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# CHICAGO SINGLES GOLF

Chicago Chapter - American Singles Golf Association - April 2022

## CHAPTER PRESIDENT OPENING MAY 14 KICK-OFF EVENT



### President's Corner

We still need a NEW PRESIDENT for our chapter!

Please consider giving back to your club if you've been a member and never been on the board, or haven't been on it in a long time. There's not a huge time commitment. Contact **Kathi Brown** [kebartesian@aol.com](mailto:kebartesian@aol.com) for details if you're interested. Or ask any Board Member for more information.



### Social Chair

It's almost that time! Chicago ASGA's Annual Kick-Off Event is right around the corner.

Looking forward to connecting with old and new members after a long winter. See the box for all the details.

~Kathi Brown, 847-772-4512,  
[kebartesian@aol.com](mailto:kebartesian@aol.com)

### SEASON KICK-OFF EVENT

#### Location:

**Golf: 9 holes at River Bend Golf Club, 5900 South, IL-53, Lisle, IL 60532**

**Appetizers/Dinner: Wheatstack (golf course restaurant)**

#### Date and Time: May 14, 2022

**First Tee Time: 2:00 p.m.**

**Dinner: 5:15 p.m.**

#### Cost and Signup:

**Golf: \$32 to ride; \$22 to walk – pay for yourself at the golf course; reserve your spot by sending an email to the coordinator, Eileen Zittnan at [ezgolfs@att.net](mailto:ezgolfs@att.net)**

**Appetizers/Dinner: \$20 to be paid in advance by May 4 (ASGA is supplementing the cost); either send a \$20 check to Kathi Brown, 4512 N. Artesian Avenue, Chicago, IL 60625 ... or .... pay \$20 via Zelle, Venmo or PayPal to Marie Bush's account with the following email address: [shrub8@hotmail.com](mailto:shrub8@hotmail.com)**

#### Who's invited:

**All current and prospective members who love golf and are ready to mingle.**

#### Other important details:

**You can attend just golf, just dinner or both**

**Appetizers/Dinner is rain or shine**

**Dinner will be buffet (The Grand Harvest)**

**Big thank you to our Social Chair, Kathi Brown, our Golf Chair, Susan Herman and the coordinator for this event, Eileen Zittnan for their time and efforts in setting up and running this event!**

## NATIONAL EVENT INFORMATION

Events Open to All Members Nationwide

MON., MAY 30 - THUR., JUNE 2, 2022  
**BEGINS MEMORIAL DAY 2022**  
STONE MOUNTAIN, GEORGIA

**3 NIGHTS / 4 DAYS**  
ATLANTA MARRIOTT EVERGREEN  
2 ROUNDS OF GOLF + 6 MEALS

See [SinglesGolf.com](http://SinglesGolf.com) MemDay + 2-page insert in this newsletter

## LOCAL CHAPTER INFORMATION

Next Meeting

TBD

Meeting Location

TBD

Our Chapter Website: [www.ASGAChicago.org](http://www.ASGAChicago.org)

Meetup Website: <https://www.meetup.com/ASGACHicago/>

(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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**Golf Chair's Message**

Our 2022 season officially starts in May so now's the time to check out our ASGA website. **Tim Ryan** has started posting our event schedule for the 2022 season (a few dates are still TBD toward the end of the season). <https://asgachicago.org>

Be sure to mark your calendars for our Season Kick-Off Event, Saturday, May 14 at River Bend Golf Club. Their par-36 design plays up to 3,300 yards and has 4 sets of tees to accommodate all skill levels. **Eileen Zittnan** has graciously volunteered to be the event coordinator.

And as you review the upcoming schedule, please step up to volunteer to coordinate one of these events. We rely on our volunteers to keep this group running. Coordinating an outing is much easier now. Responsibilities include taking the RSVPs, contacting the course to give them the final count and pairings, and arranging for a place to gather afterwards for drinks or dinner. Any event contests are up to the Event Coordinator so you may collect small fees from players at the event. We'll also be continuing our running list of pairings for each outing in a spreadsheet, so we can continue to try to mix it up and prevent playing with the same people each time.

