

CHICAGO SINGLES GOLF

Chicago Chapter - American Singles Golf Association - July 2021

JULY 17 & 18 - CHALLENGE WEEKEND AT GEORGE DUNNE



President's Message

To borrow heavily from an old song, "What a difference a year makes, only 365 days." Returning to the type of 4th of July holidays we all remember is good for America's mental health. A lot of pressure has been lifted from most everyone who worried if life would ever start to feel like it used to. Look what this past holiday provided:

BEACH. BASEBALL. PARADES. GOLF. PICNICS. VACATIONS. ROAD TRIPS. BARBECUES. FIREWORKS. DINING OUT.

All this, but it doesn't mean we are out of the woods yet. COVID is still out there, even if so many of the restrictions have

been set aside. Some people say statistics lie, but the overwhelming number (97%) of new patients have not been vaccinated. That is compelling. The reasons for not getting immunized are many. Religious. Political. Stubbornness. Peer Pressure. Medical. Lack of trust. Personal.

It is important that a person's stance on any issue should be given the proper degree of respect, but

Please get vaccinated.

~Tom U



Golf Chair Message

Will the rain gods be kinder to us in July? We had two events cancel due to weather conditions: Prairie Landing and Bolingbrook. We are hoping to rebook them for the end of the season so watch for updates. If you haven't signed up for our Chapter Challenge for the July 17-18th weekend at George Dunne, what are you waiting for? One of the best "in your face" golf events of the year, the smack talk has

already begun. Our captains, **Rick Seaberg** and **Rick Bachman**, were going at it (in a friendly way) at our Arboretum Club outing in June. So, contact **Tom Ullsperger** to get in on the fun. Our July golf roster includes the popular course at Thunderhawk on Saturday, July 10 ... it's filling fast so be sure to contact **Sharon Meyer** for availability.

In addition to our weekend events at Sunset Valley on Saturday, July 24, and Arrowhead on Sunday, July 25, we've added a Thursday outing at Mistwood Golf Club in Romeoville on July 29. So, all of you retired members (and those who want to take a day of work - **RICK B.**) shoot a signup request to our coordinator, **Rob Lewandowski**.

PLEASE consider coordinating an event this year (much easier than in past years as all monies are paid directly to the course at the clubhouse). Support your chapter so we can continue to have a robust golf schedule. Contact me if you can help us out... **Susan Herman** (susan_herman@sbcglobal.net)

NATIONAL EVENT INFORMATION

Events Open to All Members Nationwide



Registration Form Included With This Newsletter

October 24-31, 2021 10% Down Holds Your Room

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.)

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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At the moment we are still looking for organizers for the following events:

Saturday, Aug. 21: Bowes Creek (Elgin)
Wednesday, Aug. 25: Foxford Hills (Cary)

Check our website, ASGACHicago.org for links for coordinators to sign up.

Upcoming July Events:

- Sat., July 10: Thunderhawk - \$82 shared cart/\$62 walk (includes range balls). 1 pm 1st t-time
- Sun., July 11: Preserve at Oak Meadows - \$80 shared cart/\$60 walk (Range balls add'l \$4). 1 pm 1st t-time
- Sat/Sun July 17/18: Challenge Weekend at George Dunne - \$165 for 2 Days/\$83 for 1 day; range balls included. 1st t-times both days 10 am
- Sat., July 24: Sunset Valley - \$69 shared cart/\$49 walk. No driving range here. 1 pm 1st t-time
- Sun., July 25: Arrowhead - \$66 shared cart - Senior rates available. Includes range balls. 1 pm 1st t-time

Let the Challenge BEGIN between the Ricks!

~Susan Herman, susan_herman@sbcglobal.net



June 6 at Naperbrook:



A full field of 24 golfers elected to test their skills on the historic fairways of the Donald Ross designed course of Ravisloe on June 13.

The weather was perfect and the course was in great condition. The round began with a briefing from the starter that included some interesting historical facts and mention of some of the famous golfers who had played the course. The course was both beautiful and challenging.

