

May 2020 Solos Newsletter

Dear Solos Members,

As the COVID-19 virus continues to disrupt our normal way of life, your Solos Board continues to monitor directives from the CDC, the State of Texas, Williamson County, the City of Georgetown, and our Community Association.

As the April 10th CA Communicator stated:

"As we move forward the community needs to understand there will be a new normal. We must anticipate a transition period before returning to our previous state of activity, if that is possible. The board is asking all clubs and groups (neighborhoods) to rethink the way members would conduct their social interaction for all activities. It is our expectation that outdoor activities will likely reopen first, followed by those that are held indoors.

As club and group leaders, we expect you all to redefine your rules and procedures to make sure they reflect ways clubs and groups can maintain a healthy and safe environment for its members.

Here are just a few considerations:

- How would you maintain clean playing surfaces?*
- How would manage close proximity to others?*
- How would you limit the sharing of, or maintaining regular cleaning of, items touched by multiple people?"*

More details on the CA's directive are at the end of this newsletter. Your Solos Board and SIG leaders are working on the requested rules and procedures for resuming Solos activities.

So, it is questionable, if not doubtful, that we will be able to proceed with many of our scheduled activities for May. We have already cancelled the May activities except for the two SIGs that will function remotely as described below. We will keep you up to date as we know the CA's plans and policies.

The Solos Club Board wishes everyone to stay safe and healthy during the COVID-19 pandemic. Take Care!

To help productively occupy our time, Phillip Pensabene will be conducting live stream YouTube Line Dance sessions once or twice a week.

This is not a Solos Club or Sun City event, as anyone can join in.

He will post the links to the events on the Sun City 1 Facebook page a day or two

before the live stream. All you have to do is click the link a minute or two before the session starts and you can dance along right from your home.

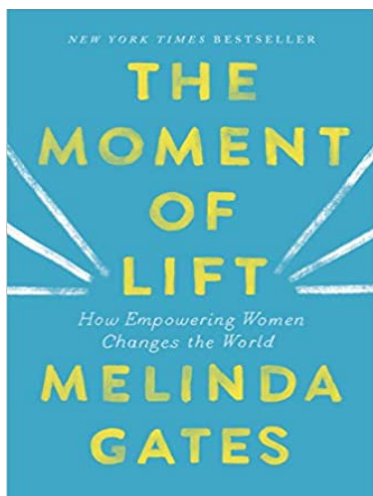
For more info contact: Phillip Pensabene, cueballtwo@icloud.com or 202-412-2393

******* Solos Book Group will meet "virtually" *******

The Solos Book Group will meet "virtually" for an audio book discussion for May and possibly June. Anyone interested in joining us can email Linda Baker (lindabaker.dallas@gmail.com) for access to the virtual discussion.

Virtual Book Discussion for May 26:

“Moment of Lift” by Melinda Gates



“How can we summon a moment of lift for human beings – and especially for women? Because when you lift up women, you lift up humanity.” Not only a book of stories of the inspiring lives, issue encountered, but also data to back up what she found in her work around the world.

Special Communicator

April 10, 2020

Submitted by the Board of Directors

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Communication to Club Presidents

April 10, 2020

Introduction

Last week each of you received a communication from the CA Board making you aware of our desire to create some rules that your respective clubs or organizations would need to follow during a transitional period of time until “normal” activities could return.

This communication will be more specific as to what is expected. Fundamentally we all now recognize that the avoidance of groups and social distancing along with vigorous hygiene are the key components to avoid the spread of this virus.

INDOOR CA activities involve group gatherings and any consideration of how a group or club might consider reopening must address ways and means to limit group sizes to 10 or less. At this time the Board and Staff are asking clubs/groups who set guidelines for their activities to begin thinking about what a new normal for their groups would/might look like.

OUTDOOR activities have the opportunity to manage gatherings because there is more open space. If your club or group provides guidance for outdoor activities the Board and Staff would like to see what you would propose for a set of transitional rules of play or activity using the requirements provided below as a starting basis.

If a club or group elects/decides NOT to resume or reopen their activity on a transitional basis this is an acceptable response and its recommendation will be followed by the Board.

Fundamental to this process is that residents must assume the responsibility, to themselves and to others, to strictly adhere to the guidelines set forth below. If this expectation is not followed it can and will result in loss of participation to that individual(s) until we receive an “all clear” from the responsible authorities to resume “normal” activities. Unfortunately it is the activity by the few individuals who do not abide by rules (and in this case not respect the health of others) that has to be a major consideration the Board and Staff have to consider when it has to make a decisions that affect others. That is the consideration each club take for this process and the rules it develops and proposes.

