

# THE VILLAGES SINGLES GOLF

The Villages Chapter - American Singles Golf Association - January 2021

# HAPPY NEW YEAR!!



## President's Corner

Our new Chapter President is **Abram Scherbekow**. Abram is originally from South Jersey. Abram has helped

our chapter many times in the past, volunteering where needed. This is his first time as an officer. Thank you, Abram for taking on this position!

Helping Abram for 2021 will be:

Chairperson of the Board: **Mary Joy**

Communication Committee Chair: **Beth**

**Disque**

Treasurer: **Larkin Fields**

Golf Committee Chair: **Ron Horte**

Membership Chair: **Connie May**

Social Committee Chair: **Kathy McManus**

Secretary: **Patricia VanHorn**

~Abram Scherbekow, [1967goat@comcast.net](mailto:1967goat@comcast.net)

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



## New Member Chairperson

New Member since January 4: **Reeta Brendamour**. Welcome!

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

~Connie May, [constancejmay@gmail.com](mailto:constancejmay@gmail.com)

## Member News

It is with sadness that we pass the news that **Joyce La Gore** passed away suddenly on December 3, 2020. She resided in Michigan after leaving The Villages in 2016 to live near her son and grandsons. Joyce golfed many years

with us and was admired by all. Her obituary was in The Daily Sun on December 10.



## Hole in One

None to report. Review how you could possibly win \$100 for a hole-in-one. Read the information at the end of this newsletter. Your hole-in-one chances are better in the Villages!



## Golf Chair

Wishing everyone a Happy New Year!!!

First, and foremost, I want to thank all the golf coordinators for all their efforts. We have some new executive coordinators that have stepped up to help us out. Monday Executive coordinators are **Roni Feld-**

## NATIONAL EVENT INFORMATION

Events Open to All Members Nationwide

### FROM THE NATIONAL OFFICE

Multi-Chapter Events (MCEs) will be curtailed until we begin to feel safe to travel. ASGA National expects our next event will be Memorial Day Weekend, 2021, if that. We're all hoping for success with the vaccine distribution. If things appear to be improving, we may plan a trip to Scotland for August or the Barcelona side of Spain for September of 2021. A return trip to Cabo may be in the offing as well. These three locations represent the best turnouts in ASGA's history since we started doing events outside of our country ten years ago. Stay tuned!

## LOCAL CHAPTER INFORMATION

### Regular Meeting Date

On Hold

### Next Meeting

TBD

### Location

Rohan Rec Center

**Our Chapter Website:** [asgavillagesflorida.net](http://asgavillagesflorida.net)

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

### National Office

**Office Hours:** 9:00am to 2:00pm, M-F (Eastern)

**National Office:** 980-833-6450 or 1-888-GOLFMATE

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**Monday Executive Golf**  
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**Thursday Executive Golf**  
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**Friday Executive Golf (October to April)**  
Charlene Barton  
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**Friday Nine and Dine (May to Oct)**  
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**Saturday 18 Hole Golf**  
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**WeCare/Sunshine**  
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blum and Jenise Ferris. Thursday executive coordinators are **Lydia Merriweather** and **Jeri Spriggs**. And we have new Saturday Championship coordinators **Kathy Notley** and **Jane Boyle**. All the coordinators are very much appreciated. The January scramble at Orange Blossom is shaping up to be another fun event!! **"WHETHER YOU NEED IT OR NOT" - Every 4<sup>th</sup> hole there will be a cooler with a surprise shot inside. Toast the team and take a shot!!! There will be non-alcohol alternatives.** There are a few openings for some gentleman golfers so please sign up soon if you are interested in joining us. Hit'em straight, and see you on the course.

~Ron Horte, [rhorte@yahoo.com](mailto:rhorte@yahoo.com)



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

Monday 18-hole championship golf is limited to 32 players. You must be a priority member to sign up for the Monday championship golf group. After we have been assigned our tee times, an email will be sent to all ASGA members, including non -priority members. If there are any openings, non-priority members can sign up for the openings through the tee time system. We generally have 12 to 20 golfers, and we follow golf with dinner in the country club restaurant. Sign up at the ASGA website/Events Calendar/ Monday Priority Golf. Points and money games have been suspended, for now. ~Larry Sheets, [lga313@yahoo.com](mailto:lga313@yahoo.com)



*"The way I see it, you're only 13 million range balls away from taking 2 strokes off your game."*

**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](mailto:ommsmith@gmail.com)



**MONDAY 9 HOLE EXECUTIVE GOLF (MEG)**

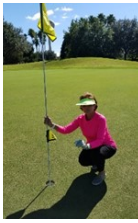
Please join us. In general, we will try to get golf courses between 466 and 466a, with tee times between 10:30 and 11:30. We generally use the scramble game format we have used for many years. (\$2, per player, with prizes, at the after-golf social.) The Villages has relaxed many of the Covid rules,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

~Roni Feldblum, [nori10065@gmail.com](mailto:nori10065@gmail.com)

**THURSDAY 9 HOLE EXECUTIVE GOLF (TEG)**

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

~Lydia Merriweather, [dancer5763@gmail.com](mailto:dancer5763@gmail.com)



### FRIDAY EXECUTIVE GOLF FRIDAY EXECUTIVE GOLF IS BACK!!

Every-2nd Friday Executive  
Golf is Back!!