Most everyone gathered post-round on the quaint patio to socialize and partake of the delicious food. There were a few opportuni-

ties for golfers to display their skills. **Marie Bush, Rick Seaberg, and Rick Bachman** won proximity prizes while **Peter Barbera** bombed a drive to take long drive honors. However, one golfer had her "A" game going and won both proximity and long drive awards... **Linda Ciprella**. Because the rules stipulated that she could only win one prize and no other women qualified on the holes she won, a drawing was held for the final prize. **Sue Barton** was the lucky winner of the draw.

Coordinator: *Rick Bachman*



Nineteen golfers braved the heat to test their skills on a Saturday afternoon (June 5)

at Bridges of Poplar Creek. As the name of the course would suggest, there's a fair amount of water on the course, so maybe we should have had a contest for most lost balls in the water. The sun was out, but the breeze was blowing, so although it was in the low 90's, it really didn't feel too bad. It was especially nice on the patio after our round to compare notes and sip some drinks to get rehydrated. A very enjoyable afternoon for all who attended.

Coordinator: *Marie Bush*




The Golf Gods were good to 23 players who started the round on Sun-

day, June 26, at the Arboretum after Saturday's Bolingbrook outing was canceled due to "rains of biblical proportions" per **Dave Halper**. We had a late player at the 8th hole when **Ed Horak** found the one group that had only three players. Glad he had called **Peter Barbera** earlier to bring an extra putter as **Ed's** bag was without one. The fairways and greens had drained well, but the rough was long and wet and 6 players lost balls in the sand lakes that appeared on almost all the bun-




Prairie House Tavern after golf at the Arboretum

kers! Our contest winners were our Challenge Captains: **Rick Bachman** (Bad Rick) won closest to the pin while **Rick Seaberg** (Good Rick) won longest putt. And **Ronna Leibach** won closest to the pin for the ladies. Twelve of us dined on the deck of the nearby Prairie House Tavern, though **Rick Seaberg** was an hour late while he looked all over for his car keys...which he finally remembered he had put on top of his cart when loading this truck after the round. SENIOR MOMENT RICK (watch out Challenge Team members!!). Thank you to Ronna for helping collect our prize monies for participants. Fun day had by all!
Coordinator: Susan Herman



Countryside, now dubbed "Fireballs in the Fairway" was played this year on June 19 by 36 golfers. A beautiful and perfect day with the exception of a three-minute shower near the end. Goodie bags filled with peanuts, complimentary lunch tickets, water and, of course, Fireballs were handed out before play by **Sue Barton** and a guest, Vickie Reilly (well, get her signed up!). We had a couple of contests and longest putt (**Cathy Hill & Kurt Kupitz**, total putts), (**Cathy Hill**, longest drive). Included in the bag were instructions and hints on when to do your peanuts and Fireballs, but being the adults that we are, our "Tally Master" **Wayne Thompson** had a hard time figuring it. So, we just pulled names out of a hat for "Fireball Candy Canes". Winners were **Alice Zyks**, **Rob Lewandowski** & others I can't remember. We also had a total number of putts won by **Rob Lewandowski** and **Kathi Brown**. p.s. **Jane Murphy**, **Linda Blinks** & **Ken Kusumoto** need to come see me for some putting tips! Dinner was at Mickey Finns in Libertyville! That's a wrap!!
Coordinator: Jay Thompson




All 27 of the sign-ups showed up to Bloomingdale on July 3. It was a beautiful day in the 80's with sunny skies. We went to Rooster's Barn and Grill afterwards. **Wayne Thompson** was at Rooster's but did not golf. This reminds me of the movie Fast Times at Ridgemont High when Jeff Spicoli (Sean Penn) showed up at Mr. Vargas's field trip to see a dead body even though he was not part of the field trip class.

The contests were unisex closest to the pin on all five par 3s. Before I list the contest winners, I want everyone to note that **Tom Schweih's** name was on all but one hole. I talked to Tom and he said he just missed on the hole without his name. He also vehemently denied using drugs or steroids. The other thing to notice was **Rick Bachman's** name was noticeably absent on all of the contest holes.

