

CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF SINGLES GOLF® IN AMERICA

# THE VILLAGES SINGLES GOLF

The Villages Chapter - American Singles Golf Association - July 2022

## 18 HOLE CHAMPIONSHIP GOLF - BROOKSVILLE CC - JULY 16TH



### President's Corner

Earlier in June, 32 golfers from across the country, including 7 from the Villages, made the trip to Stone Mountain, Georgia for 4 days of fun, which included 2 rounds of very interesting, scenic, and challenging golf. (Pictures below.) Be sure to check out and sign up for the great

entertainment that the Social Committee has planned for Club Socials and Happy Hours planned in July. Don't forget to review the golfing reports for information regarding Championship golf, Executive golf, Nine n Dine and Saturday golf. We hope that the weather cooperates as it can be fickle this time of year. Also see the schedule for pickleball which is also subject to weather conditions but is a lot of fun/exercise. (We play "friendly" pickleball.) Check out the pictures David Hall took at our June Social event. And finally, make sure that your membership is not up for renewal.

~Chris Avent



### SECRETARY

Our regular meeting was held at Rohan on Tuesday, June 28th.

The meeting was called to order by President, Chris Avent. Membership Chair, Diane Futrelle announced that we have 371 members and 9 new members. New members in attendance were introduced. The meeting was turned over to the Social Chair.

The 50/50 drawing was held at the monthly social with the following winners. \$35 to Gloria Clark, \$45 to Peter Kierplec and \$60 to Barb Wysocki. It was an-



Stone Mountain Resort, Georgia

### NATIONAL EVENT INFORMATION

Events Open to All Members Nationwide

**COMING SOON**

### San Antonio, TX

MULTI-CHAPTER EVENT PLANNING UNDERWAY!  
DATES: TBA (SOME 3-DAY STRETCH IN LATE OCTOBER TO MID-NOVEMBER).  
WE'LL STAY AT A RIVERWALK HOTEL.  
ALL MEMBERS INVITED. DETAILS OUT SOON.



### LOCAL CHAPTER INFORMATION

#### Regular Meeting Date

Fourth Tuesday of the Month

#### Next Meeting

July 27th, 2022

#### Location

Rohan Rec Center

Our Chapter Website: [asgvillagesflorida.net](http://asgvillagesflorida.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

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

Singles Golf® is a registered trademark of ASGA, Inc.



**The Villages Chapter**  
of the  
**American Singles Golf**  
**Association**  
2022 Board Members and  
Committee Chairs

Board Members denoted by \*

\***Chairman of the Board**  
**Abram Scherbekow**  
villagesasga@gmail.com  
850-324-1558

\***President**  
**Chris Avent**  
[villagesasga@gmail.com](mailto:villagesasga@gmail.com)  
952-999-0589

\***Social Chair**  
**Annette Leonhard**  
villagesasga@gmail.com  
937-573-8153

\***Golf Chair**  
**Ron Horte**  
villagesasga@gmail.com  
352-661-9299

\***Treasurer**  
**Larkin Fields**  
villagesasga@gmail.com  
704-576-5566

\***Membership Chair**  
**Diane Futrelle**  
villagesasga@gmail.com  
919-819-8765

\***Secretary**  
**Carole Mosbaugh**  
villagesasga@gmail.com  
765-623-0470

**Communications**  
\***Communications/**  
**Website**  
**Beth Disque**  
villagesasga@gmail.com  
352-633-5673

\***Communications/**  
**Newsletter**  
**Lorna Litton**  
lorna.litton@aol.com  
352-775-8449

**Golf Coordinators**  
**Monday Priority Golf**  
**Larry Sheets**  
Lga313@yahoo.com  
404-229-7985

**Monday Executive Golf**  
**Mary Joy**  
villagesasga@gmail.com  
630-323-4829

**Thursday Priority Golf**  
**Marcia Smith**  
villagesasga@gmail.com  
631-603-8773

**Thursday Executive Golf**  
**Brent Mitchell**  
mitchellbom@hotmail.com  
859-512-0004  
and  
**Lydia Merriweather**  
dancer5763@gmail.com  
352-391-5763

