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THE VILLAGES SINGLES GOLF

The Villages Chapter - American Singles Golf Association - June 2021

JUNE 11TH HAPPY HOUR AT BELLE GLADE C.C.



President's Corner

Looks like life's getting back to normal, Socials and Nine and Dine golf are starting again. Hopefully we can get

back to having entertainment and dancing soon. When we do have a "paid event," with food being served, you are required to pay the costs whether you eat or not. All payments are to be paid through PayPal, NO cash payment will be accepted at socials.

On June 22 at 5:00 pm there will be a Class Orientation for new members on how to use our website. This gathering will be held at Rohan Recreation Center in the Savanna and Lake Miona rooms. Our regular monthly meeting will be held immediately following the new member website instruction

Thanks again to the Florida Cup Committees. They are doing a great job! Stay safe and have fun.

~Abram Scherbekov, 1967goat@comcast.net



New Member Chairperson

Welcome New Members!

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Connie May has turned over the reins as raffle coordinator to the very capable hands of **Seb Campisi**. 12 chances to win \$5.00, 24 chances to win \$10. Please bring small bills. The raffle is very important to our ASGA Club!

FYI: The chapter has a newly revised Member Handbook. It's available to read and print on the chapter website at the bottom of the home page. The handbook covers our website, signing up for events, guidance for our golf events, social activities and even using Google Sheets on mobile devices. It has already been sent, along with a welcome letter, to all members joining since January.

~Connie May, constancejmay@gmail.com

PLEASE VOLUNTEER. WE NEED YOUR HELP TO RUN OUR CHAPTER.

ASGA Name Tags

All members usually wear their name tags to ASGA socials and Happy Hours.

To order an ASGA name tag click on the link to pay \$5.25 or copy and paste the link in your browser. https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=_s-xclick&hosted_button_id=2YUNDLWXPKPY

NATIONAL EVENT INFORMATION

Events Open to All Members Nationwide



SEPTEMBER or EARLY OCTOBER, 2021
(DETAILS OUT BY JUNE 15)

LOCAL CHAPTER INFORMATION

Regular Meeting Date

Fourth Tuesday of the Month

Next Meeting

June 22nd, 2021

Location

Rohan Rec Center

Our Chapter Website: asgavillagesflorida.net

(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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www.SinglesGolf.com/join

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(October - April)**

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**Friday Nine & Dine
(May -September)**

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Saturday 18-Hole Golf

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352-638-8171

&

Jane Boyle
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Then send an email to **Carol Ann Sexton** at casexton954@gmail.com to let her know exactly how you would like your name to appear on the tag, ie. first name only?, first and last name? nickname? etc.

The name tags will be available to pick up at our monthly social meetings.

~Beth Disque, reader16.2014@gmail.com



Member News

We are saddened to inform you that on May 27th, 2021 our dear friend, **Toni Millar**, peacefully passed away at her home in The Villages. Toni recently celebrated her 95th birthday and jokingly announced that it was just too hot to play golf so she decided to sit this one out. Her humor and good spirits always carried her through the best and most challenging times.

Toni was a shining example of how to enjoy life and live it to its fullest. Often times she and her dear companion, Arne Rotne, were seen riding their golf cart to either a golfing event or attending an ASGA meeting. They lit up a room by their very presence and warm greetings. Toni was one of the founding members and champion of ASGA. She eagerly welcomed new members to join in on the fun.

Toni was born in Brooklyn, New York and attended Nursing School where she earned an RN degree. She was encouraged by her father who was an MD and often spoke of him with great admiration.

Our prayers and sympathies go out to her family, friends and her loyal friend, Arne. She will be greatly missed but will always hold a place in our hearts. Rest in peace, Toni.

~Rose McGurk



Golf Chair

Hey Everyone,
Changes are coming, and things are finally getting back to normal. Once again each golf group is allowed to have 2 people per cart. If you choose to drive more than 2 golf carts per group you can, but only 2 carts are allowed to drive on the

course per round at any time. This means that the extra golf cart will be required to remain on the golf cart path at all times. This does not mean that you take turns driving on each hole. This is to keep cart traffic down on the golf courses.

