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THE VILLAGES SINGLES GOLF

The Villages Chapter - American Singles Golf Association - August 2022

AUGUST 21ST - ORANGE BALL TOURNAMENT AT HAVANA C.C.



President's Corner

Thanks to **Annette Leonard** and her Social Committee for a great July Social. (See pictures below.) We look forward to a very entertaining Caribbean themed Social on the 23rd.

For those who would like a change from the great golfing opportunities in the Villages, we have some very interesting golf courses lined up outside the Villages for the 1st and the 3rd Saturday of each month. Priority membership is NOT required.

We have quite a few new members. Please help them out and make them feel welcome as they find their way around our websites and sign-up spreadsheets. Announcement below as to the upcoming New Member Orientation session.

Be safe while enjoying your golfing, pickleball and other outdoor activities. Remember to stay hydrated and wear hats, shirts and plenty of sunscreen.

~Chris Avent



SECRETARY

There was no board meeting in July. Our regular monthly meeting/social event was held at Rohan on Tuesday, July

29th.

Connie May held the 50/50. Top winners were: Marilyn O'Keefe, who was a guest of **Margo French**, won \$45, **Donna Bulthuis** won \$35 and **Judy Veltran** won \$55.00.

~Carol Mosbaugh

New Member Chairperson



We presently have 379 members. To reach our goal of 400 members this year, the ASGA Board encourages you to invite guests to our monthly socials. You can

invite as many guests as you have single friends who love to golf. This upcoming August Social would be an ideal opportunity to invite prospective members because of the special tropical entertainment and food.

In July two people joined our chapter. Please welcome **Dennis Smith** and **Jane Hopper**. Thank you for making an attempt to greet these new members at golf games and Socials to make them feel welcome.

The next Orientation for new ASGA members will be held on Tuesday, September 27, 2022 at 5:00, the hour before our Sept. social at Rohan Recreation Center. Our Board of Directors is in the process of updating the handbook for our chapter's Handbook. If you know of any additions, corrections, or deletions to our Handbook that would be helpful to new members, then please feel free to contact me or any Board member with your suggestions and recommendations.

~Diane Futrelle



NATIONAL EVENT INFORMATION

Events Open to All Members Nationwide



LOCAL CHAPTER INFORMATION

Regular Meeting Date

Fourth Tuesday of the Month

Next Meeting

August 23rd, 2022

Location

Rohan Rec Center

Our Chapter Website: 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

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SOCIAL CHAIR



We had a large turnout at the Havana Country Club for our July Happy Hour. Members enjoyed socializing and the entertainment by Mike and Terry was appreciated by all.

The Village's ASGA chapter hosts a Happy Hour on the second Friday evening of every month. Location varies and is announced by email prior to the gathering.

~Annette Leonard

July 8th Happy Hour at Havana Country Club



July 26th Social Event at Rohan Recreation Center

There is a member meeting, followed by a social event, on the 4th Tuesday of every month. The July ASGA Social Event, which had an "American Bandstand" theme, was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. After the pledge, our members held hands and sang "I'm Proud to be an American." Entertainment was provided by a member's favorite, Billy D. Williams. Billy started the evening off with a "snowball" dance. (Members changed partners each time the music stopped.) With his encouragement everyone was up and dancing right from the start. I'd like to thank all those who helped with the July Social. I really appreciate all your assistance.

In August, we will have three events. A night at the Orange Blossom Opry on August 11, then Happy Hour at Edna's on August 12th, with music by Billy Buchanan. On August 23rd, Kimberly Foreman and her committee planned a full "Hawaiian" production, with singers and dancers. You will not want to miss this upcoming party.



After Dinner the party was in full swing!







WEBSITE COORDINATOR



ASGA EMAIL

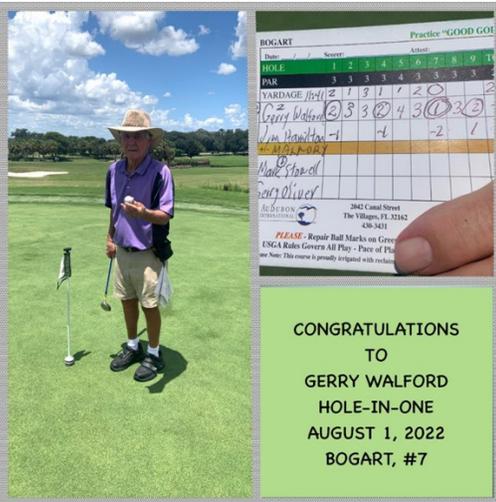
Have you been receiving ASGA emails about golf and social events? If not, the most likely reason is that you are unsubscribed. It's a mystery how it happens to so many members who all say :”I didn't do it intentionally.” However, if you want to receive ASGA emails the “fix” is easy . All you have to do is email me at villagesasga@gmail.com and I will set up a time to talk to you and get you resubscribed.