**Friday Executive Golf**  
(October - April)  
**Charlene Barton**  
char-  
lene\_barton@yahoo.com  
301-580-6065

**Friday Nine & Dine (May -**  
**September)**  
**Bonnie Linklater**  
villagesasga@gmail.com  
248-842-3546

**Saturday 18-Hole Golf**  
**(1st and 3rd Saturdays)**  
**Kathy Notley**  
katnot72@gmail.com  
352-638-8171

**Other**  
**We Care/Sunshine**  
**Rose McGurk**  
villagesasga@gmail.com  
(407) 310-1586

**50/50**  
**Seb Campisi**  
villagesasga@gmail.com  
860-301-5603

**Name Tags**  
**Pat McCullough**  
[villagesasga@gmail.com](mailto:villagesasga@gmail.com)  
860-302-1089

nounced that Peter gave his winnings back to our club. Thank you Peter.

Thanks to Dave Hall for taking all the pictures of the evening.

The next board meeting will be held on July 6.

~Carol Mosbaugh

### New Member Chairperson



Eleven new people recently joined The Village's chapter of ASGA. Please help welcome the following new Members: **Ed Zagorac; Barb Hageman; Ron Carter; John Krivitz; Nancy LaBarge; Toots O'Connor; Laura Newell; Tom Bossard; Nereida Pino; Joyce Green, and Susan Ankrum.** An Orientation to ASGA will be organized in early Fall for these new members and anyone needing a refresher about how to register online for Golf and other activities. In the meantime, to learn how to sign-up for golf, members should consult the ASGA Handbook online on our local homepage: <https://asgavillagesflorida.net/>.

We especially want to thank our existing members for influencing new people to join ASGA. **Cynthia Cincinnati** recommended **Toots O'Connor; Chris Avent** recommended **Nereida Pino;** and **Nancy Barge** recommended **Joyce Green.**

To give you the opportunity to introduce yourself to the new members and to give them a warm welcome, we will be creating a "New Member" table at each monthly Social. Look for the elevated table sign marked "New Members". We hope long term members will waltz by that table and engage our newest members in conversation or a dance.

To learn when your ASGA membership is up for renewal, you should check out the last few pages of each Newsletter. You will also receive an email reminder. Last month fourteen people did not renew their membership. If you notice that one of your golf buddies may have overlooked renewing their dues, you may want to contact them for a friendly reminder and note of encouragement. Our membership is now holding steady with 373 members.

~Diane Futrelle



### SOCIAL CHAIR

We had a large attendance to our June Patriotic Social. **Diana Beavers** chaired this enjoyable event and instructed our

group on 3 new dances. Everyone was very appreciative of her efforts. Music entertainer, Linda Anguilli, kept the dance floor filled with her numerous up beat tunes. Catering was done by Piesanos Grill, who gave us more than what was ordered. They were great to work with and very accommodating. I'd like to thank all the people on the committee and the male servers for a job well done. They were a great help to me. Next month, we're in for a treat with entertainer, Billy D Williams. The following pictures were taken at the June Social by **David Hull.**

~Annette Leonard







## WEBSITE COORDINATOR



### ASGA Name Tags

All members are encouraged to 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=2YUNDLWXPYPY](https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=_s-xclick&hosted_button_id=2YUNDLWXPYPY)

Then send an email to **Pat McCullough** at [patmcc14@aol.com](mailto:patmcc14@aol.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.

## HOLE IN ONE!!



### HOLE IN ONE POOL FUND

If you are interested in joining our hole-in-one fund pool, check the information below. For only \$10.00, you have the chance to be awarded \$100 should you sink a hole-in-one.

[List of Executive Hole-in-one fund participants](#) – **Please check the list before paying**

[List of Championship hole-in-one fund participants](#) – **Please check the list before paying**

[Click here to pay \\$10.00 to join the executive golf hole-in-one fund](#)

[Click here to pay \\$10.00 to join the Championship golf hole-in-one fund](#)

Please note that names will be added to the lists usually within 24 hours after we receive notice from PayPal that you have paid.

~Beth Disque

## GOLF MEMBER NEWS



The President's Cup is all set for the end of July. We have 32 golfers playing at Cane Garden. This tournament should provide healthy competition for the Florida Cup team who will head off to defend our title in September!