Similar rules apply to Executive golf but there are a few exceptions due to so many Par 3's. Please check with your starters for the new rules.

The next Scramble golf tournament will be on June 26th. Course to be determined. It will be a 4 person Step Aside Scramble. Should be a lot of fun!! Please sign up as soon as possible.

Please remember to always play ready golf. You should always see the group in front of you. Please remember that your place on the course is behind the group in front of you, not in front of the group behind you.

See you on the course!!

~Ron Horte, rhort@yahoo.com

**MONDAY 18-HOLE
CHAMPIONSHIP GOLF (MCG)**



Monday 18-hole championship golf is limited to 32 players. You must be a priority member to sign up for the Monday championship golf group. After we have been assigned our tee times, an email will be sent to all ASGA members, including non-priority members. If there are any openings, non-priority members can sign up for the openings through the tee time system. We generally have 12 to 20 golfers, and we follow golf with dinner in the country club restaurant. Sign up at the ASGA website/Events Calendar/ Monday Priority Golf. Points and money games have been suspended, for now.

~Larry Sheets, lga313@yahoo.com



**THURSDAY 18 HOLE
CHAMPIONSHIP GOLF
(TCG)**

Thursday Championship Golf is now playing the morning wave with tee times starting about 8:30. Sign up continues to be on Fridays by Noon, the Thursday before we play.

You must have a Priority Membership

to sign up. However, now that the snowbirds have left, I will have spots available for Non-Priority members who would like to play a Championship course occasionally. If you would like to join us, feel free to contact me and if the 32 tee times are not filled, I can put you in.

~**Marcia Smith**, ommsmith@gmail.com



SATURDAY 18 HOLE CHAMPIONSHIP GOLF

The Saturday golfers have been very lucky with great weather in May. Kings Ridge was in okay shape, and the layout was fun. Twisted Oaks was in great condition and we had 40 golfers enjoy the day. Most of us went to Stumpknockers for dinner and it was very good!!

June 5th we will be going to Skyview, I have heard many great things about this course.

Many of us are looking forward to our Daytona Beach golf getaway. We will not be having an outing on June 19th due to this event.

~**Kathy Notley**, katnot72@gmail.com



FRIDAY NINE & DINE

We are back in full swing with Nine and Dine Golf taking place almost every Friday Night at Cane Garden Country Club. (The only Friday we do not play is the second Friday of the month when there is a club social event at another location.) We are guaranteed tee times at Cane Garden throughout the summer beginning at 4:20. The golf fee is very reasonable for both priority and not-priority golfers. Three evenings have happened so far with approximately 40 golfers each night, with most staying to dine on the patio. The only cost to you is for golf and dinner. If a foursome wants to make a game for money, that is their choice. Otherwise, it is just golf for fun and meeting other members.

Consider joining the group on a Friday. You do not need to commit every Friday but you do need to sign-up by noon on Saturday prior to the next Friday event.. To sign up go to the ASGA website and select golf at the bottom of the opening page. Information will show the various golf events. Select Nine and Dine. The spreadsheet with golfers names etc appears. You need to input your name and "ID" information. Select the Fri-

days you want to play and we do the rest. Golfers of all levels are welcome. We hope you will join us in the near future. Be sure to sign-up by Saturday. Space is limited. Any questions: Call Bonnie Linklater 248-842-3546

PS. Be sure to indicate whether you will stay for dinner. Most golfers do.

~**Bonnie Linklater**, bjlgolfer@comcast.net

MONDAY EXECUTIVE GOLF (MEG)



In general, we will try to get golf courses between 466 and 466a, with tee times between 10:30 and 11:30. We generally use the scramble game format we have used for many years. (\$2, per player, with prizes, at the after-golf social.) The Villages has relaxed many of the Covid rules, however, most golfers are still using their own golf cart. All are welcome. Walkers are always welcome. Please sign up on the ASGA website\Calendar\Monday Executive Golf or use the links included in the Monday golf emails.

