

CHICAGO SINGLES GOLF

Chicago Chapter - American Singles Golf Association - May 2020

MAY 16TH - ARBORETUM IN BUFFALO GROVE



which means a four to five-mile walk chasing a little white ball is just what I need. Working from home is great for the commuting (or lack thereof) but cabin fever is starting to set in this month.

Stay safe and hope to see you on the links soon.



~Alice Zyks

naments. Here's a link to the restrictions that were posted on our website: <https://asgchicago.org/index.php/2020/04/27/may-outings-cancelled/>

We have cancelled our May outings as we won't be able to enjoy our normal outings under the current restrictions. However, understanding that tee times will be hard to come by with only 8 golfers allowed on a course per hour, many of our scheduled courses have agreed to hold some tee times for us instead of just releasing them for the general public. The courses and details are listed below. **Please email me directly to sign up for any of the courses listed.** I will let you know how payment is being handled for each of the courses.

The CDGA is coordinating with several other golf organizations to lobby for less restrictive rules. If the restrictions are loosened up and allow for more play, we will let you know. Stay well, and we hope to see you on the links soon!

~Marie Bush, Shrub8@hotmail.com



President's Message

Hi friends,

As we move into May I hope you are all healthy and well.

As you hopefully have seen from the website and e-blast, all planned ASGA Chicago golf outings have been canceled until at least June. The current golf guidelines make it impractical to enjoy a social gathering either on or off the course. We will continue to monitor the situation and resume play just as soon as possible.

I haven't dusted off my clubs yet but am looking forward to hitting the links in the next week or so. The pandemic has stopped volleyball and pickleball for me



Golf Chair Message

As you're all aware by now, the Illinois stay-at-home orders have been extended through May 31, but golf courses opened May 1, subject to restrictions. Those restrictions are basically as follows: restricted to playing in twosomes, walking only except in case of a physical limitation (bring your own pull cart), tee times spaced 15 minutes apart, no touching the flag sticks, raised cups to eliminate the need to reach into the cup to remove the ball, rakes removed from bunkers, clubhouses closed, no gathering before or after rounds, and no tour-

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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www.SinglesGolf.com/WashYourHands

Saturday May 16 – Arboretum in Buffalo Grove

Signup deadline Friday May 8. Contact

Marie Bush to reserve a spot

(shrub8@hotmail.com)

16 slots starting at 12:00, 12:15, 12:30,

12:45, 1:00, 1:15, 1:30, 1:45

\$35 to walk, \$45 to ride if you say you have a physical limitation

Call in day of play to pay ahead of time via credit card - one payment per twosome.

Please settle up between you and your playing partner.

Restrooms will be available

Sunday May 17 – Coyote Run in Flossmoor

Signup Deadline Monday, May 11.

Contact **Marie Bush** to reserve a spot

(shrub8@hotmail.com)

8 slots starting at 12:30, 12:45, 1:00, 1:15

\$50 to walk, \$70 to ride if you say you have a limitation. Pay ahead via credit card

Restrooms will be available at clubhouse

Saturday May 23 – Prairie Landing in West Chicago

Signup deadline Saturday May 16.

Contact **Marie Bush** to reserve a spot

(shrub8@hotmail.com)

16 slots starting at 12:30, 12:45, 1:00, 1:15, 1:30, 1:45, 2:00, 2:15

\$50 to walk. Must have a handicap placard to get a cart. Pay ahead via credit card
Port a Potties available

Sunday May 24 – White Deer Run in Vernon Hills

Signup deadline Saturday May 16.

Contact **Marie Bush** to reserve a spot

(shrub8@hotmail.com)

8 slots starting at 12:00, 12:15, 12:30, 12:45

\$69 to walk, \$89 to ride if you have a physical limitation. Pay ahead via credit card

Restrooms will be available

Saturday May 30 – Chevy Chase in Wheeling

Signup deadline Saturday May 23.

