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THE VILLAGES SINGLES GOLF

The Villages Chapter - American Singles Golf Association - December 2020

HAVE A SAFE & HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON

President's Corner

Happy Holidays Members!

As we wind down 2020, I'm sure you'd all agree that this was a challenging year for everyone - in many ways. I would like to thank the Board members, Golf Coordinators and all other volunteers who help make this club what it is. Earlier in the year, members organized two food drives to help the local community. Golfing resumed and everyone followed the new rules for golf distancing. The ASGA Championship and various tournaments took place, and socials were held outside at Edna's on the Green.

I know ASGA will continue to grow and adapt in 2021. Congratulations to the New Board and to all members - Happy New Year!

Respectfully, Mary

~Mary Joy, mjoy122@yahoo.com



Secretary's Report

Monthly Meeting not held due to restrictions.

~Marianne Rogers, Secretary

Member News

Tom Davies, a long-time ASGA member, and friend to many, has passed away. Many will remember playing golf with Tom on both Championship and Executive courses. I know Tom was an avid swimmer, also.

And, it is with a sad heart to announce that our friend, **Bob Owens**, has passed away.

Bob was in Atlanta and suffered a major medical emergency. His family called an ASGA friend of Bob's, with the news of his passing.

Bob was a long-time member of ASGA, and a fixture at Executive Golf as well as many ASGA activities.

Godspeed to both Tom and Bob from your ASGA 'family'.

~Mary Joy



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

Hole in One

Charlene Barton had a hole in one on the 2nd hole of Saddlebrook on Monday, Nov 23. We believe it is her 1st hole-in-one. Congratulations Charlene!!!



NATIONAL EVENT INFORMATION

Events Open to All Members Nationwide

Upcoming Multi-Chapter Events (see SinglesGolf.com/events)

- **Bringing in the New Year 2021**—Arriving in Florida on Sunday, January 3, departing January 6. We'll be at the Ritz-Carlton Grande Lakes - Orlando. We believe we've got some great rates as traditionally the crowds return home after the New Year's. Details at SinglesGolf.com/NewYears

LOCAL CHAPTER INFORMATION

Regular Meeting Date

On Hold

Next Meeting

TBD

Location

Rohan Rec Center

Our Chapter Website: asgavillagesflorida.net

(See next page for list of officers and board members.)

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Golf Chair



Hello everyone-

We are off and running and heading to a new year. I am very excited about the upcoming year. I am trying to have more golf outings as a group, so that is why I have started some golf tournaments. So far, they have been going great, and I have had a lot of positive feedback.

A few notes from the Championship golf courses is that we need to play ready golf.

The scrambles have been getting a lot of people that don't play them every day, which is great. We need to play in a timely fashion. Meaning that you should always see the group in front of you.

Please remember that your place on the course is behind the group in front of you, not in front of the group behind you.

Please remember to check your calendars before signing up for tournaments as cancelations can create havoc and leave your teammates stranded. This is why we have decided to make all tournament fees non-refundable.

The December Scramble at Palmer is full and I will be posting the January scramble scheduled for Jan. 23rd at Orange Blossom very soon!

See you on the course,
~Ron Horte, rhorte@yahoo.com



NEW MEMBER CHAIRPERSON

DID YOU KNOW: THE VILLAGES CHAPTER OF ASGA IS A PRIVATE GROUP ON FACEBOOK

MEMBERSHIP

Our ASGA chapter has seven new members this month. Their names are: **Joyce Trabattoni, Vicki McDermott, Mike Simpson, Jack Smart, Jimmy**

Sheppard, Victoria Baker and Steve Hendrix. Hopefully, you have met some of them and will welcome them to the chapter when meeting them on the golf course. Several are new to The Villages, and contact with us is a way for them to become involved in the community. It will be even easier to socialize when we can resume our monthly meeting and hold an orientation for these new members.

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

~Nancy Hartshorn

MONDAY 18-HOLE CHAMPIONSHIP GOLF (MCG)



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

~Larry Sheets, lga313@yahoo.com



"I hear this is one of the tougher greens to putt on."