The August event will have the return of the Red Ball tournament, with a little twist. I will let everyone know about that soon.

I want to send out a special thanks to **all the golf coordinators** for all their tireless work they do each week.

See you on the course!

~Ron Horte



### MONDAY 18-HOLE CHAMPIONSHIP GOLF

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



### THURSDAY 18 HOLE CHAMPIONSHIP GOLF

Thursday Championship Golf plays the morning tee times starting at 8:30/9:30, from May through October. We play 18 holes and you must be a Priority Member to sign up. Sign up closes at NOON on Friday the week prior to playing. After we have been assigned

our tee times, any available openings are offered to all ASGA members through our email system. Upon completion of our rounds most players gather for lunch and distribution of prizes in the country club restaurant. If you would like to join us or have any questions, feel free to contact me.

~Marcia Smith



### SATURDAY 18 HOLE CHAMPIONSHIP GOLF

We played Black Bear in Eustis 6/18, unfortunately some of the group got rained out.. We will be checking out a new course on 7/16 - Brooksville CC. Looking forward to playing somewhere new, one of the reviews said the front nine is nice but the back nine is very challenging, looks like you traveled to Jurassic Park!! Should be interesting. Then August 6th we will play one of my favorites, Skyview @ Terra Vista. Come join us for some great courses near The Villages.

~Kathy Notley



### FRIDAY NINE & DINE FRIDAY NIGHTS – MAY TO OCTOBER - CANE GARDEN & MALLORY

Nine and Dine is happening on three Friday nights of the month. We have had a few rain outs but members usually choose to go to the bar/ restaurant so the evening is not a total loss. Our members are very supportive, usually numbering 24 plus. They all appreciate the reasonable golf fee. If you commit to dinner, you are obligated to stay and honor our reservation.

This is a fun evening without emphasis on competition. Play your own game on your choice of tees and enjoy. Please sign up by the Saturday prior to the date you want to play. And be sure to indicate yes or no for dinner, so we have the



### TREASURER'S REPORT

Beginning Funds Available (PayPal and Checking)	\$5930.32
Revenue (Social, Golf, etc)	\$2262.59
Expenses ( Social, Golf, etc)	\$ 957.44
Ending Funds Available (PayPal and Checking)	\$7235.47

~Larkin Fields

proper count for our reservation. Questions ? Call Bonnie Linklater 248-842-3546/ or [bjgolfer@comcast.net](mailto:bjgolfer@comcast.net) See partial schedule below.

July 15 - Mallory, July 22 - Cane Garden, July 29 - Mallory, Aug 5 - Cane Garden, Aug 19 - Mallory, Aug 26 - Cane Garden Sept 2 - Cane Garden

~Bonnie Linklater



### MONDAY EXECUTIVE GOLF

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). Whether you walk or ride, all are welcome. Please sign up on the ASGA website\ Calendar\Monday Executive Golf or use the links included in the Monday golf emails.

~Mary Joy

A big THANK YOU from ALL the Monday Executive golfers TO **MARY JOY** for the 4th of July BBQ at her home after golf. Everything was delicious and a good time was had by all 30 of us who attended.



### 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 & Brent Mitchell



### FRIDAY 9 HOLE EXECUTIVE GOLF

The ASGA club offers Friday golf for six months of the year. Play will start again in October and will run through April 2023, twice a month, on the second and fourth Friday.

~Charlene Barton

### PICKLEBALL

The number of players during the hot summer months is always smaller than when it is cooler. The YOLO group is also experiencing a reduced number of players. Gary Carson from ASGA has talked to Marlin Foist



from YOLO and it was agreed that the two groups will join together during the summer on Tuesdays and Friday. They will join us on Fridays and we will join them on Tuesdays.

\*NEW\* Coconut Cove Rec. Center on Tuesdays from 12 - 1:50 with the YOLO group

Canal St. Rec. Center on Wednesdays from 12-1:50. Bacall Rec. Center on Fridays from 12-1:50

Marlin has asked that you email him by Monday noon if you plan to play on Tuesday. He will send an email later Monday afternoon letting everyone know if there are enough players. His email address is [marlinfoist@gmail.com](mailto:marlinfoist@gmail.com). Come on out and join us for friendly games. All levels are welcome.

