



2020 President's Cup winner, Mike Martens.

In the past few months, we've spoken a lot about changes brought on by the social distancing dilemma and the Corona Virus Pandemic. I don't know how many of you look at your FORE Magazine when issued, but there were a few interesting articles in this last Summer's edition. I was especially interested in the SCGA Member Inquiry Grab Bag on pages 62 and 63. Of particular note, was the fourth item discussed in, "There has been a lot of confusion about holing out. Please help!" I'm not going to reprint the entire article, but suffice it to say that it does a very good job of talking about issues of interest to the Club of late, with perhaps more clarity. Items discussed in this section include:

- The ball not having to be holed out, but instead, the "most likely score" can be used for handicap purposes. The World Handicap System incorporates this idea for when a player, in a recreational situation, picks up and does not complete the hole.
- Most likely score is determined to be the number of strokes taken, including any penalty strokes, plus the number of strokes that would most likely be needed to complete the hole.
- Don't automatically assume that any stroke that touches a raised hole liner is holed. Reason must intervene, which says that under normal conditions, a ball hit too hard to hold the cup, was probably not good.
- As always, the most likely score cannot exceed the net double bogey, (double bogey plus strokes) maximum score for a hole. (Again, we are talking recreational setting.)
- The ball must still be holed out in a competition. During competitive play, with the foam insert being used, the ball must come to rest on the insert to be considered as "holed".

For more information, and to better understand our current state of play and how it affects our handicap system, read the article in its entirety. Good day, and good golf.