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Washington DC Chapter - American Singles Golf Association — September 2021

SEPTEMBER 25TH - POOLESVILLE

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
9/18	Queenstown	Todd
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

Queenstown Harbor River Course
Saturday September 18, 2021

Check it out at <https://qhgolf.com/>

Tee Times Start At 11:00

The River Course is an 18-hole public golf course that offers spectacular water-front views of the Chester River and Chesapeake Bay. It is a fun, challenging course that will test the abilities of every golfer.

Number of golfers: 32

Price: \$95 ASGA Member
\$105 Nonmember

Cost breakdown: Greens Fee: \$90; Closest to Pin: \$4; Year End Raffle: \$1 = \$95 Per Player

To Sign-up: SEND an e-mail to toddshaffer23@gmail.com

With your info:

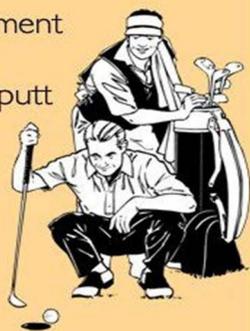
Name

Handicap or average 18 hole score (for pairing purposes)

Cell phone number

ASGA Member # or state that you are a guest

A 'gimme' is an agreement between two golfers, neither of whom can putt worth a damn.



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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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After your round, we will gather at the Narrows Restaurant for prizes <https://thenarrowsrestaurant.com>. The Narrows Restaurant is located at 3023 Kent Narrow Way S, Grasonville, MD 21638.

Please make your check payable to Todd Sheffer and mail to 1311 Walnut Ave., Halethorpe, MD 21227

Thank you

*DEADLINE for RECEIPT of CHECKS:

**Monday, September 13, 2021*

- remember, while your e-mail puts you in the reservation pool, your check guarantees your spot!

Cancellations: *Usual ASGA-DC policy applies - see your web page, *

www.singlesgolfdc.com for further details.*

**Poolesville
September 25**

Come join us at Poolesville, one of Montgomery County's finest courses. With two scenic lakes, and almost 7,000 yards of championship golf, this course offers generous landing areas, and large rolling greens. Poolesville Golf Course also maintains world-class practice facilities, including a 2-acre short game practice area, and a range with both grass and artificial teeing areas.

Poolesville Golf Course
16601 West Willard Road
Poolesville, MD 20837
(301) 428-8143

When: Saturday, September 25, 2021

Time: Tee times beginning at 12:58

Number of Players: 28

Price: \$74 (includes closest to the pin and \$1 for end of year raffle) for members, \$84 for non-members

Dinner afterwards will be at Bassett's, 19950 Fisher Avenue, Poolesville 20837

To sign up: Email Francine Vigliotti at Francinemv1@gmail.com

Tell me:

Your name

Handicap or average 18 hole score

Yes or No for dinner

ASGA member number or let me know if you are a guest.

Then mail your check to:
Francine Vigliotti
1011 Hillside Lake Terrace
Gaithersburg, MD 20878

Checks must be received by September 22. Your email reserves your spot, but your check guarantees it.

Range balls are NOT included, but a small bucket costs \$5.

**Carroll Valley Golf Course
Saturday October 2nd, 2021**

78 Country Club Trail, Fairfield, PA 17320
Bdurkin2441@gmail.com

The chapter kicks off October at Carroll Valley. This is an old school golf course (par 71) that lies in the gently rolling hills of south central Pennsylvania. Generously wide fairways lead to small bent grass greens. Total yardage ranges from 6888 from the tips to 4892 from the red tees. CV is only one hour and fifteen minutes drive from Tyson's Corner and the low greens fees make this an exceptional value.

Saturday October 2nd, 2021

First Tee Time 12:00 PM

Number of players: 28

Price: \$50

After golf we'll enjoy a dinner on the grounds at The Eagle & Owl Restaurant. If you intend on playing email bdurkin2441@gmail.com (please no reply all) with the following information:

Name

ASGA Standing

Handicap or average score

Dinner Plans

This price includes green fees/cart, \$1 end of year raffle and \$6 for six CTP contests.