~**Roni Feldblum**, nori10065@gmail.com



THURSDAY 9 HOLE EXECUTIVE GOLF (TEG)

Please join us Thursdays as we play the executive golf courses in The Villages. All are welcome. If you don't have a golf cart, we will pair you with someone who does. Walkers are always welcome. The emphasis is enjoying a round of golf with friends. Please sign up on the ASGA website\Calendar\Thursday Executive Golf.

~**Lydia Merriweather**, dancer5763@gmail.com

FRIDAY 9 HOLE EXECUTIVE GOLF

The ASGA club offers Friday golf for six months of the year. Play will restart October 1st and run through April 30, 2022 twice a month, on the second and fourth Friday.

~**Charlene Barton**, charlene_barton@yahoo.com



Congratulations to **Bonnie Linklater** who had a hole-in-one May 20th on the 4th hole of Osprey (Evans Prairie).

Bonnie used an 8 iron for the 65 yard shot. Bonnie reported that the ball started left and then the strong wind brought it back to the green. It hit the green and slowly rolled to the pin and into the hole. The feat was witnessed by her playing partners, **Wally Gra-**

ham, Tom Tigre, and Arlene Neumann. Bonnie was a member of the championship golf hole-in-one so she will receive \$100 for her achievement.

If you are interested in joining our hole-in-one fund pool, all the information about how to join is on the Hole-in-one page on our website (<https://asgavillagesflorida.net/hole-in-one-information/>) as well as elsewhere in this newsletter. For only \$10.00, you have the chance to be awarded \$100 should you be the lucky one to get a hole-in-one.

[List of Executive Hole-in-one fund participants](#) – Please check before paying- <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1sk3Wq1hkjm2qW1mdu5DquSbJvr6GK0wdBXcX1NahX3l/edit#gid=1776617851>

[List of Championship hole-in-one fund participants](#) – – Please check before paying - <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1OB-MZv2oPdKlumr8hsyMRTOWKvDGc9p-pH2b1qTkVYc/edit#gid=0>

~**Beth Disque**, reader16.2014@gmail.com





SOCIAL CHAIR

The 90 degree weather did not hamper the May social attendees from enjoying the outside activities and box lunches from Publix.

The June 22nd meeting and social will be inside at the Rohan rec center from 6pm to 8:50pm. We will have a "Getting to Know You" theme. Don't ask, just be surprised! No dinner will be provided but Mystic Ice Cream will supply an all you can eat treat. More information and cost will be provided later.

June 11th Happy Hour will be outside at Belle Glade Country Club beginning at 4pm. Ross Getek will provide music for dancing and listening from 4-7pm. Dinner may be ordered from their menu but at your cost. We will have a sign up sheet so Belle Glade will be able to set up the correct number of tables. There will be no cost but Ross does entertain for tips, so if you can, please show your appreciation by tipping him.

~Kathy McManus, anniefox121@yahoo.com



Secretary

Minutes will be taken at monthly meetings when the latter resume.

~Pat Van Horn,
vanhornpat@gmail.com

RECREATION CENTER NEWS: PICKLEBALL



Pickleball courts are reserved for ASGA players twice a week. Come on out and join us. Canal Street Rec. Center on Wednesdays from 12-1:50, and/or Bacall

Rec. Center on Fridays from 12-1:50 This is friendly pickleball! All levels are welcome.

Remember to bring your own water!

~Beth Disque, Reader16.2014@gmail.com



Florida Cup - Donations Needed

As you all know our chapter is hosting the Florida Cup this year at Hammock Beach in October. We thank you for an overwhelming response for volunteers. Those volunteers are working hard to make it a success and represent our chapter.

We are in need of items for the Raffle.

Please bring to the socials any golf related items, balls (new), wine, gift cards, or this a good time to put unused gifts to a good cause. There will be a empty tote at Rohan for your donations. We will also take a few bucks or you can throw in your change. You can also contact me to arrange for a drop off or pick up.

I would like to thank you in advance for your help.