THURSDAY 18 HOLE CHAMPIONSHIP GOLF (TCG)

Thursday Championship Golf is now being played in the afternoon wave with tee times usually starting at 11:56 a.m.

Sign up is closed at NOON on the Friday before the week we play, and any requests for a playing partner or guest should be made by then, also. You must have a Priority Membership to sign up, but any openings after we receive our reservation are available on a first one to contact me basis by text/call to 631-603-8773. If you do not have a Priority Membership and would like to play the Championship courses occasionally, feel free to contact me the week before and I will put you on a waitlist and do my best to fit you in.

~*Marcia Smith, ommsmith@gmail.com*



MONDAY 9 HOLE EXECUTIVE GOLF (MEG)

Please join us. 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.) Bart Hinkle will coordinate the social after the golf. The Villages has relaxed many of the Covid rules, however, most golfers are still using their own golf cart. All are welcome. Walkers are always welcome. Please sign up on the ASGA website\Calendar\Monday Executive Golf or use the links included in the Monday golf emails.

~*Brent Mitchell, mitchellbom@hotmail.com*

TUESDAY NINE & DINE IS SUSPENDED



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.

~*Mary Joy*

FRIDAY EXECUTIVE GOLF

FRIDAY EXECUTIVE GOLF IS BACK!!

Every-2nd Friday Executive Golf is Back!!

Charlene Barton will be coordinating Friday Executive Golf on the 2nd and 4th Friday's of the month.

To sign up for Friday Executive Golf - use the EXECUTIVE GOLF Signup sheet on our website.

~*Charlene Barton*



SATURDAY 18 HOLE CHAMPIONSHIP GOLF

In November we played 'Eagle Ridge' on the 7th, and 'Plantation' on the 21st. Both courses were in very good

shape, and there were no rain delays. We are scheduled to play 'Summerglen' on Dec. 5' and the always popular 'Harbor Hills' on Dec 19.

We are collecting \$3 for prizes based on quota points, and closest to the pin prizes. We will have a socially responsible gathering after the game to collect money and points, and distribute prizes. If you have any course suggestions, send them to **Jane Boyle**, jboyle3003@comcast.net, and she will evaluate to see if the suggestion can fit into our schedule.

Saturday golf provides a venue for both Priority and Non-priority members and guests, to experience golfing and socializing with our ASGA membership. Sign up on the ASGA website calendar.

~*Chris Avent, cwavent@msn.com*

USEFUL LINKS FOR GOLFERS

4 steps to improve your game:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6uBBuVnbtDs>



SOCIAL CHAIR

As it stands now, the only events we will definitely have are the happy hour meets at Edna's. That will change if things at the Rec Centers

change.

~*Ken McGray, ken61mcgray@yahoo.com*



Pickle ball courts are reserved for ASGA players twice a week. Canal Street Rec. Center

on Wednesdays from 12 - 1:50 p.m. Bacall Rec Center on Fridays from 12 - 1:50 p.m.

We have extended Friday's activities to include the Bocci and Shuffleboard areas at Bacall. Mark your calendar for all Friday's, 12:00 to 2:00 for Bacall Recreation Center - Bocci Golf and Shuffleboard!! Beginners welcome!

Bocci Golfers - please bring your putter and two (2) golf balls. Dick Skinner will be on hand to teach Bocci Golf to any members at that time. Thank you, Dick Skinner!!

Please join us for friendly pickleball, shuffleboard, bocci, and bocci golf. All levels are welcome.

Remember to bring your own water!

Balls are provided, and supplies are available to clean the balls. All 4 nets are up, and the benches are back. Hope to see you there!

~*Beth Disque*



HOLE-IN-ONE FUND

The Villages ASGA started voluntary hole-in-one insurance funds for both executive and championship golf in January



TREASURER'S REPORT

Beginning Balance Oct	
Income	\$ 620.00
Expenses	\$ 360.00
Net Gain/Loss	\$ 260.00
Hole-in-One Fund Payout*	\$ 0
PayPal Balance	\$ 3732.59
Checkbook balance	\$ 4785.18
Total Ending Balance	\$ 8517.77

*Hole-in-One Account included in ending balance

~*Ron Horte, rhorter@yahoo.com*

2018. Those who choose to participate, pay \$5.00 into the "pot" (or \$10 to be included in both pots). If you get a hole-in-one while playing in any Villages ASGA golf event (executive, championship, or nine & dine), you will receive \$100 at the next ASGA Monthly Social.