Make checks payable to Brian Durkin (sorry no Venmo/Paypal)

Mail to:

Brian Durkin

2441 Valley Way

Cheverly, MD 20785

*Deadline: *September 24th, 2021. Remember that your email puts you in the reservation pool but your payment is what guarantees your spot.

Brian Durkin

Prince William

October 9

For those of you looking for a great place to play golf on a fall afternoon, come join your ASGA-DC friends for a fun late morning and afternoon at Prince William GC in Nokesville VA, just south of Lake Manassas, starting at 11:00 AM. Per their website, "approximately 85 percent of the fairways could be called wide open and generous, while being challenging for golfers with beginner to intermediate skills".

WHEN: Saturday, October 9, 2021

TIME: Tee-times start at 11:00 AM (!), for up to 28 fortunate golfers.

WHERE: Prince William GC, 14631 Vint Hill Road, Nokesville, VA 20181.

COST: Only \$56.00 for ASGA members, \$66 for nonmembers and guests. Includes range balls (!), closest to pin contests and end-of-year raffle.

19th HOLE: Following the round, dinner/drinks/prizes will be held at the Course Clubhouse, (unless I get some suggestions for an alternative location).

HOW: To reserve a spot, send an email to sheets_david@hotmail.com with your handicap/average 18-hole score, then once confirmed don't forget (!) to send the payment :

* Via Zelle to: David Sheets 703 517-8487 (preferred – it is SO easy once you learn to use it!),

or

* Mail your check NLT October 1st (!) payable to:

David Sheets
6331 Chaucer View Circle
Alexandria, VA 22304

If you have any questions, you can email or call me at 703-517-8487.

Thanks, Dave

Autumn Golf in Ocean City October 15-17 2021—WAIT LISTED

Friday Oct 15 Lighthouse Sound
Saturday Oct 16 Baywood Greens
Sunday Oct 17 Ocean Pines

We will be staying at the Hyatt Place – Ocean City. Continental breakfast included. The hotel has a two night minimum.

Prices:

Single Room w/3 rounds of golf - \$561 per person

Double room w/3 rounds of golf - \$438.50 per person

No Room – 3 rounds of golf - \$316/per person

No room – 2 rounds of golf – \$182/per person

Prices include carts and range balls.

RESERVE YOUR SPOT NOW: A deposit of \$100 is due July 15. Final payment is due by Sept. 14th. Cancellation prior to Sept. 14th will result in full refund of any payments made. Inside 30 days of travel, a minimum of \$25.00 will be accessed per person cancelling and their monies minus that \$25.00 will be refunded. Inside 15 days of travel, any/all refunds will be at the discretion of hotel and courses.

To make a reservation, call Pam's Golf at 1-800-472-6722 and reference package #29685. If you have any questions please contact Sheila DeTurk at shem_tennis@yahoo.com.



WEEKDAY GOLF

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

Date.	Host
9/20-24	Charlie
9/27-10/1	Joan
10/4-8	Kathleen
10/18-22	Open
10/25-29	Open

Social Event

ASGA Bicycle Trip
October 10th
W&OD Trail



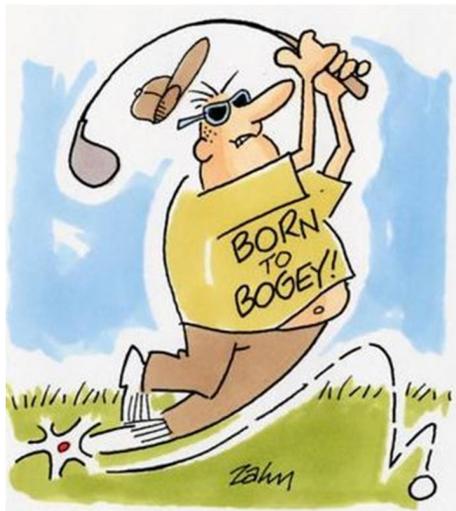
Join us for an ASGA bicycle trip on the Washington and Old Dominion Bike trail Sunday October 10th, 10:30 AM . We will be meeting at Bluemont Junction Park in Arlington, VA, by the Southern RR red caboose. From there, we will travel about nine miles up the trail to Caboose Commons in Vienna to have lunch and drinks. Afterwards, we will head back to Bluemont Junction Park. The W&OD bike trail is a paved trail, mostly off the streets with a few moderate hills.

