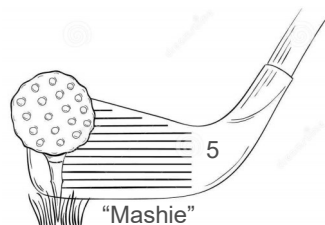


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Desert Mashie Golf Club Newsletter

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Desert Mashie Family,

I hope everyone had a blessed Christmas and New Year with family and friends.

Our monthly tournaments continue to be a tremendous success with outstanding numbers. Thanks to Cecil Mosley, Sean Colebrook and their committee.

In Oct, Desert Mashie was represented at the 2019 Phoenix Emerald Foundation Golf Links Tournament at Ocotillo Golf Course by Naomi Bryson, Jo Jo Edmonds, Emma Mosley and Carolyn Suttles. They came in first place in the women's flight. Great job ladies!

Valley View held their 61st Annual Golf Tournament Oct 26-27 in Las Vegas. 17 Desert Mashie members attended and made us proud. We had several members in the winning circle. Everyone had a great time.

In Nov, we partnered with Charles Schwab and participated in the "Tickets for Charity" fundraiser during the Charles Schwab Cup Championship Tournament held Nov. 6-10th at Phoenix Country Club. Thanks to our members and friends, we raise \$1170 for our Junior Golf Program. We also sponsored a St. Mary's Food Drive in conjunction with the Nov. Turkey Shoot at Sun City Country Club. It was opened to the PebbleCreek Community, and 720 pounds of food was collected plus a \$100 donation. People helping people is what life is about. Thanks again to our members and the PebbleCreek community for your generosity.

Dec was our Membership Drive held Dec. 31st at Tuscany Falls Golf Course. We encouraged members to renew their membership for 2020 before Dec. 15th and play for a nominal fee. Thanks to our members who signed up early, but we are still encouraging everyone who didn't to continue to be a part of the family and get your renewals in for 2020.

The New Year's Eve Dinner Dance held at Eagle's Nest Ballroom on New Year's Eve was outstanding. We had over 160 guest who danced their way into 2020. Over \$1000 raffle prizes were given away. Guest enjoyed a great dinner, late night snack and a champagne toast at midnight. The Grand Prize winner of the 55" Samsung Tv was PebbleCreek resident Clarissa Harper. It was fabulous night and fun was had by all. Kudos go out to Cheryl Marshall and her amazing committee.

"We are Family"

Carolyn Suttles

Changes to Handicap System

5 Things to know about the World Handicap System

The Handicap Index calculation is changing.

Your Index number will be based off your 8 best scores out of the past 20 scores., For most U.S. golfers the change will be minor, but you may see that your Handicap Index is different in January, despite not having played.

Your Course Handicap will change

Slope Rating and now Course rating and Par will be used to determined your Course Handicap, allowing you to play from different sets of tees without ant adjustment.

A Soft cap and Hard cap will be included in the calculation to limit the upward movement of a Handicap Index within a 12 Month period. The Soft or Hard cap will be based on the lowest Handicap Index within the 12 Month period. The soft cap will kick in if there is a movement or 3 stokes from the lowest index. A hard cap will kick if there is a movement of 7 stokes or lower than the lowest index. Net Double Bogey will replace ESC the new term is ESR.

All scores will be used to calculated the Index. No more T scores.

Exceptional Score Reduction, when a player submits a score that produces a Score differential 7.0 strokes or more below their Handicap Index, they will be subject to an Exceptional Score Reduction. ESR -1 or -2.

The maximum hole score for handicap purpose will be limited to Net Double Bogey.

You'll have more responsive Handicap Index updates Your Handicap Index will update after you post your score.

On days you don't post no update will take place.

Safeguards have been added to protect your Handicap Index. The system will account for abnormal playing conditions, limit extreme upward movement of a handicap index and reduce a Handicap Index when an exceptional score is posted.

Cecil Mosley

Membership Information

Arizona Golf Association Multiple Club Membership Rebate

We have several members who belong to more than one golf club. They can receive \$15 rebate. Below is the Rebate Request Policy. To receive your rebate.

- Log onto the website www.azgolf.org
- Click on Products and Services
- Click on Rebates
- Fill out the brief form before July 1
- All payments will be made on July 1 for 2020 memberships

As an incentive to receive your rebate, Desert Mashie Junior Golf would appreciate the time you take to receive your rebate and donate it to the Junior Golf Program. Thank everyone for renewing their membership.

Emma Mosley, Membership Chair

Upcoming Desert Mashie Events

Jan 19, 2020 – Union Hills (show time 7:45am)

Feb 16, 2020 – Arizona Traditions

Feb. 2020 – Black Theater Outing. (TBA)

Mar. 21, 202 - Great Eagle

Rules with AI Loveless

Little things in golf that we may miss...

In the past, players had to pull the flagstick from the hole or have somebody else (a caddie or another golfer) tend and pull the flagstick before the ball struck it.

This rule was changed to help speed up play, but it might have implications beyond pace of play. For example, PGA Tour player Bryson DeChambeau has said he will leave the flagstick in the hole even on short putts because he believes the flagstick will help keep more shots from racing past the hole. There has been research by several players and students of the game, including by short-game guru Dave Pelz, that claimed players have a statistically better chance of a ball dropping into or coming to rest near the hole if the flag is left in place.

It still will be **against the rules** to position the flagstick in such a way as to create a perceived benefit. That is, you can't intentionally lean the flagstick forward in the hole to try to deflect a ball downward. The flagstick still must be placed upright in the center of the hole unless a player finds that it is leaning in a certain direction when he or she arrives at the green. In that case, the player could leave the flagstick as they find it or center it in the hole.

AI Loveless, DM Rules Chair

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