~Carole Mosbaugh, mosbaughcd@aol.com



ABOUT OUR MEMBERS

(THIS REPORT RAN 06/07/2021)

Happy Birthday to these members:

- Charlene Barton - 07/09
- Andy Bienvenu - 07/08
- Karen Brennan - 07/13
- Barbara Burger - 06/13
- Paul Burger - 06/03
- William Butler - 07/04
- Gary Carson - 06/24
- Judith Clare - 07/14
- Margaretta Collier - 06/01
- Linda Cook - 07/01
- Joseph Cotumaccio - 06/29
- James Dalton - 06/20
- Bill Eastman - 07/07
- Steven Gesinger - 06/01
- Richard Handwerker - 07/07
- Robert Kennedy - 07/12
- Raymond Kreis - 06/11
- Annette Leonhard - 06/14
- June Loving - 06/29
- Christina Malse - 06/14
- Ray Marcos - 07/10
- Anthony Marmo - 06/24
- Mary McLearn - 06/17
- Kathleen McManus - 06/12
- Lawrence Meyers - 06/29
- Chris Miller - 06/26
- Carole Mosbaugh - 07/05
- Peter O'Leary - 06/15
- Sharon Ostgaard - 06/26
- Daniel Pereira - 07/11
- Leah Petkas - 06/14
- Terry Roby - 07/15
- Christine Sargent - 07/13
- Randi Sexton - 06/05

TREASURER'S REPORT



Beginning Funds Available (PayPal & Checking) 03/24/2021	\$5772.11
Receipts (Scrambles, Hole in One, Nametags)	\$ 711.58
Less Disbursements (Exec Hole in One)	\$902.40
Ending Funds Available (PayPal & Checking) 05/13/2021	\$5581.29

~Larkin Fields, larkinwfields@gmail.com

Elizabeth Shaban - 06/03
Larry Sheets - 07/03
Regina Whitnell - 07/02
David Williams - 07/01
John Zabatta - 07/13

These members are up for renewal:
(date shown is last day of membership)

Judy Biernat - 06/30/2021
Thomas Brown - 06/30/2021
Phil Busacco - 06/30/2021
Joseph Cotumaccio - 06/30/2021
Carol Curtiss - 06/30/2021
Richard Dawson - 06/30/2021
Pam Dorso - 06/30/2021
Donna Endicott - 06/30/2021
Jenise Ferris - 06/30/2021
Kimberly Foreman - 06/30/2021
Maralyn Gable - 06/30/2021
Karen Gearhart - 06/30/2021
William Hurst - 06/30/2021
Linda Lane - 06/30/2021
Mary McLearn - 06/30/2021
Michael Mello - 06/30/2021
Lawrence Meyers - 06/30/2021
Jeryl Potter - 06/30/2021
Carol Ann Sexton - 06/30/2021
Frederick Specht - 06/30/2021
John Spies - 06/30/2021
Carol Sylvia - 06/30/2021
Mike Thornton - 06/30/2021

Welcome newest members:

Linda Ballou - Joined 04/23/2021
Susan Boyd - Joined 04/23/2021
Nancy Brooks - Joined 04/26/2021
Linda Cook - Joined 05/24/2021
Dorothea Davis - Joined 04/12/2021
Mary Ferguson - Joined 05/24/2021
Nancy Gillie - Joined 04/13/2021
Val Hirsch - Joined 04/06/2021
Bill Lawler - Joined 04/07/2021
Miguel Martinez - Joined 04/26/2021
Jim Moore - Joined 05/03/2021
Leah Petkas - Joined 05/12/2021
Winfred Reed - Joined 04/23/2021
Ken Sissom - Joined 05/26/2021
Beverly Wells - Joined 04/26/2021

These members recently renewed:

Robert Burns
Karen Davis
MaryBeth Disque
Roni Feldblum
Margaret French
Robert Furphy
Carolyn Goldstein
Mary Hilke

Kathy Maloney
Lee Robinson
Jerry Schreck
Patricia Tillman

These members did not renew their dues:
(date shown is date membership expired)

John Audet - 05/31/2021
Robert Barnett - 04/30/2021
Victoria Boyd - 05/31/2021
David Bray - 04/30/2021
Roy Folmer - 05/31/2021
Rosemary Macri - 04/30/2021
Elaine McAllister - 05/31/2021
Edward McLaughlin - 04/30/2021
Stephen Mendelsohn - 04/30/2021
Arlene Neumann - 04/30/2021
Arne Rotne - 05/31/2021
Beverly Wells - 04/30/2021

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 352 members

5 Mistakes High Handicappers Always Make, According to Low Handicappers

~*Luke Kerr-Dineen, Golf.com*

Breaking 80 consistently is a goal every recreational golfer has. Accomplishing that doesn't require major technical shifts, but instead, eliminating simple mistakes. Enter GOLF's resident low-handicappers, who are here to offer some helpful advice, golfer-to golfer.