**CONTACTING  
FELLOW  
MEMBERS**

The roster of members in our chapter is updated daily, that is, any day there are changes to our chapter's roster, the National Association office updates it.

Want to play weekdays? Our roster indicates who's available! Need to contact a chapter leader, go for it!

To see a roster of our members, go to [www.SinglesGolf.com/roster](http://www.SinglesGolf.com/roster) and key-in your username and password. If you don't have that info, just follow the prompts and we'll e-mail your information to you.

Once you are logged-in, you can also update your personal information.

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

## WE CARE PROGRAM



On behalf of the **We Care program**, we are committed to provide comfort to any member who is experiencing health difficulties. If you know of any member who

has been hospitalized or is recovering at home or a rehabilitation facility, kindly inform our We Care Coordinator **Rose McGurk** at [villagesasga@gmail.com](mailto:villagesasga@gmail.com). It is the intent of this program to provide an encouraging message and good wishes on behalf of the ASGA membership. In addition, any member who has achieved a hole in one, eagle or performed an outstanding community service will be recognized in the monthly Newsletter. However it is necessary to secure permission from the member before announcing or publicizing any personal information.

~Rose McGurk

## ABOUT OUR MEMBERS

(THIS REPORT RAN 07/07/2022)

### Happy Birthday to these members:

Claudia Bak - 08/10  
Linda Ballou - 07/27  
Patricia Barnes - 07/21  
Charlene Barton - 07/09  
Andy Bienvenu - 07/08  
Susan Boyd - 07/21  
Diana Cabot - 07/22  
Robert Culbertson - 07/16  
Judy DeVendra - 08/11  
Bill Eastman - 07/07  
Sharon Ferlino - 07/19  
Dante Fiocca - 08/07  
Diane Futrelle - 08/02  
Richard Handwerker - 07/07  
Ross Irlam - 08/08  
Dean Johnson - 08/14  
Timothy Jordan - 08/04  
Robert Kennedy - 07/12  
Joyce Kruk - 07/31  
Shannon Langhardt - 08/04  
Marcia Lucas - 08/14  
Susan Mancuso - 07/18  
Ray Marcos - 07/10  
Constance May - 07/29  
Carole Mosbaugh - 07/05  
John Parker - 07/19  
Daniel Pereira - 07/11  
Terry Roby - 07/15  
Donald Rogers - 07/31  
Ann Rutherford - 07/15  
Christine Sargent - 07/13

Lois Schwartz - 07/20  
Les Schweiss - 07/17  
Larry Sheets - 07/03  
Richard Skinner - 08/08  
Marcia Smith - 07/25  
Yuri Sohn - 07/30  
Karla Taylor - 08/14  
Lorri Taylor - 07/19  
Margaret Vann - 07/16  
Patricia Varn - 08/15  
Gerald Walford - 08/14  
Regina Whitnell - 07/02  
David Williams - 07/01

### These members are up for renewal:

(date shown is last day of membership)

Vincent Abrams - 07/31/2022  
Robert Beaudoin - 07/31/2022  
Lou Ann Divens - 07/31/2022  
Cynthia Doyle - 07/31/2022  
Pamela Frase - 07/31/2022  
Timothy Jordan - 07/31/2022  
Mark Leach - 07/31/2022  
Lydia Merriweather - 07/31/2022  
Malcolm Miles - 07/31/2022  
Sharon Ostgaard - 07/31/2022  
Terry Roby - 07/31/2022  
Alex Santoriello - 07/31/2022  
Jeanne Simmons - 07/31/2022  
Jeri Spriggs - 07/31/2022  
Mark Stowell - 07/31/2022  
Thomas Tighe - 07/31/2022  
Mike Willeford - 07/31/2022  
Jayne Wochomurka - 07/31/2022

### Welcome newest members:

Susan Ankrum - Joined 06/30/2022  
Thomas Bossard - Joined 06/22/2022  
Joyce Green - Joined 06/29/2022  
Nancy LaBarge - Joined 05/27/2022  
Shannon Langhardt - Joined 05/10/2022  
James Marotta - Joined 05/23/2022  
Laura Newell - Joined 06/15/2022  
Tom O'Connor - Joined 06/01/2022  
Nereida Pino - Joined 06/28/2022