**Charlene Barton** will be co-  
ordinating 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, [charlene\\_barton@yahoo.com](mailto:charlene_barton@yahoo.com)



### Secretary

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

~Pat Van Horn,

[vanhornpat@gmail.com](mailto:vanhornpat@gmail.com)



Pickle ball courts are  
reserved for ASGA play-  
ers 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 are-  
as at Bacall. Mark your calendar for all Fri-  
day's, 12:00 to 2:00 for Bacall Recreation  
Center - Bocci Golf and Shuffleboard!! Be-  
ginners welcome!

Bocci Golfers - please bring your putter  
and two (2) golf balls. **Dick Skinner** will be  
on hand to teach Bocci Golf to any mem-  
bers 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

### USEFUL LINKS FOR GOLFERS

**4 steps to improve your game (video):**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6uBBuVnbtDs)

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**10 Tips to improve your beginner  
game (read):**

<https://theleftrough.com/golf-tips/>

**Consistently break 90 (read):**

[https://pluggedingolf.com/how-to-break-](https://pluggedingolf.com/how-to-break-90/)

[90/](https://pluggedingolf.com/how-to-break-90/)



### SATURDAY 18 HOLE CHAMPIONSHIP GOLF

We are collecting \$3 for priz-  
es 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  
**Kathy Notley**, 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.

~Kathy Notley, [katnot72@gmail.com](mailto:katnot72@gmail.com)



### SOCIAL CHAIR

Happy New Year! Hoping we  
all stay healthy in 2021 and  
avoid the COVID-19 virus.

Therefore, there will be no  
meeting at Rohan for the month

of January and it will be wait-and-see for the  
month of February.

Happy hour will continue at Edna's on the  
Green for January and February, beginning  
at 4pm. Please bring your own chair and  
wear a mask. If you have any symptom of  
the virus, please stay home and get tested.

~Kathy McManus, [anniefox121@yahoo.com](mailto:anniefox121@yahoo.com)

The only social event in December was  
the Holiday party at Bonifay CC. Over forty  
were in attendance and enjoyed music by  
Lisa Cohn. The food was excellent.

My thanks to my social committee for the  
work they did even though we were not able  
to have many events.

~Ken McGray, 2020 Social Chair

### The Villages Courses lose the PVC in the cups:



### TREASURER'S REPORT

Beginning Balance	pending bank statements
Income	\$1310.00
Expenses	\$3224.52
Net Gain/(Loss)	(\$1914.52)
Hole-in-One Fund Payout*	\$ 0
PayPal Balance	\$3787.95
Checkbook balance	\$2577.76
<b>Total Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$6375.61</b>

~Larkin Fields, [larkinwfields@gmail.com](mailto:larkinwfields@gmail.com)



## HOLE-IN-ONE FUND

The Villages ASGA started voluntary hole-in-one insurance funds for both executive and championship golf in January 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](https://asgavillagesflorida.net/Golf_Info.html)

List of Executive Hole-in-one fund participants – Please check before paying <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1sk3Wq1hkjm2qW1mdu5DquSbJvr6GK0wdBXcX1NahX3I/edit#gid=0>

List of Championship hole-in-one fund participants – Please check before paying <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1OB-MZv2oPdKlumar8hsyMRTOWKvDGcg9p-pH2b1qTkVYc/edit#gid=0>

PayPal link for Executive hole-in-one fund - [https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=\\_s](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 01/10/2021)

### Happy Birthday to these members:

Anne Anderson - 01/10  
James Bacon - 01/17  
Victoria Baker - 01/09  
Ann Boylan - 01/23  
Lisbeth Bradley - 01/29  
Myra Brauth - 01/24  
Donna Bulthuis - 02/05  
Sandy Cain - 01/08  
Barbara Celentino - 01/03  
Robert Cichetti - 01/19  
Bonnie Cook - 01/04  
Carol Donovan - 01/17  
Phillip Ellis - 02/01  
Kimberly Foreman - 01/04  
Pamela Frase - 02/08  
Robert Furphy - 02/07  
Karen Gearhart - 02/09  
Judith Grande - 02/14  
Jim Hanson - 02/01  
Michael Homschek - 02/08  
Linda Lane - 01/22  
Susan Leoni - 02/01  
Mary Lewis - 01/05  
Lorna Litton - 02/15  
Mozelle Mangus - 01/20  
Kent McClean - 01/14  
Patti McCullough - 01/24  
Kenneth McGray - 01/30  
Malcolm Miles - 01/16  
Elvin Norman - 01/04  
Kathy Notley - 01/15  
Terry Nottage - 01/10  
Jeryl Potter - 01/22  
Susan Pugatchenko - 02/03  
Lee Robinson - 02/06  
David Roche - 01/08  
Alex Santoriello - 02/09  
Linda Saul - 02/05  
Abram Scherbekow - 02/13  
Thomas Shaffer - 01/18  
Rich Shostak - 01/22  
Michael Simpson - 01/08  
Carol Snyder - 01/19  
Barb Sobel - 01/07  
James Taylor - 02/14  
Dennis Teasley - 01/23  
Barbara Weiss - 01/04  
Margaret Weniger - 01/12  
Mike Willeford - 02/15  
Jayne Wochomurka - 01/06  
Barbara Wysocki - 02/14

