

Dear Executive Board Members,

On behalf of your Sweeps Committee Chairs, we understand that we need to do our part to support our local communities, state and the nation as we continue to respond to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. We recognize that our safety and the safety of our families and fellow SAWGA members is paramount. All of your sweeps chairs and their close family members are in the high risk bracket, along with a majority of our players. We have conferred and would like to recommend that we cancel both May sweep events with the hope that we will be able to hold all future events for 2020 starting in June. Jackie Babin Numerica Cup Chair has contacted the Kalispel Country Club and was able to cancel the May Play date and reschedule it for July 31st for Numerica Cup Play.

We came to this recommendation with the following information:

Currently, Governor Inslee has the state on lock down. The golf community is hopeful that he will open the golf courses after May 4th. WA Golf sent Governor Inslee a letter on behalf of the states golfers. I have included that letter in an attachment. Within that letter, WA Golf list 16 precautions that could be put in place for an undetermined amount of time to get the golf courses up and running. I would suggest the board read the letter to review the precautions. Most of the precautions are NOT conducive to tournament play. Your committee chairs are very concerned about the risks of the number of exposures we will have in the process of managing these events. The collecting and handling of scorecards is a major concern. Skins would not be permitted at this time. The pro shop restrictions and restaurant restrictions will allow the players to have a lower risk, but risk is risk. I have contacted Scotty Crouthamel Tournament Director at WA Golf to advise us about managing these tournaments and he has advised me that he can not make any recommendations until they hear more from the Governor.

The new deadline for SAWGA Membership is April 30th (which is usually April 15th) so that Darcia and I can organize the books and Golf Genius for the year. This process takes time to complete once everyone has mailed in their information. Our first sweeps event deadline is May 6th and we, more than likely, won't know if the courses will be open until May 4th or 5th, and with what restrictions. This timeline, on top of Covid-19 is extremely tight for the Sweeps Committee Chairs.

We know that the board will need to make difficult decisions in response to this crisis. If you need further assistance or have questions, please feel free to call me at 509-496-2935.

On Behalf of the SAWGA Sweeps Chairs, Bobbi Jo Rathvon, Nancy Figy and Leslie Sevigney