1. They don't take enough club

Dylan Dethier (+3.3 handicap): High-handicappers rarely take enough club. Maybe I'm projecting — this can be true of low-handicappers, too. Max Homa had a particularly good line about this, so I'll let him take it from here: "Shane [Bacon] hit a 494-yard drive, and this was a legit 494. Now the thing is, the ball was straight downwind, straight downhill, got every — he hits it far, but got every break you could get. He does NOT now go around telling people, 'Yeah, I hit it 490.' That's just a story he has! "Where my Dad will hit one 4-iron in his life 220 yards, and then every time he's 220 he hits 4-iron and tells people he hits 4 -iron 220. It's like, 'Dude, you just don't. That's not your normal number. Yes, it could happen,

but you could also play golf on a hill, you could hit it way down that hill and yes, the ball will go farther."

2. They don't know their miss

Luke Kerr-Dineen (2.2 handicap): There's really not a whole lot of difference between golfers who break 80 consistently and those who don't. But there is one big one: Ask a lower handicap what their most common miss is, and they'll usually be able to tell you pretty quickly. "Good shot is a draw. Miss is a block out to the right." Ask someone who shoots mostly in the 90s, and the answer to the same question becomes more complicated. "Either a block or a hook. Occasionally I'll top the ball." And therein lies the problem. Improving your handicap is the byproduct not of how good your good shots are, but knowing where your bad ones are going. You'll never be able to eliminate your miss. But you should have consistent way of missing the ball.

3. They overthink shots

Josh Sens (2.5 handicap): I rarely don't see high handicappers overthink and over-study all shots, but especially putts. Reading them from multiple angles. Taking forever over the ball. Occasionally plumbobbing. For most of us, those kind of forever rituals don't help. They hurt. Play a round of speed golf and see how much better you play.

4. They get too angry after bad shots

Ashley Mayo (3.1 handicap): Most golfers I play with who shoot in the 80s/90s have far more exaggerated reactions to poor shots than the better golfers I play with. I think lower handicappers just understand that bad shots are a necessary evil, and that knowing how to stay calm while rebounding from them is essential to shooting lower scores.

5. They never play for bogey

Zephyr Melton (6.7 handicap): Play for bogey. When higher handicap players get in trouble, they rarely try to minimize damage and instead play for the hero shot. There's no shame in pitching out and playing for bogey. The easiest way to make the jump from mid handicap to single digits is to eliminate doubles from the card. Easier said than done, but knowing when to take your medicine and accept bogey is a good place to start.

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 Villages 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!

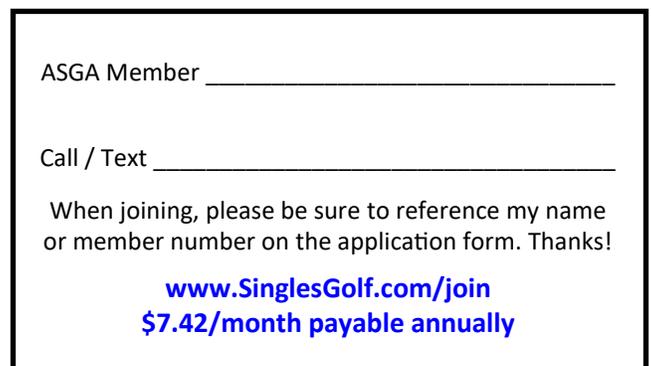
Below shows how your business card appears. They don't come to you automatically, you'll have to order them. E-mail Irene@SinglesGolf or call 980-833-6450 (9am—1:30pm, Mon-Fri, Eastern) for your free 25 cards.

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

MODIFICATIONS TO THE HOLE; NOT REQUIRING THAT PLAYERS HOLE OUT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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