If you are interested in joining email bdurkin2441@gmail.com and I can provide further details on the trip. There is no cost for this event and is open to ASGA members and friends.

Brian

I was recently playing a round of golf with a nice young fellow. On the first hole, which was a long par four with water to the right and a deep ravine to the left, the young man took out a brand new sleeve of balls, teed one up, and immediately hit it into the water on the right. Undaunted, he pulled another ball from the sleeve and hit that one into the ravine, as well. Then he took the last ball from the sleeve and hit it, too,

into the water. He then reached into his bag and pulled out another brand new sleeve of balls. "Why don't you hit an old ball?" I asked. He responded, "I've never had an old ball."



Recaps

Laurel Hill, August 21st

Well...

What can I say? it happened again. It wasn't bad enough to cancel Lake Presidential but we did it again....

25 intrepid golfers showed up to play Laurel Hill even though it was cart path only. The first group just finished the third hole and the last group never got to the first hole when thunder and rain stopped our progress. The horn sounded so we returned to the clubhouse.

Many of us took our raincheck and left after waiting around. The rain did stop around 3 PM and a small group of positive golfers went out to try again.

We welcomed a new player to the group, Sun Park, who continued play.

Reston GC

On September 4th, 31 ASGA DC members and guests celebrated Labor Day weekend at Reston GC, and enjoyed the best weather we've had in a long time. The course was in excellent condition despite the recent rains, and all were thankful to be able to drive the carts on the fairways.

Closest to the pin contests were won by **Chuck, Tony, Anne** and **Liz**, with Liz getting to within 9 inches on #16!

Looking forward to seeing many of you in Baltimore next weekend.

~Dave Sheets, EC

Our 32 players enjoyed one of the best weather days of the summer. Outside of the recently aerated greens they really enjoyed playing this course. Fortunately, it wasn't cart path only, because it is a hilly course with undulating greens. The women's tees were fair at 4,700+ yards and the men had a choice of either 6,100 yards or combo tees at 5,800 yards that I have had to reluctantly retreat to.

The closest to the pins Par 3 contests were dominated by **Wayne** with 3 and **April** with 2. However, in order to give other people a chance to win they could only collect on one. So, the other winners were **Scott Hall, Liz Dahreddine, Tony Paduano, George Salmon, Joann St Peter** and **Holly Warner** at 14 inches. She didn't make the putt because it was so close that her partners gave it to her.

Everyone enjoyed a beautiful afternoon out on the clubhouse back patio while waiting for everyone to come in. I hope **Annette** and I made it worthwhile for those of you making the long trek up from DC and Virginia.

10 Ways to Have More Fun on the Golf Course

www.dailydivots.com

Golf is supposed to be fun... right?

Funny because I don't remember calling it "fun" when I punched the cart steering wheel and snapped my \$200 driver shaft last week.

That's golf though... it brings out the "best" in us. But if you're ready to have more in this crazy dumb sport, here are top 10 tips.

10. Play Different Tee Boxes

Playing the same boxes is extremely repetitive and doesn't challenge your game. Mix it up by playing a combo set sometimes to hit different shots to keep it interesting.

9. Try Out Different Formats

Stroke play is boring... the Olympics were proof of that.

Mix it up with match play, scramble, shamble, or better yet... stableford! The game stays the same, but your mind will be 100X more engaged and likely won't space out mid round.

8. Play With Different Groups

Besides mixing up formats and tees, mix up your playing partners too!

Otherwise, you get to hear the same five stories over and over again. Playing with new golfers also helps you focus and might even make you better, too (assuming your new guys are actually good).

7. Have Some Swing Juice

The key word being "some" here. I've found drinking and golf is like a bell curve... the beginning and middle is good. But eventually you fall down the curve and your game goes to hell.

A little bit of birdie juice is good, but too many drinks turns into your wife being mad and your game being horrible.

6. Don't React to Any Shot

This is nearly impossible to do, but a fun challenge with your buddies. For a few holes, try to not react (good or bad) to any shot on the course and see how you feel. Hint: I bet you'll get less mad and have more fun.