### These members are up for renewal:

(date shown is last day of membership)

Andy Bienvenu - 01/31/2021  
Elaine Bondie - 01/31/2021  
Karen Brennan - 01/31/2021  
Martin Bucher - 01/31/2021  
Barbara Celentino - 01/31/2021  
Anthony Cutillo - 01/31/2021  
John Davis - 01/31/2021  
Ken Falls - 01/31/2021  
Dante Fiocca - 01/31/2021  
Diane Futrelle - 01/31/2021  
Alfred Gipson - 01/31/2021  
Lee Hayes - 01/31/2021  
Elizabeth Higgins - 01/31/2021  
Rick Johnson - 01/31/2021  
Lucy Kelly - 01/31/2021  
Raymond Kreis - 01/31/2021  
Pat Lake - 01/31/2021  
Dorine LeBlanc - 01/31/2021  
Peter Lilly - 01/31/2021  
Ray Marcos - 01/31/2021  
Constance May - 01/31/2021  
Donald McCarty - 01/31/2021  
Kimberly Michaels - 01/31/2021  
Cynthia Moore - 01/31/2021  
Ronald Myers - 01/31/2021  
Richard Peterson - 01/31/2021  
Jean Puckett - 01/31/2021  
Kayla Rarey - 01/31/2021  
Mary Lou Riccio - 01/31/2021  
Fred Robinson - 01/31/2021  
Warren Rydell - 01/31/2021  
Linda Sanfilippo - 01/31/2021  
Patricia Tillman - 01/31/2021  
Brock Wagner - 01/31/2021  
Gerald Walford - 01/31/2021  
Eleanor Walsh - 01/31/2021  
Roger Worsley - 01/31/2021

### Welcome newest members:

Victoria Baker - Joined 11/19/2020  
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:

Robert Bartle  
Charlene Barton  
Don Brown  
Donna Bulthuis  
Cynthia Doyle  
Jean Flowers

Donald Frei  
Pamela Gross  
Elizabeth Helsel  
Leo Houston  
Richard Johnson  
Joetta Jones  
Robert Kennedy  
Marcia Lucas  
Chris Mally  
Christina Malse  
Carol Mayer  
Margaret Oliver  
Christine Sargent  
Marcia Smith  
Kristine Tygrett  
Margaret Vann  
Marisha Wozniak

**These members did not renew their dues:**

*(date shown is date membership expired)*

Diane Boss - 12/31/2020  
Pete Daub - 12/31/2020  
James Dryer - 11/30/2020  
Rich Fruin - 12/31/2020  
Dennis Gaucher - 11/30/2020  
Carolyn Goldstein - 12/31/2020  
Drew Harrington - 12/31/2020  
Tom Heads - 11/30/2020  
Sharon Hill - 11/30/2020  
Elizabeth Hollmann - 12/31/2020  
John Hoover - 11/30/2020  
Susanne Howells - 12/31/2020  
Debbie Johnson - 12/31/2020  
Phyllis Kaplan - 11/30/2020  
John Kuyper - 11/30/2020  
Brian Ledbetter - 11/30/2020  
Patricia McLellan - 11/30/2020  
Nancy Meeks - 11/30/2020  
Dimple Pfuhl - 12/31/2020  
Patty Pope - 12/31/2020  
Richard Reaume - 12/31/2020  
Marianne Rogers - 12/31/2020  
Marvin Sexton - 11/30/2020  
Margaret Walker - 12/31/2020  
David Welch - 12/31/2020

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 346 members.**

## How to Cure the Shanks

By Keely Levins, *GolfDigest.com*

We know, we know. You don't even want to talk about the shanks for fear bringing the subject up will cause you to catch them. But like it or not, you might find yourself in a situation where you're going to want to know a solution. Though awful, the plague of the shanks is curable.

First thing you have to do is take a break from the course. You need some alone time to sort this out on the range. Start by checking in on a few basics. Make sure you're standing tall with your chest up during the swing, don't hold the club too tightly, and make sure your weight isn't sneaking up toward your toes. David Leadbetter told us that not tending to all of these little things could be the root of your struggles.

He also gave us a drill that will cure your shanking woes.

Set up like you're going to hit it, and then put a tee in the ground just outside the toe of the club. While you're swinging, think about keeping the grip end of the club near your body. "Miss the tee at impact, and you'll hit the ball in the center of the face," says Leadbetter.



"I don't know what it is about it, but I love this course!"

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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

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**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

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**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**

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**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**

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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).



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