Hole 6: **Cathy Hill, Tom Schweih's, Rick Bachman's** name was not there. Winner: **Cathy Hill**
 Hole 9: **Ray Kalal, Rick Bachman's** name was not there. Winner: **Ray Kalal**
 Hole 11: **Jay Thompson, Tom Schweih's, Rick Bachman's** name was not there. Winner: **Jay Thompson** since **Tom Schweih's** won hole 16.
 Hole 13: **Dave Halper, Tom Schweih's, Brian Holtorff** (guest). **Rick Bachman's** name was not there. Winner: **Brian Holtorff**.
 Hole 16: **Tom Schweih's, Rick Bachman's** name was not there. Winner: **Tom Schweih's**.

Coordinator: Kurt Kupitz




Fifteen players came out on a warm, sunny July 4th to Palatine Hills. The course was in good condition. It was nice to see the last four holes which flood very easily were very dry! Contest winners were **Marie**

Bush, closest to the pin on #4 and **Ken Kusumoto**, longest putt on #7. We had a new guest Sly Seah and hopefully she will become a member and join us at another outing. Most everyone stayed around for beverages and lots of laughs in the cafe. Thanks to **Rick Bachman** for the thirst quenchers!!
Coordinator: Deb Backman

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

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

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

About Our Members (THIS REPORT RAN 07/07/2021)

Happy Birthday to these members:
 Linda Blinks - 07/23
 Barry Mathews - 07/31
 Diane Meister - 07/01
 Greg Mieczynski - 07/02
 Colleen Nelms - 07/26
 Jeanne Schneeberger - 08/04
 Peggy Sodini - 07/24
 Gregg Straley - 08/07
 Alice Zyks - 07/17

These members are up for renewal:
(date shown is last day of membership)
 Jennifer Bender - 07/31/2021
 Sherry Brandys - 07/31/2021
 Tim Dowling - 07/31/2021
 Eugene Keefe - 07/31/2021
 Michaelene Lewand - 07/31/2021
 Charles Schmidt - 07/31/2021

Welcome newest members:
 Andrea Donovan - Joined 06/08/2021
 Laura Jolcover - Joined 06/30/2021
 Mike Junior - Joined 06/09/2021
 Russell King - Joined 06/01/2021
 Jane Murphy - Joined 05/26/2021
 Michaelene Nichols - Joined 05/12/2021
 Eruch Rustomji - Joined 05/28/2021
 Carol Stewart - Joined 05/11/2021
 Scott Yonover - Joined 06/24/2021

These members recently renewed:

David Halper
Matthew Kogan
Sheila Ramacci
Alice Zyks

These members did not renew their dues:

(date shown is date membership expired)

Kathy Braun - 05/31/2021
Bill Erickson - 06/30/2021
Robert Lewandowski - 06/30/2021
Margaret Onken - 05/31/2021

To renew your dues today, go to 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 87 members.

Five numbers you should be tracking in your game (besides score)

By *Matthew Rudy, GolfDigest.com*

Professional sports have become massively data-driven, whether you're talking about the coaches and athletes themselves or the broadcasts that show the action. Statistics and analytics show the how, what, why and how many for tour players in the form of everything from clubhead speed and distance to strokes gained relative to the field in different categories such as approach shots and short game.

We asked two top teachers how they use data to work with their professional clients, and how you can expand your own use of analytics to go beyond crude measurements like greens hit in regulation (and score!). Golf Digest 50 Best Teacher Mike Adams and top Arizona teacher Terry Rowles have been working together, for almost a decade, using biomechanical research to figure out the best way for players to move their bodies and clubs. Adams is the 2016 PGA National Teacher of the Year, while Rowles works with a number of tour players, like Aaron Baddeley, on every major tour. They laid out what they think are the five most important things you can measure in your game—all (mostly) without the use of any fancy equipment.