Date/Event	Golf Course	Coordinator	Area
Sat May 14 – Kick-Off	River Bend - 9 holes + dinner	Eileen Zittnan	W
Sun May 15	Heritage Bluffs of Channahon		S
Sat May 21	Springbrook	Catherine Dudley	W
Sun May 22	Mt. Prospect		NW
Sat May 28 - Mem Day Wknd	Ravisloe		S
Sun May 29 - Mem Day Wknd	White Deer Run		N
Sat June 4	Oakbrook		W
Sun June 5	Glencoe		N
Wed June 8	Mistwood		S
Sat June 11	Chevy Chase		N
Sun June 12	Prairie Landing		W
Sat June 18	Countryside	Jay Thompson	NW
Sun June 19 - Father's Day	NO GOLF		
Sat June 25	Ruffled Feathers		SW
Sun June 26	Pine Meadows		N
Sat July 2	Water's Edge		S
Sun July 3	Makray		NW
Sat July 9	Village Links		W
Sun July 10	Stonewall Orchard		N
Sat July 16 – Challenge	George Dunne	Tom Ullsperger	S
Sun July 17 – Challenge	George Dunne	Tom Ullsperger	S

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Date/Event	Golf Course	Coordinator	Area
Sat July 23	Thunderhawk		N
Sun July 24	Cantigny		W
Thurs July 28			
Sat July 30	Black Berry Oaks		SW
Sun July 31	Steeplechase		NW
Sat Aug 6	Bolingbrook		S
Sun Aug 7	Deerpath		N
Sat Aug 13 - Championship-20th Anniv.	Highlands Of Elgin	Tim Dowling	NW
Sun Aug 14 - Championship - 20th Anniv	Highlands Of Elgin	Tim Dowling	NW
Sat Aug 20	Naperbrook		SW
Sun Aug 21	Lake Bluff		N
Wed Aug 24			
Sat Aug 27	Bloomingtondale		W
Sun Aug 28	Whisper Creek		NW
Sat Sept 3 - Labor Day Wknd	White Tail Ridge		SW
Sun Sept 4 - Labor Day Wknd	Wilmette		N
Sat Sept 10			S
Sun Sept 11			W
Sat Sept 17	Bartlett Hills		NW

We have not yet booked past 9/17. So, if you have any favorites not listed here, let me know by mid-April and I'll try to add to the September open dates.

**Marie Bush** will once again be your Golf Chair starting May 1. It's been fun working with you all this past year, but thrilled Marie will once again be in charge!! Let the showers rain down in April...let the sun shine in May. Happy Spring everyone.

~Susan Herman  
susan\_herman@sbcglobal.net



## Communications Chair's Message

Info regarding upcoming golf outings will be sent out as e-blasts from [asgacommunications@gmail.com](mailto:asgacommunications@gmail.com). Undoubtedly, you don't want to miss out! To ensure these blasts don't end up as spam, please allow your inbox to receive these notices.

~Susan Barton



If you have a newsletter article/notice, please submit it to [clpausic@aol.com](mailto:clpausic@aol.com). Next month please send on by May 5 for May's newsletter.



ASGA Chicago website:  
<http://asgachicago.org/>



ASGA calendar:  
<http://asgachicago.org/index.php/events/>

## About Our Members

(THIS REPORT RAN 04/11/2022)

### Happy Birthday to these members:

Deborah Backman - 04/15  
Linda Ciprella - 05/15  
Robert Davidson - 04/04  
Heidi Harders - 04/22  
Chris Heim - 04/11  
Matthew Kogan - 05/13  
Kurt Kupitz - 05/07  
Jane Murphy - 04/30  
Ann O'Connell - 04/04  
Svetlana Popovic - 05/13  
Eruch Rustomji - 05/08  
Tom Schweihis - 04/10  
Scott Yonover - 04/21

### These members are up for renewal:

(date shown is last day of membership)

Christine Coyne - 04/30/2022  
Thomas Golbach - 04/30/2022  
Cathy Hill - 04/30/2022  
Vijay Kumar - 04/30/2022  
Kurt Kupitz - 04/30/2022  
Cynthia Pausic - 04/30/2022  
Robert Ptak - 04/30/2022  
Peggy Sodini - 04/30/2022  
Karol Stirneman - 04/30/2022  
Jay Thompson - 04/30/2022  
Tom Ullsperger - 04/30/2022  
Eileen Zittnan - 04/30/2022

### Welcome newest members:

Patti Cregg - Joined 03/16/2022  
Ann O'Connell - Joined 03/14/2022

### These members recently renewed:

Deborah Backman

### These members did not renew their dues:

(date shown is date membership expired)

Kathi Brown - 03/31/2022  
Jill Claypool - 03/31/2022  
TracyRae Crow - 03/31/2022  
Paul Hervey - 03/31/2022  
Ray Kalal - 03/31/2022  
Diane Lizama - 03/31/2022  
Michael Madden - 02/28/2022  
Sharon Meyer - 03/31/2022  
Colleen Nelms - 03/31/2022