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=2YUNDLWXPYKPY

Then send an email to **Pat McCullough** at 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 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 CHAIRMAN

Hello ASGA Golfers,

The heat of summer is on!!! Whether you are playing golf, or enjoying other outside activities, please drink lots of water.

The Orange Ball tournament is scheduled for August 21st. This is a one day event in which the team will have an A player, B player, C player, and D player. Each person will take their turn at playing the Orange Ball into the hole. It should be a lot of fun!!! It's on a Sunday morning at Havana Country Club, tee times start at 9:28 AM and work backwards. Please sign up if you can play.

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 enjoyed a new course, Brooksville CC in July. The back nine was created around an old quarry which

made some of the holes very interesting. Most players really enjoyed the course.

In August we will be heading to Legends Golf Club, another new course, located in Clermont. This course has many elevation changes and is in excellent condition.

And In September, we will go to a group favorite, Juliette Falls. We did not get to play in May due to weather.

Sign up today and join us for golf outside The Villages.

~Kathy Notley



FRIDAY NINE & DINE FRIDAY NIGHTS --MAY TO OCTOBER

CANE GARDEN & MALLORY

Nine and Dine is a “happening” on three Friday nights of the month. We are halfway through our season and coping with the heat and humidity each Friday. Members are very sup-



TREASURER'S REPORT

Beginning Funds Available (PayPal and Checking)	\$7235.47
Revenue (Social, Golf, etc)	\$2430.53
Expenses (Social, Golf, etc)	\$2466.08
Ending Funds Available (PayPal and Checking)	\$7199.92
As of July 27, 2022	

~Larkin Fields

portive with the numbers being as high as 32. This is a fun evening without emphasis on competition. Play your own game on your choice of tees and enjoy. You need not keep score if that is your pleasure.

Please sign up by the Saturday prior to the date you want to play. If you have a choice of a partner, you both must sign up before the deadline. It takes extra time for the pro and myself when we have to change pairings etc. Also, when you send an email or text, PLEASE SIGN YOUR NAME. It's hard to guess the sender when you don't.

Questions ? Call Bonnie Linklater 248-842-3546/ or bjlgolfer@comcast.net
UPCOMING ASGA NINE AND DINE FOR 2022

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



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. Come on out and join us for friendly games. All levels are welcome.



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. 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 08/06/2022)

Happy Birthday to these members:

Brooks Austin - 08/21
Claudia Bak - 08/10
Robert Boicourt - 08/30
Bradley Booth - 09/15
Sharon Burklow - 09/01
Karen Campbell - 09/14
Helen Chun - 08/25
John Davis - 09/06
Judy DeVendra - 08/11
Patricia Duffey - 09/04
Deborah Ekback - 09/10
Larkin Fields - 08/20
Jean Fillingame - 09/06
Dante Fiocca - 08/07
Margaret French - 08/17
Diane Futrelle - 08/02
Dennis Gaucher - 08/31
Edward Henkle - 08/19
Elaine Hirschfeld - 09/08
Ross Irlam - 08/08
Dean Johnson - 08/14
Judi Keenan - 09/08
Shannon Langhardt - 08/04
Marcia Lucas - 08/14
Donald McCarty - 09/10
Jefferson Mott - 08/05
Arlene Neumann - 08/31
Dimple Pfuhl - 09/15
Nereida Pino - 09/06
Barbara Roberto - 09/07
Fred Robinson - 08/19
Arne Rotne - 09/07
Jill Sadler - 09/12
Carol Ann Sexton - 08/18
Richard Skinner - 08/08
Karla Taylor - 08/14
Patricia Varn - 08/15
Gerald Walford - 08/14
Eleanor Walsh - 08/28
Beverly Wells - 09/15
Barbara Wood - 09/06
Marisha Wozniak - 08/20

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

Annie Alexander - 08/31/2022
Marshall Ames - 08/31/2022
Robert Babel - 08/31/2022
Karen Campbell - 08/31/2022
James Crawford - 08/31/2022
Judy DeVendra - 08/31/2022
Denise Frandrup - 08/31/2022
Lawrence Gianatti - 08/31/2022

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

Helene Rosen - 08/31/2022
Donald Taulelle - 08/31/2022
Lorri Taylor - 08/31/2022
Linda Westervelt - 08/31/2022
David Williams - 08/31/2022
Dana Wilson - 08/31/2022

Welcome newest members:

Susan Ankrum - Joined 06/30/2022
Thomas Bossard - Joined 06/22/2022
Joyce Green - Joined 06/29/2022
Pat Lake - Joined 07/06/2022
Laura Newell - Joined 06/15/2022
Nereida Pino - Joined 06/28/2022
Dennis Smith - Joined 07/14/2022

These members recently renewed:

