

*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

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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

The back side of the business card is a form with a black border. It contains the following text: 'ASGA Member \_\_\_\_\_', 'Call / Text \_\_\_\_\_', 'When joining, please be sure to reference my name or member number on the application form. Thanks!', and the website 'www.SinglesGolf.com/join' with the price '\$7.42/month payable annually'.

Back side of business card

CELEBRATING 29 YEARS OF SINGLES GOLF® IN AMERICA

# CHICAGO SINGLES GOLF

Chicago Chapter - American Singles Golf Association - April 2021

## SEASON KICKOFF - MAY 8TH AT SPRINGBROOK



### President's Message

After more than a year of life as we could have never imagined, many are lamenting that things may never be the same. Certainly, there is some truth to that, but that's missing the point. Even though many of the changes have been thrust upon us, we have the ability to adapt.

In the best of times, change is constant. We can choose to fight it, ignore it or accept it, but it is ever present. Far more so in the past year than we have ever faced.

Fighting or ignoring change is futile. In today's world, it can only overwhelm us. Those who have made changes are better for it. Whether we exercised more, learned to cook for ourselves, or made an effort to work smarter, hopefully we can see the benefits.

Which brings us to best change of all: the change of seasons. As we roll into April, our golf season will be soon upon us. The chance to get out on the course beckons. Let's hope some things never change.

~Tom U



### Golf Chair Message

Our season is officially starting next month. Check out the list of courses below to see where we're playing, and please sign up to run a couple of outings. We rely on our volunteers to keep this group running. Running an outing is easy. Responsibilities include taking the RSVPs, contacting the course to give them the final count and pairings, and arrange for a place to gather afterwards for drinks or dinner. We've done away with the paid contests, and everyone will be paying the courses directly, so no money to collect or balance out. If you want to have a few contests for bragging rights in the newsletter recap, go for it! 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.

**Susan Herman** is taking over the Golf Chair duties for the rest of the season. Please reach out to her to sign up to run an outing ([susan\\_herman@sbcglobal.net](mailto:susan_herman@sbcglobal.net))

## NATIONAL EVENT INFORMATION

Events Open to All Members Nationwide



## 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

Go to [www.SinglesGolf.com/MyAccount](http://www.SinglesGolf.com/MyAccount) to make changes to your address, phone, etc. To join or renew your dues, go to [www.SinglesGolf.com/join](http://www.SinglesGolf.com/join)

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For anyone who will not be vaccinated yet when we start and is still concerned about sharing a cart, I've included information about single carts for the May and June events. After that, it will be back to normal sharing for anyone in a cart, assuming COVID is well under control by then.

Some reminders:

1. Pace of play is important. Please keep up with the group in front of you so there are no gaps between groups, and we are welcome back to play as a group at the course.
2. Coordinators will try to accommodate requests to play with someone else, but both parties must make the request. In no circumstances will pairings be adjusted after they are sent out. We are a fun group, so enjoy the day with whomever you've been paired with!

3. If you sign up for an outing and don't show up or cancel after the signup deadline, you may have to pay for your slot anyway. Many courses are starting to charge for no-shows. In case of rain, it's up to the course as to whether they still expect us to play.
4. Potential members are welcome to join us for one round before needing to join to continue playing. Alumni and other non-members can play at designated events – currently Countryside in June and the Challenge in July.

I've left a few spots on our schedule open for now in case we need to make up any rainouts. Those spots will eventually get booked, so keep an eye on the ASGA Chicago website for updates. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone out on the links, and welcoming new members. Just a few more weeks!

