

Greetings Golfers!

We hope our Sage Lakes Chapman League kickoff e-mail finds you safe, healthy, and in good spirits in spite of this unprecedented pandemic that the world is fighting. Idaho Governor Little, along with most states, has issued a stay-at-home order requiring social distancing (minimum of 6 feet) and other guidelines to help keep us safe from the COVID-19 virus. Golf courses were allowed to stay open after implementing some pretty major changes in how they comply with the Governor's order. Golf courses are taking steps to keep Pro Shop staff and the general public safe, and still provide an almost normal golf experience for us. Thank you Gaylen and staff.

When the Sage Lakes Chapman League was started in 2011, we wanted the league to grow and for people to feel that they were part of a family. Nine years have passed and a family we have become. We laugh together and cry together when loved ones are lost or health issues arise. After much discussion with the Sage Lakes Chapman Officers, we have decided that with a couple of changes to our "normal" way of doing business, we can start our chapman league and keep people safe. The two major changes in how we *must conduct our business* are **no** handling of money and **no** handling of the score cards by either our Handicap Coordinator (John Flinn) or anyone in the Pro Shop. We will describe in detail below what we are proposing for the league to keep everyone safe. There may be some with underlying health concerns or just feel for whatever reason that they just can't risk being out and about during this time. We totally understand and support your decision and will look forward to playing with you next year.

➤ **General Information:**

Our current plans are to start our chapman league Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup> and run for 14 weeks. The year-end 18 hole tournament will be held Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup> with the normal pot luck and business meeting to follow at the home of Dick and Kathie Rice. The tournament and pot luck plans will be reviewed in August to assure conditions are safe. If required, we could eliminate the year end plans and still complete our season. Fingers are crossed at this time.

➤ **Virtual Handling of Money & Cards:**

Jim Sahr (208-523-2677, [sahrjj@cablone.net](mailto:sahrjj@cablone.net)) will be the contact person for helping people get set up for this capability and answer any questions. Players will either need to have or have access to an iPhone or Android type cell phone with picture taking capability. Players will need to have either a Venmo or PayPal app on their cell phone. If you have neither, we recommend a Venmo app. If you need help, Jim can get you set up in a matter of minutes. Let us just walk you through what should be a very simple process for you to follow. When you plan to play a match for the first time, download and complete the Signup Form attached to this e-mail. Take a picture of the form and send (e.g. text) it to Dick Rice (208-521-6468, [rice62@gmail.com](mailto:rice62@gmail.com)). After you play your match, take a picture of the score card and send (e.g. text) to Dick Rice. Following play, use your money transferring app to send your money to Dick Rice. The first week you play you would transfer \$15 to Dick which is \$10 for signup and \$5 for your weekly play. Subsequent weeks of play you would just transfer \$5 to Dick. Please put both Jim Sahr and Dick Rice in your phone contact list.

➤ **How To Set Up Venmo App:**

Here are two very short YouTube videos.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mmnBwhKLuHQ> (How to Sign Up)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1caEjurYQ7U> (How to Add Bank Account)

Venmo (and PayPay) money transfer are free if they are linked to bank accounts. In addition to the videos above, we would also recommend you select your Privacy setting to “Private”. To set your privacy preference, tap Home, tap Settings, tap Privacy, and then select Private. To make a money transfer just click on the transfer icon, identify recipient and amount you want to transfer. Very easy once you have your app set up.

➤ **Weekly Process:**

People play their match and send Dick Rice (The Banker) a picture of their score card and then transfer via Vemco (or PayPal) their \$5 to Dick. Dick will check the hole by hole addition for each team, and provide to John Flinn (Handicap Coordinator) (208-523-7330, [flinnj@srv.net](mailto:flinnj@srv.net)) a weekly spreadsheet of teams that played and their scores. John Flinn will calculate weekly winners and next week team handicaps. John Flinn will send out weekly “results” e-mails to all teams and the Pro Shop. Dick Rice will send weekly money to the Pro Shop. *No handling of money & score cards accomplished.*

➤ **Year-End Tournament and Pot Luck:**

Russ and Kathy Buckland will coordinate the 18 Hole Year-End Tournament. Dick and Kathie Rice will host the Pot Luck. John Flinn will run the year end business meeting and provide a critique of how the year went.

**P.S. Special Request:** It would really be helpful if when you receive this e-mail you immediately reply back to John Flinn if you plan to play chapman this year or you do not plan to play this year. This will give us a good feel on number of teams we will have. Much appreciated! Also, if you have friends that would like to play in our chapman league; please share this information with them.

Respectfully yours,  
Sage Lake Chapman Officers