Lost shots

"The first thing I want to know with a new student, whether they're a tour player or a 20-handicapper, is where they're losing strokes," says Adams, who is based at Fiddler's Elbow Country Club in New Jersey. "It's never in the same place from player to player. Are you mismanaging your game? Are you not striking it well? Not short gaming it? Look at your last five rounds and map out what made your scores go higher. How many hazards did you hit in? How many shots did you hit where you didn't advance the ball into a better place? That's where you have to start."

Realistic distance

"The majority of amateur players who come for a lesson don't know how far they hit their clubs, and more specifically how far they carry each club," says Rowles, who teaches at Metedeconk National, also in New Jersey. "If you have access to a TrackMan at your club or a practice range, it's the most valuable initial use of that machine I can think of. Hit 10 shots with each club and see how far your bad, average and great shots carry. Does an average 7-iron go 160? That's your real yardage, not the perfect one you hit. Do your bad 7-irons only go 120 yards? You're getting a better idea of how safe your club selection is when there's trouble between you and the hole."

Shot pattern

"Maybe you hit a fade or a slice, but how often and how much?" says Adams. "Go to the range and do the same 10 balls with each club and map out exactly where the shots end up. How many are straight, left and right? If eight out of 10 7-irons end up 10 yards right of the center line, you've just learned something about where you need to be aiming when the flag is in the center of the green. Most players aim way too 'straight' for what their real shot pattern is."

Landing angle

"Everybody wants maximum distance, and they're doing a lot with their equipment and lessons to try to get as much as they can—which I get," says Rowles. "But what often gets lost in that quest is

what the landing angle of your shots is. I could build you a club in 20 minutes that goes 20 yards longer and has the same number on the bottom, but if I get you 20 more yards from your 8-iron, but it really flies like a 6-iron, I haven't necessarily helped you. The 6-iron comes in at a much flatter landing angle, which means you're not going to be able to stop the ball on the green. Your goal should be solid shots with appropriate height and landing angle through the set, you can both hit it far enough and control how shots run out."

Statistical pairs

"I would never say a stat is worthless, but it can certainly have less value without context," says Adams. "Take putts per round, for example. If you don't know how close you're hitting it to the hole, your total number of putts isn't relevant—just like hitting lots of greens in regulation doesn't always mean a tour player is scoring well. You might miss greens but chip it close a lot, which means your putts stat will be low along with your greens hit stat. Or you might hit a lot of greens but always be 45 feet away and three-putt a lot. I like to pair stats to get context. Maybe you're not hitting many fairways, but your basic game-measurement app tells you that you hit every tee shot between 250 and 270 and were never more than five yards off the fairway. That's a way better driving day than hitting two 300-yarders, two tops that ended up in the fairway and another one out of bounds."



ASGA RETURNS TO CABO

ONE OF OUR GREATEST TRIPS EVER!

OCTOBER 24-31, 2021

7-NIGHTS / 8 DAYS

PARADISUS LOS CABOS

Cabo Real Golf Club

Puerto Los Cabos Golf Club

Club Campestre San Jose Golf

(Plus optional round at the Ocean Course / Cabo del Sol)

SPONSORED BY THE AMERICAN SINGLES GOLF ASSOCIATION — Phone 980-833-6450 (Call/Text: M-F, 9-2 Eastern)
Event Details & Online Registration: SinglesGolf.com/Cabo Resort: SinglesGolf.com/Paradisus

Paradisus Resort is Awesome!

This event is open to all members of the American Singles Golf Association.



Room-With-Someone Package — \$2,395 7-nights / 8 days

Room-by-Yourself Package — \$3,295 7-nights / 8 days

- You'll have an ocean* view room at the Paradisus Los Cabos, located between the desert and the Sea of Cortez in the heart of the Tourist Corridor, 25 minutes from the airport. It's 10 minutes away from San Jose del Cabo and 20 minutes from Cabo San Lucas.
- 3 rounds of golf: Puerto Los Cabos, Club Campestre, Cabo Real
- Rates for single or double occupancy; rates include all service charges, federal taxes of 16% VAT and 3% lodging tax. Taxes are subject to change without previous notice according to government regulations.
- All meals in Paradisus' selection of buffet and *a la carte* (off the menu) restaurants except the Gastro Bar are included.