~Marie Bush, [Shrub8@hotmail.com](mailto:Shrub8@hotmail.com)

Date/Day	Course	Region	Organizer
Sat May 8	Springbrook	W	Greg Mieczynski
Sun May 9 Mothers Day	Old Orchard	NW	
Sat May 15	Chevy Chase	N	Cindy Pausic
Sun May 16	Ruffled Feathers	S	
Sat May 22	Village Links of Glen Ellyn	W	
Sun May 23	Mt Prospect	NW	Sharon Meyer
Sat May 29 Mem Day Wkd	TBD	S	
Sun May 30 Mem Day Wkd	White Deer Run	N	
Sat Jun 5	Bridges of Poplar Creek	NW	
Sun Jun 6	Naperbrook	SW	
Thur Jun 10	Cantigny Double tee start- Woodside/ Lakeside and vice versa	W	Judy Johnson
Sat Jun 12	Stonewall Orchard	N	
Sun Jun 13	Ravisloe	S	Rick Bachman
Sat Jun 19	Countryside	NW	Jay Thompson
Sun Jun 20 Fathers Day	Prairie Landing	W	
Sat Jun 26	Bollingbrook Golf Club	S	Rick Bachman
Sun Jun 27	Arboretum Club	N	
Sat Jul 3	Bloomingtondale	W	
Sun Jul 4	Palatine Hills	NW	
Sat Jul 10	Thunderhawk	N	
Sun Jul 11	Preserve at Oak Meadows	W	Linda Ciprella

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Date/Day	Course	Region	Organizer
Sat Jul 17 - Challenge	George Dunne	S	Tom U
Sun Jul 18 - Challenge	George Dunne	S	Tom U
Sat Jul 24	Sunset Valley	N	
Sun Jul 25	Arrowhead	W	
Wed Jul 28	TBD	S	
Sat Jul 31	Highlands of Elgin	NW	
Sun Aug 1	Cantigny Lakeside/Hillside	W	
Sat Aug 7	Harborside	S	
Sun Aug 8	Deerpath Golf Course	N	
Sat Aug 14 - Championship	Orchard Valley	W	Tim Dowling
Sun Aug 15 - Championship	Orchard Valley	W	Tim Dowling
Sat Aug 21	Bowes Creek	NW	
Sun Aug 22	Cog Hill #2 - Ravines	S	
Wed Aug 25	Foxford Hills	NW	
Sat Aug 28	Balmoral Woods	S	
Sun Aug 29	Pine Meadow	N	
Sat Sep 4 Labor Day Wd	Prairie Isle	NW	
Sun Sep 5 Labor Day Wd	Maple Meadows	W	
Sat Sep 11	Heritage Oaks	N	
Sun Sep 12	Whitetail Ridge	SW	
Sat Sep 18	Chalet Hills	NW	
Sun Sep 19	TBD	W	
Sat Sep 25 Ryder Cup wkd	TBD	S	
Sun Sep 26 Ryder Cup wkd	Steeple Chase	NW	
Sat Oct 2	TBD	W	
Sun Oct 3	TBD	N	

**NEWSLETTER** 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.

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

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

## About Our Members

(THIS REPORT RAN 04/09/2021)

### Happy Birthday to these members:

Deborah Backman - 04/15  
Leonard Benbenek - 04/24  
Jennifer Bender - 04/21  
Linda Ciprella - 05/15  
Robert Davidson - 04/04  
Heidi Harders - 04/22  
Matthew Kogan - 05/13  
Kurt Kupitz - 05/07  
Tom Schweihs - 04/10

### These members are up for renewal:

(date shown is last day of membership)

Peggy Beaver - 04/30/2021  
Christine Coyne - 04/30/2021  
Donald Hanson - 04/30/2021  
Kathy Hendrickson - 04/30/2021  
Cathy Hill - 04/30/2021  
Cynthia Pausic - 04/30/2021  
Robert Ptak - 04/30/2021  
Peggy Sodini - 04/30/2021  
Jay Thompson - 04/30/2021  
Eileen Zittnan - 04/30/2021

### Welcome newest members:

Jill Claypool - Joined 03/17/2021  
Diane Lizama - Joined 03/17/2021

### These members recently renewed:

Deborah Backman  
Kate Dudley  
Sharon Meyer  
Robin Rash  
Rick Seaberg

### These members did not renew their dues:

(date shown is date membership expired)