### These members recently renewed:

Judy Biernat

Gloria Clark  
Carol Curtiss  
Richard Dawson  
Jean Fillingame  
Carolyn Goldstein  
Sharon Hill  
William Hurst  
Mary McLearn  
Liisa Nedelsky  
Rhonda Noah  
Jack Pearce  
Arne Rotne  
Les Schweiss  
Carol Ann Sexton  
Larry Sheets  
Frederick Specht

### These members did not renew their dues:

(date shown is date membership expired)

Bonita Althoff - 06/30/2022  
Michael Ashbrook - 06/30/2022  
Jim Barr - 06/30/2022  
Barbara Beyer - 06/30/2022  
Edward Bowne - 05/31/2022  
Silvia Brickner - 06/30/2022  
Linda Cook - 05/31/2022  
Karen Davis - 05/31/2022  
Mary Denmeade - 06/30/2022  
Geoffrey Elting - 05/31/2022  
Mary Ferguson - 05/31/2022  
Jenise Ferris - 06/30/2022  
Maralyn Gable - 06/30/2022  
Karen Gearhart - 06/30/2022  
Elizabeth Gualfetti - 05/31/2022  
Drew Harrington - 06/30/2022  
Jane Lippincott - 06/30/2022  
Nancy Meyer - 06/30/2022  
Lawrence Meyers - 06/30/2022  
Rosemarie Modica - 06/30/2022  
John Shouldice - 06/30/2022

To renew your dues today, go to [SinglesGolf.com/renew](http://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 365 members**



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

# Meet MORE Singles! Play MORE Golf!



### TEAR OFF A TAB BELOW

American Singles Golf 1-888-465-3628 SinglesGolf.com/join Please mention my name when joining! Ref. by _____	American Singles Golf 1-888-465-3628 SinglesGolf.com/join Please mention my name when joining! Ref. by _____	American Singles Golf 1-888-465-3628 SinglesGolf.com/join Please mention my name when joining! Ref. by _____	American Singles Golf 1-888-465-3628 SinglesGolf.com/join Please mention my name when joining! Ref. by _____
---	---	---	---

# IN ADDITION, WE CAN SEND YOU FREE BUSINESS CARDS!

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

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

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

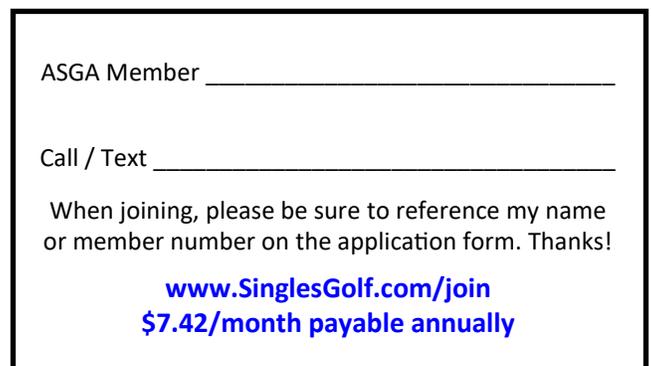
Below shows how your business card appears. They don't come to you automatically, you'll have to order them. E-mail [Irene@SinglesGolf](mailto:Irene@SinglesGolf) or call 980-833-6450 (9am—1:30pm, Mon-Fri, Eastern) for your free 25 cards.

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

**25 Business Cards Will Be Mailed to You Upon Request!**



Front side of business card



Back side of business card

## 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](http://www.USGA.org).



# GET READY TO TEE OFF

## FOR MORE FUN - FELLOWSHIP - FAIRWAYS!

### 4 WAYS TO JOIN:

- ◆ Call Us at 1-980-833-6450
- ◆ Fax This Form to Us
- ◆ Email/Mail This Form To Us
- ◆ Online ([SinglesGolf.com/join](http://SinglesGolf.com/join))

APPLICATION TO  JOIN ASGA  RENEW MY MEMBERSHIP

Note: Meeting locations may vary. Upon joining, you will receive a monthly newsletter telling you about monthly meetings, outings, etc. If you have any questions, contact your local chapter leader or call 1-888-GOLFMATE or 980-833-6450. Please complete information box at right.

