

CHICAGO SINGLES GOLF

Chicago Chapter - American Singles Golf Association - April 2020

STAY SAFE & HOPE TO SEE YOU SOON!



In the meantime, you might want to get some long walks in and check out some of the online workouts available you can do at home with little or no equipment. Not only is exercise good for your physical and mental well-being, it will help us get in shape for what looks like might be a season of more walking than riding. We'll be checking out ways we can minimize contact whenever the golf courses re-open. One of them certainly will be to walk the course, since it's easier to maintain your distance from others as compared to riding in a cart. So, get some fresh air as the weather starts to warm up, hit some chip shots in your yard, and stay well. We're all looking forward to getting together on the links again when it's safe to resume play.

In the meantime, there are still lots of scheduled outings in need of a coordinator. Please let me know if you would be willing to sign up for any of the open outings in the list on the following page.

~Marie Bush, Shrub8@hotmail.com



President's Message

Hello my golf friends,

I sincerely hope that this newsletter finds you safe and healthy. Things have changed a lot since last month and the Chicagoland golf season will be different than planned, but that's trivial in comparison to all that's happening in the world. No definitive plans will be made until the stay-at-home order is lifted and the golf courses are ready to reopen. Even then, our aim will be to find a way for us to safely enjoy the friendships, beautiful courses and game we love.

As the weather gets warmer, move your putting green from the living room to the

yard and soak up some sunshine. But keep the driver in the bag – the neighbors will appreciate it. Please keep an eye on the website for updates and stay healthy and hopeful!



~Alice Zyks



Golf Chair Message

"HOLD PLEASE." Yup, that's our golf season for now, on hold. We were ready to go, until this pandemic moved in to put

us all on pause. We're not sure when golf courses might be re-opening, or under what restrictions, but we'll keep you posted.

NATIONAL OFFICE INFORMATION

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

- **Memorial Day Weekend 2020** — We will be returning to Pinehurst (our home away from home) for a great 3-day golf and social experience. Arrive Thursday, May 21, for an optional round, or May 22 when everyone else arrives, depart Monday, May 25. **WE ARE REVIEWING THE DATES OF THIS EVENT AS TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS MAY CONTINUE TO BE ENFORCED. AN EMAIL WILL BE SENT TO ALL MEMBERS ONCE FINAL PLANS ARE IN PLACE.**
- **ASGA in Europe** — We will do two (2) trips to Europe in 2020. We're looking at visiting Scotland in late July, 2020 and then Portugal in mid-to-late September. Stay tuned, information will be out in March for the Scotland trip, late April for the Portugal trip. **AGAIN, DUE TO THE COVID-19 / CORONAVIRUS epidemic, we are reviewing our travel plans to Europe. Please do not make firm plans until the website is announced to all members.**

LOCAL CHAPTER INFORMATION

Next Meeting

TBD

Meeting Location

TBD

Our Chapter Website: www.ASGAChicago.org

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

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

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Date/Day	Course	Region	Organizer
Sat May 9	Tanna Farms	W	Cathy Hill
Sun May 10 Mothers Day	Old Orchard	NW	Kurt Kupitz
Sat May 16	Arboretum	NW	Mike Madden
Sun May 17	Coyote Run	S	
Sat May 23 Mem Day Wkd	Prairie Landing	W	
Sun May 24 Mem Day Wkd	White Deer Run	N	Mike Madden
Sat May 30	Chevy Chase	N	Cindy Pausic
Sun May 31	Naperbrook	SW	
Sat Jun 6	Preserve at Oak Meadows	W	
Sun Jun 7	Sunset Valley	N	Sue Herman
Sat Jun 13	Countryside	NW	Jay Thompson
Sun Jun 14	Cog Hill #2	S	Colleen Nelms
Sat Jun 20	Harborside - Starboard	S	Rick Bachman
Sun Jun 21 Fathers Day	Village Links of Glen Ellyn	W	
Sat Jun 27	Chalet Hills	NW	
Sun Jun 28		S or W	
Sat Jul 4		W	
Sun Jul 5	Pine Meadow	N	
Sat Jul 11	George Dunne (Challenge)	S	Tom Ullsberger
Sun Jul 12	George Dunne (Challenge)	S	Tom Ullsberger
Wed Jul 15	Mistwood	S	Rick Bachman
Sat Jul 18	Stonewall Orchard	N	Marie Di Virgilio
Sun Jul 19	Springbrook	W	
Sat Jul 25	Whitetail Ridge	S	
Sun Jul 26	Highlands of Elgin	NW	Linda Ciprella
Sat Aug 1	Thunderhawk	N	Sharon Meyer
Sun Aug 2	Balmoral Woods	S	Tom Golbach
Sat Aug 8		S	
Sun Aug 9	Bowes Creek	NW	
Sat Aug 15	St Andrews - Championship	W	Tim Dowling
Sun Aug 16	St Andrews - Championship	W	Tim Dowling
Sat Aug 22		N	
Sun Aug 23	Arrowhead	W	
Sat Aug 29	Bollingbrook	S	Colleen Nelms
Sun Aug 30	Mt. Prospect	NW	Sharon Meyer
Sat Sep 5 Labor Day Wd	Steeple Chase	NW	
Sun Sep 6 Labor Day Wd	Orchard Valley	W	
Sat Sep 12		S or W	
Sun Sep 13		N or NW	
Sat Sep 19	Palatine Hills	NW	
Sun Sep 20	Sanctuary	S	Colleen Nelms
Sat Sep 26 Ryder Cup	Cantigny	W	
Sun Sep 27 Ryder Cup		N or NW	
Sat Oct 3		N or NW	
Sun Oct 4		S or W	