Kathi Brown - 03/31/2021  
Paul Gentile - 02/28/2021  
Ray Kalal - 03/31/2021  
Michael Madden - 02/28/2021  
Colleen Nelms - 03/31/2021  
Lynn Wesley - 03/31/2021

**Our chapter currently has 76 members.**



# ASGA National News

## The Greenbrier Chosen for Spring Reunion 2021



Sunday, May 31 ~ Thursday, June 3, 2021  
Details at [SinglesGolf.com/Greenbrier](https://SinglesGolf.com/Greenbrier)

### Head to The Greenbrier on Memorial Day

The Greenbrier is America's Resort. It's a beautiful, luxury resort located in the Allegheny Mountains near White Sulphur, West Virginia. Since 1778, visitors have traveled to this part of the state. Today, The Greenbrier is situated on 11,000 acres of land with 710 guest rooms, 20 restaurants and lounges, more than 55 indoor and outdoor activities and sports, and 36 retail shops.

The current Greenbrier was built in 1913 by the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway and was owned for much of its history by that company and its successors, Chessie System and CSX Corporation. Following years of heavy losses, CSX had the hotel file for bankruptcy protection in 2009. Justice Family Group, a company owned by local entrepreneur and later Governor of West Virginia Jim Justice, subsequently bought the property and guaranteed all debts, resulting in dismissal of the bankruptcy protection. Justice promised to return the hotel to its former status as a five-star resort and to introduce "tasteful" gambling for guests to increase profit.

The last U.S. president to stay at The Greenbrier during a presidency was Dwight D. Eisenhower. A total of 26 presidents have stayed at the hotel. The Greenbrier is also the site of a massive underground bunker that was meant to

serve as an emergency shelter for the United States Congress during the Cold War. Attendees to the ASGA event will have an opportunity to purchase bunker tour tickets.

### ASGA Member Writes Definitive Guide

*51 Shades of Online Dating: A Guide for People Over 50* is a non-fiction book for anyone who is thinking about or who uses the internet in search of love. The author is a long-time ASGA member from Tampa Bay. Ms. Lindberg offers humor and insight by using her true life experiences and lessons learned; she lived the information given in her book. The author's stories are funny, sad, baffling, moving, shocking, uplifting, and sometimes scary. She offers guidance when writing a profile, posting photos, and when messaging potential and not-so-potential prospects. Can you separate the wheat from the chaff or spot a scam or a bot? This book will answer these and many more questions.

Help make your story a successful one AND keeping yourself safe! You can get a signed copy of *51 Shades of Online Dating: A Guide for People Over 50* by ordering from [www.srandralindberg-writer.com](https://www.srandralindberg-writer.com) (\$14.95). Unsigned copies are also available on Booklocker, Amazon, and Barnes and Noble. Available in paperback and eBook getting 5-star reviews.



**MONDAY, MAY 31 - THURSDAY, JUNE 3, 2021**

**Standard Package (dbl. occ.) Includes:**

- 2 rounds of golf (Old White & Meadows, includes cart, green fees, range balls, prizes) + **free 9-holes of golf** on The Greenbrier Course if you register by May 14\*
- 3 nights' lodging at The Greenbrier (Mon/Tue/Wed)
- 6 food functions: 3 dinners (cash bars) + 3 breakfasts
- DJ dancing on final night (if 100+ register by 5/14/21)
- Welcome gift, all resort service fees & taxes.

*Room-alone package also available, see below.*

**SPONSORED BY THE AMERICAN SINGLES GOLF ASSOCIATION — Phone 980-833-6450 (M-F, 9-2pm Eastern)**  
**Event Website: [SinglesGolf.com/Greenbrier](http://SinglesGolf.com/Greenbrier) Resort Website: [Greenbrier.com](http://Greenbrier.com) Resort Phone: 855-453-4858**

*See [SinglesGolf.com/Greenbrier](http://SinglesGolf.com/Greenbrier) for complete details, updates, etc.*

**GOLF:** Play the Old White & Meadows courses on Tues + Wed, June 1 & 2. Play your own ball both days. **Scoring:** 2 best net balls of 4-some. USGA Rules apply. Opt. 1:00pm 9-hole Day-of-Arrival Golf (5/31) OR 9:00am Day-of-Departure Golf (6/3) at the Greenbrier course if you register by 5/14.