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 79 members**



MONDAY, MAY 30 - THURSDAY, JUNE 2, 2022

# ARRIVE MEMORIAL DAY STONE MOUNTAIN, GEORGIA



**3 NIGHTS AT THE  
MARRIOTT EVERGREEN HOTEL  
+ 2 ROUNDS OF GOLF + 3 BREAKFASTS + 3 DINNERS  
+ 2 OPTIONAL ROUNDS**

SPONSORED BY THE AMERICAN SINGLES GOLF ASSOCIATION — Phone 980-833-6450 (Call/Text: M-F, 9-2 Eastern)  
Event Details: [SinglesGolf.com/MemDay](http://SinglesGolf.com/MemDay) Resort: [SinglesGolf.com/Marriott](http://SinglesGolf.com/Marriott) Resort Phone: 770-879-9900

## ***Reunion at Stone Mountain!***

**This event is open to all past and present members of the American Singles Golf Association.**

***Yes, this is our annual "reunion" event. "Reunion" meaning all former and current members are invited to attend. If you are a former member, whether married or not, you're welcome to attend. You pay just 5% more than to get this outstanding value.***

***Unique Location!*** Stone Mountain State Park ([StoneMountainPark.com](http://StoneMountainPark.com)) is 26 miles from the Atlanta airport (ATL) and 16 miles from downtown Atlanta. This resort offers unique and unforgettable outdoor venues. Attractions range from taking a train ride around Stone Mountain to viewing the world's longest running, spectacular laser light show. ***Other venues:*** Sky Hike, Crossroads, Summit Skyride and Geyser Towers.

**Room-With-Someone Package — \$769.00      Room-by-Yourself Package — \$1,089.00**

- 3 nights lodging at the Evergreen Marriott Resort at Stone Mountain, Georgia (Mon/Tue/Wed nights, May 30, 31, June 1)
- 2 rounds of golf (incl. cart, green fees, range balls, prizes) - Lakemont and Stonemont Courses. Play your own ball each day. Scoring will be 2-best net ball of each foursome. Optional day-of-arrival golf (11:30 on 5/30) & day-of-departure golf (9am on 6/2)
- 6 food functions: 3 hot breakfast buffets at the Marriott, dinner on arrival day at the Marriott + 1 picnic-style dinner at the course + awards dinner at Tucker Brewery, our final night.
- Welcome gift, Program & Pairings Guide, nametags and cash bar (at evening dinners) + 50/50 raffle.
- Includes all resort service fees & taxes. See [SinglesGolf.com/MemDay](http://SinglesGolf.com/MemDay) and the Official Registration Form for full details.

***If you're a veteran of any military branch, please let us know when registering. We honor your service and would like to list your name in the Program and give you four (4) free 50/50 raffle tickets for registering and attending this event!***

**Stay Extra Nights—Play Extra Days!** If you arrive up to 3-days early (Memorial Day weekend), your rate is \$249/night and \$199/night for up to 4 days after our event. Prices are inclusive of taxes, fees & state park entry fee. Breakfast not included on any additional nights outside of our package. If you have a roommate, extra night fees shown herein are at 50% cost shown. Play day-of-arrival at [Heritage Golf Links](#) and day-of-departure the Stonemont Course at Stone Mountain State Park, a Robert Trent Jones, Jr. design.

***If you need a roommate and don't have one, ASGA will do its very best to find a same-gendered roommate for you.***

**Complete the Official Registration Form (see next page) or register online at [SinglesGolf.com/MemDay](http://SinglesGolf.com/MemDay)**

# ASGA's ANNUAL REUNION

## STONE MOUNTAIN, GEORGIA - STARTS MEMORIAL DAY

### 3 NIGHTS AT THE MARRIOTT EVERGREEN HOTEL 2 ROUNDS OF GOLF

### 3 DINNERS + 3 BREAKFASTS

## MONDAY, MAY 30 - THURSDAY, JUNE 2, 2022

# OFFICIAL REGISTRATION FORM

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 Event Website: [SinglesGolf.com/MemDay](http://SinglesGolf.com/MemDay) Resort: [SinglesGolf.com/Marriott](http://SinglesGolf.com/Marriott) Resort Phone: 770-879-9900

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

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) MALE ( ) FEMALE CHAPTER NAME \_\_\_\_\_ (Indicate city if no chapter name.)  
 ADDR \_\_\_\_\_ CTY \_\_\_\_\_ ST \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ Handicap/Avg. Score \_\_\_\_\_  
 CELL # \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_ EMERGENCY CONTACT (name/phone) \_\_\_\_\_  
 ( ) I am a veteran of the armed forces, having served in the ( ) Army ( ) Navy ( ) Air Force ( ) Marines ( ) Coast Guard

**CHECK APPROPRIATE PACKAGE (Packages are described on previous flyer page):**

- ( ) **\$769.00 — STANDARD PACKAGE** (you'll have a roommate—you secure or we try to get same gendered roommate)
- ( ) **\$1089.00 — ROOM-BY-MYSELF PACKAGE** (includes everything in St'd. Pkg.)
- ( ) **\$89.00 — OPTIONAL DAY-OF-ARRIVAL GOLF — MON.** at Heritage Golf Links (11:30am tee times)
- ( ) **\$69.00 — OPTIONAL DAY-OF-DEPARTURE GOLF — THUR.** at Stonemont Golf Course (9:00am tee times)