James Bacon
Lillie Battle
Robert Beaudoin
Edward Bowne
Judith Clare
Lou Ann Divens
Maralyn Gable
Elizabeth Gualfetti
Elizabeth Helsel
Joanne Jacobs
Ray Kalal
Mary Lewis
Malcolm Miles
Jefferson Mott
Helen Oelke
Lee Robinson
Laura Salter
Alex Santoriello
John Spies
Mark Stowell
Tracy Strickland
Carol Sylvia

These members did not renew their dues:

(date shown is date membership expired)

Vincent Abrams - 07/31/2022
Bonita Althoff - 06/30/2022
Michael Ashbrook - 06/30/2022
Jim Barr - 06/30/2022
Barbara Beyer - 06/30/2022
Silvia Brickner - 06/30/2022
Mary Denmeade - 06/30/2022
Cynthia Doyle - 07/31/2022
Jenise Ferris - 06/30/2022
Pamela Frase - 07/31/2022
Karen Gearhart - 06/30/2022
Drew Harrington - 06/30/2022
Timothy Jordan - 07/31/2022
Mark Leach - 07/31/2022

Jane Lippincott - 06/30/2022
Lydia Merriweather - 07/31/2022
Nancy Meyer - 06/30/2022
Lawrence Meyers - 06/30/2022
Rosemarie Modica - 06/30/2022
Sharon Ostgaard - 07/31/2022
Terry Roby - 07/31/2022
John Shouldice - 06/30/2022
Jeanne Simmons - 07/31/2022
Thomas Tighe - 07/31/2022
Mike Willeford - 07/31/2022
Jayne Wochomurka - 07/31/2022

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 369 members.

Want to break 80?

A Top 100 teacher says to work on this specific part of your game

BY: JESSICA MARKSBURY, Golf.com

Breaking 80 is one of the most significant scoring thresholds in the world of golf. If you can do it consistently, it likely means you're a single-digit handicapper — or close! — and capable of making enough birdies to counteract occasional mistakes. It also means you're likely limiting your blow-ups, which is an important step on any improvement journey.

But if you aren't quite there yet and are straddling the cusp — maybe hanging around the mid-to-low 80s and itching to make the jump into the 70s — GOLF Top

100 teacher Tina Tombs has a suggestion for what to work on: short game. And not just general chipping and putting. Instead, she recommends focusing on a very specific yardage.

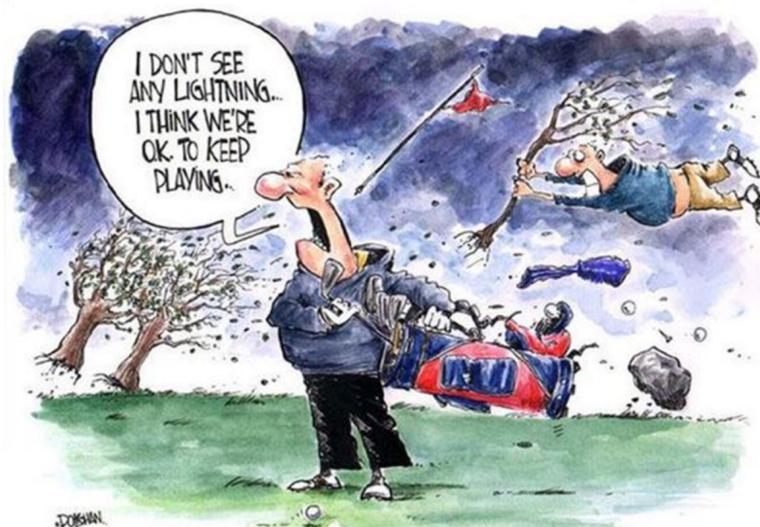
"The best tip I have for someone to break 80 would be to work from 20-30 yards and in," Tombs told me at GOLF's Top 100 Teacher Summit at Pinehurst. "And if they haven't had wedges or a putter fitted for them, I'd recommend that they go and have that done, because you want to be able to feel the bounce of the wedge through the turf."

A custom-fitted putter is also hugely beneficial, Tombs said, because off-the-rack models, with a standard length of 35 or 36 inches, may be too long, too short, or too upright for some players.

"The most important thing about getting a putter properly fit is that, visually, you can see that the putter looks good to your eye so you can aim that putter to that spot, and get the putter started online," Tombs said. "If we can't aim the putter where we want to, and be comfortable that the ball is going to roll over the spot we're expecting, how are we going to make putts?"

The most important key to breaking 80 is learning to get the ball up and down, Tombs says, because you're going to miss shots.

"The three clubs in your bag that are really important for someone trying to break 80 are your driver, your wedge and your putter," Tombs said. "Get really, really good with those three clubs."



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.
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MODIFICATIONS TO THE HOLE; NOT REQUIRING THAT PLAYERS HOLE OUT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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