**CANCELLATION:** There is a 25% cancellation fee on or prior to 5/14. Absolutely NO refunds after 5/14/21. If your plans change, you can sell your position to another member. See event website for cancellation policy, terms & conditions.

**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 us at [info@SinglesGolf.com](mailto:info@SinglesGolf.com) or call 980-833-6450, M-F, 9-2, ET.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Current ASGA membership required otherwise former members pay 2% upcharge. To join ASGA, go to [www.SinglesGolf.com/join](http://www.SinglesGolf.com/join)

**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 \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PH ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ WORK/CELL PH ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

**CHECK APPROPRIATE PACKAGE: (ALL NON-MEMBERS MUST PAY A 2% UPCHARGE)**

( ) \$1,299 — **STANDARD PACKAGE (YOU'LL HAVE A ROOMMATE)**

( ) \$1,689 — **ROOM-BY-MYSELF PACKAGE** (includes everything in Standard Package but you'll room alone)

My roommate will be \_\_\_\_\_ (*If available, we'll assign a same-gender roommate if you prefer. Please do not list yourself as someone's roommate without their permission. NOTE: If you choose a roommate, we can't hold your room until both parties have paid.*)

I am requesting a room with ( ) One King Bed ( ) Two Double Beds *Note: Room preferences are on a first come, first served basis. Only the hotel controls the availability of room types. We register you regardless of availability.*

During ( ) One ( ) All golf rounds, please pair me with \_\_\_\_\_ (*No putting together your own foursome*)

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

**I AM REMITTING:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for the package indicated above

+ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for one additional night on Sunday, May 30 (\$515.14 if rooming alone or \$257.57pp if you have a roommate paying same).

+ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for one additional night on Thursday, June 3 (\$422.62 if rooming alone or \$211.31pp if you have a roommate paying same).

+ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Mulligans (*put \$10 in this space if you want 3 mulligans for each of your 2 days of golf.*)

+ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 50/50 Raffle Tickets (*put \$20 in this space if you want five (5) 50/50 raffle tickets. (4 for \$20 @ event)*)

+ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 2% upcharge on all of the above **IF YOU ARE NOT A CURRENT MEMBER OF ASGA**

- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Less \$15.00 paid if you placed a \$15 deposit on this event when you were ask to vote on a location

= \$ \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL AMOUNT (Check No. \_\_\_\_\_ - Make Check\*\* Payable to ASGA, Inc. See Mailing Address Below.)

**COMING IN EARLY?** ( ) Put me down for the free 9-hole round at 1pm on Mon., May 31 (valid only if registration rec'd. by 5/14)

(Choose only 1) ( ) Put me down for the free 9-hole round at 9am on Thur., June 3 (valid only if registration rec'd. by 5/14)

**PAY BY CREDIT CARD:** All major cards accepted. I hereby authorize ASGA or Greenbrier Resort to charge / debit my account number below for the "TOTAL AMOUNT" indicated above on this form. A 3% credit card processing fee will be added to the TOTAL AMOUNT shown above if using a credit / debit card.

Acc't. No: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**CREDIT CARD USERS: Fax this form to 980-225-0231 or Scan & E-Mail to [Irene@SinglesGolf.com](mailto:Irene@SinglesGolf.com)**

**OTHERWISE, MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO "ASGA, INC." AND MAIL TO: ASGA, 1122 Industrial Dr., #107, Matthews, NC 28105**

**QUESTIONS? E-MAIL TOM ALSOP at [Tom@SinglesGolf.com](mailto:Tom@SinglesGolf.com) OR CALL 980-833-6450 (9am-2pm, M-F, Eastern)**

\*\* There is a 4% svc. chg. for any check returned unpaid by the bank. Cancellation policy applies. See [www.SinglesGolf.com/events](http://www.SinglesGolf.com/events) for complete details of policy and events.



## 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.

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