My roommate will be \_\_\_\_\_ (or we'll attempt to assign a same-gender 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: Rooms are "ROH" (run of house). Hotel controls your room location and room type. We register you subject to those conditions.*

I'd like to play ( ) one ( ) all rounds of golf with \_\_\_\_\_. Email special requests to [info@SinglesGolf.com](mailto:info@SinglesGolf.com)

**I AM REMITTING:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for the package indicated above — breakfasts included  
 + \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_ add'l. before nights of 5/27, 5/28 or 5/29, (@ \$248 single / \$124 dbl. occ). Breakfast add'l.  
 + \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_ add'l. after nights of 6/2 thru 6/6 (@ \$208 single / \$104 dbl. occ) Breakfast add'l.  
 Indicate dates (before/after) of your add'l. nights: \_\_\_\_\_  
 + \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Optional Day-of-Arrival golf at Heritage Golf Links, Monday, 5/30, 11:30am. \$89  
 + \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Optional Day-of-Departure golf at Stonemont Golf Course, Thursday, 6/02, 9am. \$69  
 + \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Mulligans (put \$10 in this space if you want 3 mulligans for each of your 2 main days of golf.)  
 + \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 50/50 Raffle Tickets (add \$20 here for five 50/50 raffle tickets. Tickets \$20 for 4 tickets at the event.)  
 + \$ \_\_\_\_\_ I'm a former ASGA member and I am adding 5% to all of the above.  
 ( ) I'm still single ( ) I'm married now and my spouse is also registering (separate registration form required).  
 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **TOTAL AMOUNT (Ck. # \_\_\_\_\_ - Make Check\* Payable to ASGA, Inc. (Mailing Address Below.)**

**CANCELLATION:** There is a 25% cancellation fee on or prior to 4/30/22. Absolutely NO refunds after 4/30/22. If your plans change, you can sell your position to another member. See events website for cancellation policy, terms & conditions.

**TRIP INSURANCE IS OFFERED** on this event as an option and must be purchased within 10 days of registering through the event website.  
 ( ) I will apply for trip insurance within ten (10) days of registering. If you register without purchasing trip insurance, you are indicating that you are declining to purchase trip insurance and you assume all risks and **receive no refund of any sort.**

( ) I am declining to purchase trip insurance.  
 ( ) I have a special **DIETARY NEED** as follows: \_\_\_\_\_

**CONFIRMATION:** A letter or e-mail confirmation will be sent to you upon receipt of payment. If you do not receive confirmation within 10 days after registering, you must contact ASGA at the number below.

**MAILING ADDRESS: ASGA, 1122 Industrial Dr., Suite 107, Matthews, NC 28105 Questions? Call or Text to 980-833-6450**

**PAY BY CREDIT CARD:** I hereby authorize ASGA to charge my account number below for the "TOTAL AMOUNT" indicated above. A 3% fee will be added to the TOTAL AMOUNT shown above.

Acc't. No: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
**CREDIT CARD USERS: Fax this form to 888-465-3295 or Scan & Send to [Irene@SinglesGolf.com](mailto:Irene@SinglesGolf.com)**

**QUESTIONS? E-MAIL TOM ALSOP at [Tom@SinglesGolf.com](mailto:Tom@SinglesGolf.com) or CALL 980-833-6450 or 1-888-GOLFMATE**

*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 Chicago 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 _____
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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!**

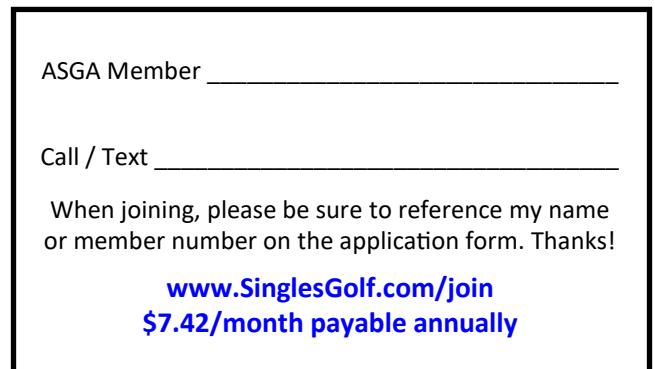
Below shows how your business card appears. They don't come to you automatically, you'll have to order them. E-mail [Irene@SinglesGolf](mailto:Irene@SinglesGolf) or call 980-833-6450 (9am—1:30pm, Mon-Fri, Eastern) for your free 25 cards.

**- - 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

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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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