5. Only Play With Half Your Clubs

14 clubs is too easy sometimes, right? Not quite, but to have some fun, only play with odd or even clubs only.

Doing so, you will stay mentally engaged and challenge your shot making abilities.

4. Play Different Courses

Playing the same course every time you put the peg in the ground is like being married – you only have one! Need I say more? Mix up your golf courses!

3. Bet More Often

This might actually make you more mad, but it can also make golfing more fun. Personally, when I have money on the line, I stay more focused and don't mindlessly scroll my phone during the round.

While you shouldn't bet your house or pink slip for your car, a little something can make all the difference.

2. Play in Scrambles

I love scrambles, whether it's a 2-man or 4-man style. It's a fun way to get out on the course, remove all the pressure, and hang with your buddies. Plus, you're usually donating to a charity or good cause, so it's a win-win scenario.

1. Theme Your Outing

The last tip to make this dumb game more fun is to theme it like a college party. Instead of wearing your favorite Nike or Under Armour Polo, theme your outing.

Round up the boys in advance and let them know the new dress code for the day. You could go old school golf attire, dress like Payne Stewart did, or something hilarious like 80s themed.

Don't forget, golf is still a game. I know it's hard for some of you to read (myself included) but don't take the fun out of it by getting angrier than Sergio Garcia.

The course doesn't want to see it, your playing partners don't want to babysit, and your wife doesn't want to hear about it after the round.

Written by Michael Leonard

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://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/asgadccchapter

About Our Members

(THIS REPORT RAN 09/17/2021)

Happy Birthday to these members:

Joseph Dougherty - 10/05

Alison Ford - 10/05

Sharon Geyer - 09/13

Kathleen Griffin - 10/05

Peggy Honts - 10/05

Debra Jungers - 09/24

Joan Lee - 09/15

Kimberly Litherland - 09/29

Joseph McCloskey Jr - 09/19

Cheryl Riisager - 10/01

Diane Yantus - 10/14

These members are up for renewal:

(date shown is last day of membership)

Sharon Geyer - 09/30/2021

Rick Goheen - 09/30/2021

Ellie Hochman - 09/30/2021

Diane Yantus - 09/30/2021

Welcome newest members:

Jo Anne Bitner - Joined 08/31/2021

Joseph Dougherty - Joined 07/28/2021

Douglass Dowell - Joined 08/16/2021

Debbie Francis - Joined 08/10/2021

Sun Park - Joined 07/23/2021

Zack Scott - Joined 07/13/2021

These members recently renewed:

David Classen

Philip Coughter

Sheila DeTurk

Ginger Phillips

Gregory Russell

Lori Ryan

George Salmon

Donna Scott

Judith Wortman

These members did not renew their dues:

(date shown is date membership expired)

Jeff Kauffman - 08/31/2021

Laura Mannix - 07/31/2021

Annette McGuire - 08/31/2021

Scott Patton - 08/31/2021

Daniel Stentz - 08/31/2021

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 135 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!

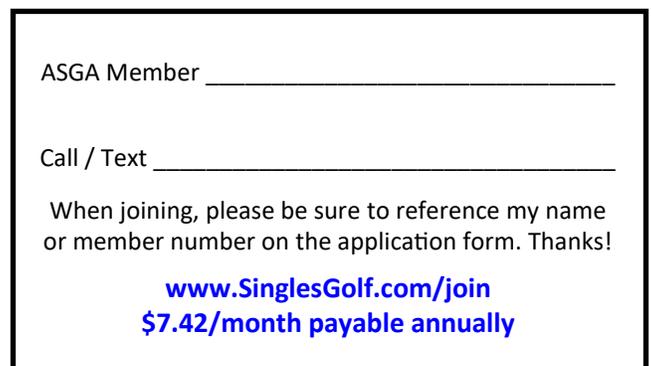
Below shows how your business card appears. They don't come to you automatically, you'll have to order them. E-mail Irene@SinglesGolf or call 980-833-6450 (9am—1:30pm, Mon-Fri, Eastern) for your free 25 cards.

**- - 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.
- 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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