We made it for one year with our Executive Hole-in-One pot, but needed a replenishment in January 2019. The original Championship pot is still healthy. If you haven't joined the pool and if you play golf with ASGA, now would be a good time to get your name on the list(s)...just in case.

We know that the odds of one of us making a hole-in-one are 12,500 to 1, but just think of how many of our fellow Village ASGA members have scored an ace. We've already paid out \$800 to members who have had holes-in-one. (Six is the average number of hole-in-ones per day in The Villages!) We all have a chance to get lucky!

Don't delay. Hurry and get your name on the participant list. PLEASE DO NOT PAY UNTIL YOU CHECK THE LIST TO SEE IF YOUR NAME IS ALREADY ON IT.

Below are the links you need to get started or you can find the information on our web site at: https://asgavillagesflorida.net/Golf_Info.html

List of Executive Hole-in-one fund participants – Please check before paying <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1sk3Wq1hkjm2qW1mdu5DquSbJvr6GK0wdBXcX1NahX3l/edit#gid=0>

List of Championship hole-in-one fund participants – Please check before paying <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1OB-MZv2oPdKlur8hsyMRTOWKvDGcg9ppH2b1qTkVYc/edit#gid=0>

PayPal link for Executive hole-in-one fund - https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=_s

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 Website/Communications

ABOUT OUR MEMBERS

(THIS REPORT RAN 12/07/2020)

Happy Birthday to these members:

Anne Anderson - 01/10
Michael Ashbrook - 12/22
Victoria Baker - 01/09
Subrata Barua - 12/12
Elaine Bondie - 12/13
Judy Brushingham - 12/05

Sandy Cain - 01/08
Barbara Celentino - 01/03
Ed Chenault - 12/29
Gloria Clark - 12/13
Loretta Cole - 12/05
Bonnie Cook - 01/04
Myra Crosby - 12/09
Catherine Fallon - 12/03
Kimberly Foreman - 01/04
Robert Gsell - 12/08
Bill Immler - 12/15
Jill Lennon - 12/16
Jackie Lewis - 12/29
Mary Lewis - 01/05
Carolee Litwinka - 12/13
Kent McClean - 01/14
Cynthia Moore - 12/13
Ken Moreau - 12/04
Elvin Norman - 01/04
Kathy Notley - 01/15
Terry Nottage - 01/10
Neil Parkhurst - 12/15
Richard Reaume - 12/18
David Roche - 01/08
Paul Rode - 12/14
Marianne Rogers - 12/24
Jill Sage - 12/11
Michael Simpson - 01/08
Barb Sobel - 01/07
Brock Wagner - 12/20
Judith Waidelich - 12/01
Barbara Weiss - 01/04
Sandra Welte - 12/20
Margaret Weniger - 01/12
Jayne Wochomurka - 01/06

These members are up for renewal:

(date shown is last day of membership)

Diane Boss - 12/31/2020
Pete Daub - 12/31/2020
Rich Fruin - 12/31/2020
Carolyn Goldstein - 12/31/2020
Pamela Gross - 12/31/2020
Drew Harrington - 12/31/2020
Elizabeth Hollmann - 12/31/2020
Leo Houston - 12/31/2020
Susanne Howells - 12/31/2020
Debbie Johnson - 12/31/2020
Chris Mally - 12/31/2020
Margaret Oliver - 12/31/2020
Dimple Pfuhl - 12/31/2020
Patty Pope - 12/31/2020
Richard Reaume - 12/31/2020
Marianne Rogers - 12/31/2020
Arlene Ruberti - 12/31/2020
Christine Sargent - 12/31/2020
Margaret Walker - 12/31/2020
David Welch - 12/31/2020

Welcome newest members:

Victoria Baker - Joined 11/19/2020
Donna Blackburn - Joined 10/12/2020
Barbara Brooks - Joined 10/29/2020
Lee Chitty - Joined 10/12/2020
Loretta Cole - Joined 10/13/2020

Teresa England - Joined 10/06/2020
Jean Fillingame - Joined 10/06/2020
Steven Gesinger - Joined 10/09/2020
Kay Gibson - Joined 10/20/2020
Steve Hendrix - Joined 11/24/2020
Jimmy Sheppard - Joined 11/19/2020
Michael Simpson - Joined 11/13/2020
Jack Smart - Joined 11/17/2020
Joyce Trabattoni - Joined 11/10/2020

These members recently renewed:

Jane Boyle
Lin Dore
Joseph Evans
Steven Garry
Richard Handwerker
Judith Jackson
Bonnie J Linklater
Lorna Litton
June Loving
Patti McCullough
Vicki McDermott
Elvin Norman
Peter O'Leary
Dennis Teasley
Judy Veldran

These members did not renew their dues:

(date shown is date membership expired)

William Anthony - 10/31/2020
Charlene Barton - 11/30/2020
Don Brown - 11/30/2020
Dennis Carney - 10/31/2020
James Dryer - 11/30/2020
Jean Flowers - 11/30/2020
Donald Frei - 11/30/2020
Dennis Gaucher - 11/30/2020
Tom Heads - 11/30/2020
Elizabeth Helsel - 11/30/2020
Sharon Hill - 11/30/2020
John Hoover - 11/30/2020
Richard Johnson - 11/30/2020
Phyllis Kaplan - 11/30/2020
Leona Killock - 10/31/2020
John Kuyper - 11/30/2020
Brian Ledbetter - 11/30/2020
Marcia Lucas - 11/30/2020
Carol Mayer - 11/30/2020
Patricia McLellan - 11/30/2020
Nancy Meeks - 11/30/2020
Helen Oelke - 10/31/2020
Gary Pennifill - 10/31/2020
Larry Pogue - 10/31/2020
James Polley - 10/31/2020
Pam Rogers - 10/31/2020
Dorothy Rossi - 10/31/2020
Patricia Sandick - 10/31/2020
Marvin Sexton - 11/30/2020
Kristine Tygrett - 11/30/2020
Margaret Vann - 11/30/2020

Our chapter currently has 352 members

ASGA in ORLANDO!

The Ritz-Carlton Grande Lakes

January 3-6, 2021

Sunday - Wednesday



Standard Package Includes (Standard Package is for attendees who wish to have a roommate. Room-by-Myself packages also available. See below.)

- 2 rounds of golf at Disney's Palm and Lake Buena Vista courses
- 3 nights lodging at The Ritz-Carlton Grande Lakes
- 3 \$15.00 breakfast vouchers to use towards breakfast each morning
- Sunday Reception & Arrival Dinner + two (2) add'l. dinners (Mon/Tues)

Add'l. Nights: Jan. 1 & 2—Not Available unless you book with hotel directly
Jan. 6,7,8—**\$290 or \$145 if shared** (includes tax/fees)

Add'l. Golf: Day-of-Arrival golf Jan. 3 @ Disney Magnolia (11:24 tee times) **\$89**
Day-of-Departure golf Jan. 6 @ The Ritz-Carlton course (9am tee times) **\$169**

All prices quoted herein include taxes & gratuities. Carts & range balls included.

* **REUNION EVENT!** Former members, married or not, may attend and bring their spouse @ a 3% upcharge. Others join at www.SinglesGolf.com/Join

See full details at the event website: SinglesGolf.com/NewYears

GOLF: Shotgun start 12:30 on Disney's Palm Course on Jan. 4 followed by dinner at Shades of Green on property. On Jan. 5, we play Disney's Lake Buena Vista with an 8:30am shotgun start. **Scoring:** USGA "Play Own Ball" format; 2 best net balls of foursome. \$25 ASGA prize certificates awarded to winners. Range balls included each day. (Opt. rounds, see "Add'l. Golf" at left.)