- An open bar based on a selection of domestic and imported brands until 1:00am.
- Mini Bar (bottled water, sodas, coffee and tea) restocked once a day
- An endless array of recreational activities; use of facilities including one of the few swimmable beaches in the corridor.
- Complimentary wi-fi on property and all guest rooms.
- 1-hour complimentary welcome cocktail reception
- 20% discount on spa treatments
- Program and Pairings Guide showing day-to-day itinerary
- Plastic name tag

Complete Registration Form
(next page)

* Ocean view is actually the Sea of Cortés and is not ocean front

ASGA in CABO, MEXICO!

7-NIGHTS / 8-DAYS - ALL INCLUSIVE

PARADISUS RESORT 3 ROUNDS OF GOLF

ALL ROOMS OCEAN VIEW** ALL MEALS @ RESORT INCLUDED

SUNDAY, OCT. 24 - SUNDAY, OCT. 31, 2021

OFFICIAL REGISTRATION FORM

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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 PHONE _____ Emerg. Contact & Phone: _____ E-MAIL _____

CHECK APPROPRIATE ALL-INCLUSIVE PACKAGE (Packages are described on previous flyer page):

- () \$2,395.00 — STANDARD PACKAGE (you'll have a roommate—you secure or we try to get same gendered roommate)
 () \$3,295.00 — ROOM-BY-MYSELF PACKAGE (includes everything in Standard Package)

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

I AM REMITTING: \$ _____ for the package indicated above
 \$ _____ Add \$80 for Optional Dinner at The Office on the Beach in Cabo San Lucas (incl. transportation) Thurs. night
 + \$ _____ Mulligans (put \$15 in this space if you want 3 mulligans for each of your 3 package days of golf.)
 + \$ _____ 50/50 Raffle Tickets (add \$20 here for four (4) fifty-fifty raffle tickets.)
 + \$ _____ Add \$165 for opt. round on the Desert Course at Cabo del Sol (tee times at 10:18 Thurs., Oct. 28)
 + \$ _____ Add'l. nights (before or after) - \$330 (room alone) or \$215pp/d.o. (inclusive). Indicate date(s): _____
 - \$ _____ Subtract \$239.50 or \$329.50 for the 10% deposit you paid by 7/15 to guarantee your arrival
 = \$ _____ TOTAL AMOUNT (Ck. # _____ - Make Check* Payable to ASGA, Inc. (Mailing Address Below.)

CANCELLATION: There is a 5% cancellation fee on or prior to 7/15/21. Absolutely NO refunds after 7/15/21. 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 5 days of registering through the event website.
 () I will apply for trip insurance within FIVE (5) 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, e.g. personal or family sickness/injury/accidents at last moment and would therefore **receive no refund of any sort** if any issue arises. () I am declining trip insurance of any kind

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
 ** Ocean view does not mean ocean front

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. You may pay by check at any time and not be charged the 3%.

Acc't. No: _____ Exp. _____ Signature _____
CREDIT CARD USERS: Fax this form to 888-465-3295 or Scan & Send to Irene@SinglesGolf.com

QUESTIONS? E-MAIL TOM ALSOP at Tom@SinglesGolf.com OR CALL 980-833-6450 or 1-888-GOLFMATE

* There is a 4% service charge for any check returned unpaid by the bank. Cancellation policy applies. See www.SinglesGolf.com/events for complete details of policy and events.

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.

Meet MORE Singles! Play MORE Golf!



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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 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 two lines for "ASGA Member" and "Call / Text". Below these lines, it says "When joining, please be sure to reference my name or member number on the application form. Thanks!". At the bottom, it provides the website "www.SinglesGolf.com/join" and the price "\$7.42/month payable annually".

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

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.
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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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