Social Chair's Message

All social events will be cancelled until further notice.

~Kathi Brown, kebartesian@aol.com



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



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<http://asgachicago.org/>



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

About Our Members

(THIS REPORT RAN 04/08/2020)

Happy Birthday to these members:

Deborah Backman - 04/15
Linda Ciprella - 05/15
Heidi Harders - 04/22
Matthew Kogan - 05/13
Kurt Kupitz - 05/07
Tom Schweihns - 04/10

These members are up for renewal:

(date shown is last day of membership)

Christine Coyne - 04/30/2020
Thomas Golbach - 04/30/2020
Donald Hanson - 04/30/2020
Kathy Hendrickson - 04/30/2020
Cathy Hill - 04/30/2020
Susanna Menn - 04/30/2020
Cynthia Pausic - 04/30/2020
Pamela Prest - 04/30/2020
John Reavy - 04/30/2020
Karol Stirneman - 04/30/2020
Jay Thompson - 04/30/2020
Tom Ullsperger - 04/30/2020
Eileen Zittnan - 04/30/2020

These members recently renewed:

Deborah Backman
Tracy Rae Crow
Kate Dudley
Ann Engelmann
Ray Kalal
Michael Madden
Robin Rash
Rick Seaberg

These members did not renew their dues:

(date shown is date membership expired)

Cindy Boyd - 03/31/2020
Kathi Brown - 03/31/2020
Kathleen Burns - 03/31/2020
Kathleen Kaehr - 03/31/2020
Colleen Nelms - 03/31/2020

Our chapter currently has 78 members.

Five Everyday Activities You're Already Doing That Can Help Your Swing

~Madeline MacClurg, GolfDigest.com

Even if it has been a while since you've seen the golf course or touched a club, you could still be improving your game without realizing it. If that sounds too good to be true, Golf Digest's State No. 1 teachers, Jeff Ritter (Oregon) and Jason Sedan (New Hampshire) have identified a number of common tasks that actually relate quite well to the golf swing.

Ritter says many of his students already understand from life experience how to perform the basic mechanics necessary for the swing, they just don't know how to apply them. He says that once his students learn that connection, everything starts to click. "If you increase awareness and tap into some creativity, you'll find lessons to improve your game in nearly all that you do," Ritter says. Try to be a little more conscious the next time you perform any of these six activities and you might just have the breakthrough you've been waiting for.

1. Starting a lawn mower Many golfers slide their lower body from the target when they take the club back. Sedan says a great way to fix this is to think about starting a lawn mower. He says the pulling motion is similar to starting your swing because the trail hip and shoulder rise. This helps you practice making a stable pivot instead of a swaying motion.

2. Shoveling If you struggle to generate speed, Sedan says a shoveling motion helps to mimic the feeling of rotating around your front hip and pushing off the ground with your legs when you throw the snow. This is also the proper sequence for a powerful downswing.

3. Sweeping For better ball-striking, all you need is a broom. Ritter says sweeping helps your golf swing because it simulates how the club should lag in the downswing. You'll learn to keep your hands in front of the clubhead through impact, which will help you hit down on the ball and compress it.

4. Throwing a Frisbee Tossing around a Frisbee is not only fun, it's also functional for your golf swing. Sedan suggests practicing your frisbee toss with your non-dominant hand because "it's the exact release you need in your lead hand to launch the ball high and straight."

5. Parallel Parking The traditional over-the-shoulder method of parallel parking is great training for your golf swing. Ritter explains that by turning your upper body while you're seated, you improve the separation between your upper and lower halves. Ritter says this movement will help you wind up your body and produce more power through impact.



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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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