PAYMENT: Payment due when you register. There is a 25% cancellation fee on or prior to 12/03/20. Absolutely NO refunds after 12/03/20. To see our cancellation policy, go to the link at SinglesGolf.com/events (also see other terms and conditions). An e-mail confirmation will be sent to you upon receipt of payment. If you do not receive confirmation within 10 days of registering, you must call us at **980-833-6450, M-F, 9am-2pm, eastern time.**

See info below regarding travel protection deadline.

NAME SHOWN BELOW IS HOW NAMETAG WILL APPEAR. ONE FORM PER PERSON, PLEASE PRINT.

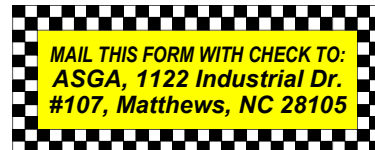
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ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____ Handicap/Avg.Score _____

CELL _____ E-MAIL _____ Emerg. Contact (name/phone) _____

CHECK APPROPRIATE PACKAGE: (there is a 3% upcharge on all amounts if using a credit card)

- () \$889.00 — **STANDARD PACKAGE** (you have your roommate. **NOTE:** ASGA no longer assigns roommates due to Covid.)
- () \$1,289.00 — **ROOM-BY-MYSELF PACKAGE** (incl. everything in St'd. Pkg. except you'll room by yourself)
- () \$89.00 — **OPT. DAY-OF-ARRIVAL GOLF @ Disney's Magnolia Course — 11:30am tee times**
- () \$169.00 — **OPT. DAY-OF-DEPARTURE GOLF @ The Ritz-Carlton Course — 9am tee times**



My roommate will be _____ (We'll assign a same-gendered roommate if you prefer. Please do not list yourself as someone else's roommate without their permission. **IMPORTANT:** If you choose a roommate, we can't hold your room until both parties have paid.) I am requesting a room with () One King Bed () Two Double Beds *Note: Room preferences and hotel are first come, first served. Only the hotel controls the availability of room types. We register you regardless of availability.*

During () One () All golf round(s), please pair me _____ (limit 3-person request).

➔ **By submitting this form, YOU ARE DECLINING** travel protection unless box is checked at right: () I will apply for travel protection
Travel protection (trip insurance) must be purchased within five (5) days of registering. See link at bottom of SinglesGolf.com for rates.

I AM REMITTING: () I am paying by credit card (3% upcharge) () I am paying by check.**

\$ _____ for the package indicated above

+ \$ _____ for ___ add'l. nights (Jan. 6,7,8 rate is \$290 per day (incl. tax & fees) Indicate extra dates here: _____

+ \$ _____ for Opt. Day-of-Arrival golf on Sunday, Jan. 3 at Disney's Magnolia Course — 11:24-12:27 tee times — \$89

+ \$ _____ for Opt. Day-of-Departure golf on Wednesday, Jan. 6 at The Ritz-Carlton Course — 9am tee times — \$169

+ \$ _____ for mulligans (put \$10 in this space if you want 3 mulligans for each of your 2 days of competition golf. Mullies not avail. on opt. rounds.)

+ \$ _____ for FOUR 50/50 Raffle Tickets (put \$20 in this space). Two drawings for 50% of pot each. Raffle tickets are NOT sold at event.

= \$ _____ TOTAL AMOUNT (Check no. _____ **MAKE CHECK** PAYABLE TO "ASGA, INC."** and mail to address in checkered box above.

* **NOTE:** Former ASGA members/spouses may attend by paying an additional 3% to the TOTAL AMOUNT shown. Call 980-833-6450 to register.

FAX THIS FORM TO 980-225-0231 or Scan/E-Mail to: Irene@SinglesGolf.com or mail to address in checkered box above.

CREDIT CARD AUTHORIZATION: All major cards accepted. I hereby authorize **ASGA** to charge / debit my account for the "TOTAL AMOUNT" indicated above on this form. I understand there is a 3% processing fee if a credit card is used. **YOUR SIGNATURE IS REQUIRED.**

Acc't. No: _____ Exp. _____ Signature _____

QUESTIONS? E-MAIL Event Host TOM ALSOP at Tom@SinglesGolf.com or Call 980-833-6450

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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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