MONTH & DAY BORN _____
YOUR USGA HANDICAP® _____ or
AVERAGE GOLF SCORE _____

Dues are **\$89.00** for 12 months) OR **\$178.00** for 24 months (includes free ASGA logo'd shirt when joining for two years!). Best rate per year is **\$267** with our "buy 3 years, get 4th free + shirt" plan. Credit card users: JOIN BY PHONE: **980-833-6450** or FAX COMPLETED FORM TO **980-225-0231**. Your membership kit will be mailed upon receipt of payment. **Free shipping if ASGA shirt is ordered with application.**

PRINT CLEARLY - THE INFO BELOW SHOWS HOW IT WILL APPEAR ON YOUR CHAPTER'S ROSTER. (\*SEE OPT-OUT CLAUSE BELOW)

HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT US? \_\_\_\_\_ CHAPTER YOU ARE JOINING OR RENEWING IN: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL ADDR: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ ST \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

HOME (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ WORK/CELL (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ EMPL. BY \_\_\_\_\_

POSITION \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) AVAILABLE FOR WEEKDAY GOLF ( ) WILLING TO VOLUNTEER FOR CHAPTER

**NOTE: ASGA DOES NOT CONDUCT BACKGROUND CHECKS ON APPLICANTS FOR MEMBERSHIP OR MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION. Golf can be a dangerous sport. Accidents can occur by you or another party striking a golf ball, by a golf cart turning over, or simply falling down steps. PLEASE TAKE ADEQUATE PRECAUTION when playing in ASGA events. Chapters and individuals running golf tournaments are not professionals but are volunteers, and therefore, you must assume additional responsibility for your own safety. Please abide by the safety rules posted inside your golf cart, at the golf course, as well as the official website of the United States Golf Association (www.USGA.org). If you have a safety concern, you must immediately bring it to the attention of the person(s) running an event, your chapter president or golf course management personnel.**

**LEGAL STUFF:** Read this section in a larger font at [SinglesGolf.com/Legal-Stuff](http://SinglesGolf.com/Legal-Stuff)

**RELEASE FROM LIABILITY AND EXPRESS ASSUMPTION OF RISK:** I, the undersigned Applicant (hereinafter referred to as "Releasor"), in consideration of being permitted to participate in golf activities organized or sponsored by ASGA, Inc., d/b/a American Singles Golf Association, a Delaware Corporation, or its affiliate chapters in the United States and Canada, (the "Releasees") and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency is hereby acknowledged, hereby on behalf of myself and my heirs, distributees, guardians, and legal representatives agree to fully indemnify, defend, hold harmless, and not to sue Releasees and/or Releasee's directors, officers, employees, agents, and affiliates from and on account of any and all past, present, and future claims, debts, causes of action, damages, personal injuries, wrongful deaths, property loss, and property damage (including attorney's fees and costs relative thereto), whether due or not, direct or contingent, liquidated or unliquidated, latent or patent, known or unknown, which in any way concern or relate to any act or omission of Releasees. Except in the event of any gross and willful negligence, I shall bring no claims, demands, actions and causes of action, and/or litigation, against Releasees for any economic and non-economic losses due to bodily injury, death, property damage, sustained by me in relation to the premises and operations of the golf course, including riding on golf carts or playing the game of golf. I am aware that participation in and/or observance of the golf activities and/or other activities sponsored by Releasees is or may be an inherently dangerous activity and may have health-related risks, and agree that I am voluntarily participating in and/or observing such activities with full knowledge of all dangers and risks involved. In addition, I hereby expressly assume all risks of injury, death, property loss, property damage, and other loss and damage which may occur relative to my participation in and/or observance of such activities. I understand and agree that this Release includes any and all claims based on the past, present and future ordinary negligence, action, and/or inaction of Releasees and/or Releasee's directors, officers, employees, agents, and affiliates. I acknowledge that I have read this Release, have been fully and completely advised of the potential dangers incidental and inherent to the participation in and/or observance of the activities organized and/or sponsored by Releasees, and am fully aware of the legal consequences of signing the Application Form acknowledging this Release. I agree that this Release, waiver and indemnity agreement is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by the laws of the State of my residency, and that if any portion of this Release is held invalid, it is agreed that the balance shall, notwithstanding continue in full force and effect.

