thanks for being such a wonderful group.

~Ruth

Rocky Point

The golf gods gave us a rain free day. **Annette** & I wanted to thank all 36 who made the trek to this course especially those from DC and Virginia and hope we made it worthwhile. We handed out cash prizes to both the men and women for the closest to the pins contest. The winners were **Trey Mcstravick**, **JoAnn St Peter**, **Chuck Davis** (2 1/2 feet), **George Salmon**, **Adele (Holly) Warner** and **Joe McCloskey**. Everyone made it around the course in under 4 1/2 hours. So pat yourselves on your back for that.

After working up an appetite, 33 of us made our way back to **Annette's** house for chef prepared food by **Tom**, of brisket, salmon, veggies, fruits and desserts. Plus, we quenched our thirsts with a variety of

fluids while enjoying our water views from the deck, under the deck or from the pier. We also had plenty of food left over that people took home with them. Thanks to everyone for making this a fun outing.

~George

Get Wide Early for Speed Where it Counts

Speed starts at the beginning of your swing. Whether you can whip it 80 miles per hour or 120-plus like me, the key to generating ball speed is creating width in your takeaway. I see a ton of recreational golfers who struggle to create a full turn or rotation. That problem starts during the takeaway. Many golfers just pick up their driver and turn their shoulders. **In order to create maximum speed, you have to create maximum width. This is something I work on a lot.**

Try taking the club back almost as far out as you can, creating that width. Naturally, your body will want to turn with you. This will create more speed when you come down from the top.

—Cam Champ

ASGA-DC Communications

Share your content!

Did you take some awesome pictures at an event? Share them by sending to BJ Barger, bjbarger@verizon.net. Our website is www.singlesgolfdc.com. Our social and golf schedule are published on the website and updated frequently. Check the list below for National websites.

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

The Facebook name is SinglesGolf Asgadc. or you can go to [https://](https://www.facebook.com/singlesgolf.asgadc.5)

www.facebook.com/singlesgolf.asgadc.5

If you friend us you can see all our posts plus those of other members. If you’d prefer to not share everything, you can change your Facebook privacy setting by going to Settings, Privacy, then answer the question, “who can see my posts?” by changing it to My Friends on Facebook. That way, your posts won’t be seen by all.

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

Since having to check back to the website for schedule updates and pairings updates is inconvenient, we also have a Yahoo listserve. Announcements on upcoming social and golf events, as well as reminders and updates to these events, are sent out to subscribers to the listserve. A couple of days before a golf event, the pairings and tee times are also sent out.

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

Post: ASGADCCchapter@groups.io

Subscribe: ASGADCCchapter+subscribe@groups.io

Unsubscribe: ASGADCCchapter+unsubscribe@groups.io

Direct site: groups.io/g/asgadcchapter

About Our Members

(THIS REPORT RAN 06/16/2021)

Happy Birthday to these members:

Shelley Annand - 06/02
 Janice Bittner - 06/01
 Karen Butler - 06/19
 Pearce Crosland - 06/13
 Ruth D'Alessandro - 06/16
 Brenda Fallace - 06/24
 Marlene Hammond - 06/11
 Jeff Kauffman - 06/06
 Thomas King - 06/24
 Bennett Lowenthal - 07/10
 Brenda Mara - 07/13

John McCririe - 06/08
 Scott Patton - 06/29
 Keith Proudfoot - 06/30
 Lee Roxbrough - 07/02
 Jody Ruth - 06/01
 Donna Scott - 06/18
 Patricia Sims - 06/06
 Ken Unzicker - 06/06
 Francine Vigliotti - 06/18
 Stephanie Walsh - 06/28
 Henry Willner - 06/01
 Jean Wintemute - 07/13

These members are up for renewal:

(date shown is last day of membership)

Shelley Annand - 06/30/2021
 Elizabeth Anthony - 06/30/2021
 Mary Doherty - 06/30/2021
 Linda Kilroy - 06/30/2021
 Matthew Skowronski - 06/30/2021

Welcome newest members:

Jean-Pierre Chevalier - Joined 04/13/2021
 Carol Duvall - Joined 05/05/2021
 Mikyung Kwag - Joined 04/28/2021
 William Reed - Joined 05/12/2021
 Mary Lou Shehadi - Joined 05/24/2021
 Mary Thibault - Joined 05/12/2021
 Sabra Thompson - Joined 04/15/2021
 Stephanie Walsh - Joined 05/14/2021

These members recently renewed:

Susan Bennett
 Sam Cappetta
 Karen Nicely
 Ronald Wichin

These members did not renew their dues:

(date shown is date membership expired)

Shannon Bonk - 05/31/2021
 Sue Eliasberg - 05/31/2021
 Anne Jardine - 05/31/2021
 Daniel Morris - 04/30/2021
 Betsy Pond - 05/31/2021
 Scott Rapson - 04/30/2021
 Gregory Russell - 05/31/2021
 Nanci Schimizzi - 05/31/2021

To renew your dues today, go to SinglesGolf.com/renew If you wish to renew over the phone, call 980-833-6450, M-F, 9-2 Eastern Time.

Our chapter currently has 132 members

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

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!

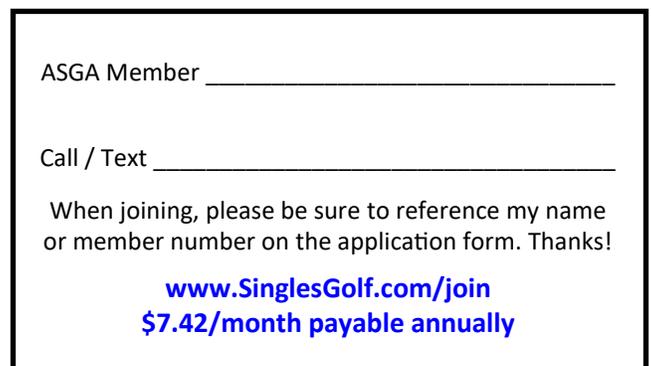
Below shows how your business card appears. They don't come to you automatically, you'll have to order them. E-mail Irene@SinglesGolf or call 980-833-6450 (9am—1:30pm, Mon-Fri, Eastern) for your free 25 cards.

**- - 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

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.
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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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