Contact **Marie Bush** to reserve a spot

(shrub8@hotmail.com)

8 slots starting at 12:00, 12:15, 12:30, 12:45

Remaining details to be provided



I have a spare pull cart that I am willing to part with if anyone can use. It is old and basic but it

works. I currently have one person who is interested but can put you on the list in case that does not play out (it would not be

the first time ☺). Contact me if you are interested and would be willing to pick up.

~Cindy Pausic clpausic@aol.com



If you have a newsletter article/notice, please

submit it to clpausic@aol.com. Next month please send on by June 5 for June's newsletter.

Website

ASGA Chicago website:

<http://asgachicago.org/>



ASGA calendar:

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

About Our Members

(THIS REPORT RAN 05/08/2020)

Happy Birthday to these members:

Patrice Al-Saden - 05/23

Richard Bachman - 06/12

Susan Barton - 06/04

Kathi Brown - 05/18

Linda Ciprella - 05/15

Thomas Golbach - 05/25

Ed Horak - 05/27

Joanne Jacobs - 06/04

Matthew Kogan - 05/13

Kurt Kupitz - 05/07

Robin Rash - 05/29

These members are up for renewal:

(date shown is last day of membership)

Susan Barton - 05/31/2020

Kathy Braun - 05/31/2020

David Halper - 05/31/2020

Katherine Maraffino - 05/31/2020

Margaret Onken - 05/31/2020

Ruth Wiechmann Browne - 05/31/2020

These members recently renewed:

Thomas Golbach

Donald Hanson

Colleen Nelms

Cynthia Pausic

These members did not renew their dues:

(date shown is date membership expired)

Cindy Boyd - 03/31/2020

Kathleen Burns - 03/31/2020

Christine Coyne - 04/30/2020

Kathy Hendrickson - 04/30/2020

Kathleen Kaehr - 03/31/2020

Susanna Menn - 04/30/2020

Pamela Prest - 04/30/2020

John Reavy - 04/30/2020

Karol Stirneman - 04/30/2020

Jay Thompson - 04/30/2020

Eileen Zittnan - 04/30/2020

Our chapter currently has 72 members.

“Better 6 Feet Apart than Six Feet Under”

And Other Quips of the Day

- ◆ Classified Ad: Single man with toilet paper seeks woman with hand sanitizer for good clean fun.
- ◆ Half of us are going to come out of this quarantine as amazing cooks. The other half will come out with a drinking problem.
- ◆ I used to spin that toilet paper like I was on Wheel of Fortune. Now I turn it like I'm cracking a safe.
- ◆ I need to practice social distancing from the refrigerator.
- ◆ I could never decide where to go for Easter . . . the Living Room or the Bedroom.
- ◆ Every few days try your jeans on just to make sure they fit. Pajamas will have you believe all is well in the kingdom.
- ◆ Homeschooling is going well. Two students suspended for fighting and one teacher fired for drinking on the job.
- ◆ I don't think anyone expected that when we changed the clocks, we'd go from Standard Time to the Twilight Zone.
- ◆ This morning I saw a neighbor talking to her cat. It was obvious she thought her cat understood her. I came into my house, told my dog . . . we laughed a lot.
- ◆ So, after this quarantine, will the producers of *My 600 Pound Life* just find me or do I find them?
- ◆ Quarantine Day 25: Went to this restaurant called THE KITCHEN. You must gather all the ingredients and make your own meal. I have no clue how this place is still in business.
- ◆ My body has absorbed so much soap and disinfectant lately that when I pee it cleans the toilet.
- ◆ Day 15 of Homeschooling: One of these little monsters called in a bomb threat.
- ◆ I'm so excited . . . it's time to take out the garbage. What should I wear?
- ◆ I hope the weather is good tomorrow for my trip to Puerto Backyarda. I'm getting tired of Los Livingroom.
- ◆ Day 26 of Homeschooling: My child just said "I hope I don't have the same teacher next year. I'm offended.
- ◆ They said that a mask and gloves were enough to go to the supermarket. They lied, everyone else has clothes on.
- ◆ And lastly, I know a great joke about Corona Virus, you probably won't get it though.

AND HOPEFULLY, NO ASGA MEMBER OR FAMILY MEMBER WILL GET IT EITHER!

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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