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS:** Membership in the American Singles Golf Association (ASGA) becomes effective upon receipt of dues and is valid for the period of time requested as indicated on the application form, subject to these Terms and Conditions. I am 21 years or older, single (i.e. never married OR divorced OR legally separated OR widowed), and have read and accepted, as a condition of joining, the Release from Liability and Express Assumption of Risk shown above.

I understand that dues are non-refundable and are subject to change. I agree that all rosters, membership lists, e-mail addresses, or any other information provided to him/her as a result of their membership in ASGA are the property of ASGA and shall not be used for any purpose other than ASGA. I understand that the information provided on the Application for Membership may be reproduced on the chapter's roster and distributed to other ASGA members and published on www.SinglesGolf.com, otherwise, I will note at the bottom of this form if I wish certain information not to be published.

\* **OPT-OUT CLAUSE:** I understand that I may, at any time, request any information on me not to be reprinted, reproduced or distributed, such as home phone, address, etc. in or on any newsletter, roster, website, etc. Such request to be noted below in "Notes by Applicant" section or emailed to [info@SinglesGolf.com](mailto:info@SinglesGolf.com). ASGA may not be held liable for inadvertent publishing of opt-out information.

**PRIVACY:** See our privacy policy at [www.SinglesGolf.com/privacy](http://www.SinglesGolf.com/privacy)

**DISPUTES:** In the event of any dispute of any matter or concerning the terms and/or conditions of membership, those matters and/or the interpretation of the terms and conditions shall be governed by the laws of the State of North Carolina and the parties agree to submit disputes arising out of or in connection with this Agreement to courts of Mecklenburg County, North Carolina.

**AGREEMENT TO POLICIES OF THE NATIONAL ORGANIZATION (ASGA) AND LOCAL CHAPTER:** By submitting this form and payment, I agree to abide by the "ASGA Policies" as outlined in the Policy section of [www.SinglesGolf.com/policy](http://www.SinglesGolf.com/policy) as well as ASGA bylaws ([www.SinglesGolf.com/bylaws](http://www.SinglesGolf.com/bylaws)) and my local chapter's bylaws and policies as currently in effect.

See above Legal Stuff in larger font online at [www.SinglesGolf.com/Legal-Stuff](http://www.SinglesGolf.com/Legal-Stuff)

NOTES BY APPLICANT: \_\_\_\_\_

## JOIN FOR 2 YEARS - GET A FREE GOLF SHIRT! JOIN FOR 3 YEARS - GET 4TH YEAR + SHIRT FREE!

- DUES - 24 Months - \$178** (includes free ASGA logo'd shirt - Most Popular!)
- DUES (Join for 3 years, 4th year free - \$267)** (incl. free shirt - best value)
- DUES - 12 Months + ASGA logo'd golf shirt - \$119** (includes shipping)
- DUES - 12 Months - \$89**

If a shirt is included, indicate ( ) Male ( ) Female Size: \_\_\_\_\_

REFERRED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

Check Paid To "ASGA, Inc." Enclosed\*\* TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please charge my major credit/debit card indicated below:

No. \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. \_\_\_\_\_ 3/4 digit \_\_\_\_\_

**SIGNATURE REQUIRED!** By signing below, I agree to the Terms, Condition and Release ("Legal Stuff") as set forth at left and, if appropriate, authorize payment by my credit/debit card shown above.

Signature **X** \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card Users Can Join By Calling 980-833-6450, 9-2 Eastern Time, M-F  
Join By Fax: 980-225-0231 or Scan & Email to [Info@SinglesGolf.com](mailto:Info@SinglesGolf.com)

**Mail: ASGA, 1122 Industrial Dr. #107, Matthews, NC 28105**

\*\* There is a \$25 charge for any check returned from your bank.

SinglesGolf® is a registered trademark of ASGA, Inc.

Rev. 022421 © 2021 ASGA, Inc.