The Board also recognizes and believes, with the right modifications, we can resume some outdoor activities in an environment that is intended and expected to be safer than that we currently experience going to the grocery store, the pharmacy or the gas station. With that as the minimum standard of expectation the Board has provided the following specifics for each OUTDOOR activity which are expected to be addressed in their proposed transitional rules. A modification to an item(s) provided below can be offered but must adhere to the spirit and intention of the item.

Lastly there is a high expectation that the preparation of each set of rules will be taken seriously and address and provide additional details and rule recommendations well beyond those specifically provided below that further mitigate/manage/negate exposure to the virus.

Specifics:

Golf

- One cart per person (no sharing) and only two carts on a fairway at a time.
- Request tee times and get course and start times via email per usual
- No check-in at the Pro Shop - go to the tee box at the assigned start time and check in with marshal
- Driving range remains closed
- Putting or chipping areas open but a gathering of no more than 10 must be observed
- Restrooms will not be open.
- Pro shops will not be open but an attendant will handle, via telephone only, credit for cancellations OR charges to resident accounts if a "Pay As You Go" resident wishes to play
- No outside (nonresident) play at this time
- No shotgun starts

Tennis

- Singles play only per court - no doubles play
- Request playing times via computer or phone (may require a Chelsea type set up like golf). No group gatherings to draw numbers or lots or ping pong balls for court times and assignment. Rob McFall is available to assist with finding and developing an electronic solution. If an electronic solution cannot be worked out a manual system via email requests and someone assigning times and courts each week is a potential solution.
- A means or method developed to notify players of time and court assignment

- Players arrive at assigned times and schedules and allow a 10 to 30 minutes space between playing time assignments for players to leave and the next set of players to enter

Dog Park

- No Dog Park activities at this time – there is ample opportunity to walk and exercise your pet
- We must continue to avoid all social gatherings until there is an all clear

Fishing

- No fishing in groups
- Strictly adhere to the social distance guidelines
- No more than 10 people in any one area participating in this activity
- Fishing only in designated areas - the Cowan Creek Fishing Pond and the Legacy (Berry Creek) Pond.
- No fishing on any of the golf course or other ponds/water features

All pavilions and children's playground equipment - remain closed

All restrooms - remain closed

Hiking and Bird Watching – no organized activities

Pools - swimming pools will remain closed

Pickle Ball

- Singles play only per court - no doubles play
- Request playing times via computer or phone (may require a Chelsea type set up like golf). No group gatherings or a “next” process to obtain a court time or assignment. Rob McFall is available to assist with finding an electronic solution for scheduling court assignments. If an electronic solution cannot be worked out a manual system via email requests and someone assigning times and courts each week is a potential solution.
- A means or method developed to notify players of time and court assignment

Radio Controlled

- Includes aircraft, ground and water radio controlled devices
- Operated in designated or purpose built areas only
- No more than 10 people in an area at one time and social distance maintained

Horticulture

- Request visit times via computer (email or Chelsea type system or modification thereof) or phone. No group gatherings to draw numbers or lots for visit day and times. Consult with Rob McFall for assistance in working up an electronic solution if desired. Otherwise a manual system via email requests and someone assigning times and dates each week is a potential solution.
- Determine an appropriate duration of activity assignment
- No more than 10 people inside the garden areas at one time
- A means or method to notify gardeners of time and day assignment(s).
- Schedules must leave a 10 to 30 minute space between time assignments for participants to exit without creating a gathering.
- Participants must wear work gloves at all times

Horseshoes and Washers

- Singles play only per court – no doubles play
- A means and method to sanitize equipment before and after play
- No more than 10 people at a time in the playing area

Shuffleboard

- Singles play only per court – no doubles play
- A means and method to sanitize equipment before and after play
- No more than 10 people at a time in the playing area

Bocce

- Singles play only per court – no doubles play
- A means and method to sanitize equipment before and after play
- No more than 10 people at a time in the playing area

Softball

- No Softball activities at this time.
- We must avoid having gatherings that involve 10 or more participants

Firewise (outdoor activities)

- Group sized 10 or less with social distance maintained
- Must wear gloves at all times
- No sharing of equipment

Process Summary

As stated, the primary objective of these directions is to limit contact with others and the intrusion into what is now being called the “social distance” between residents and between our CA staff and service providers (many of whom are residents).

We are defining Social Distance for these purposes as maintaining at least a six (6) foot radius of social distance between individuals and the limiting of gatherings to not more than 10 people. This is in addition to maintaining the personal hygiene guidelines and the stay at home if sick guidelines that have been provided and stated by the governing authorities.

Outdoor activity groups who wish to propose reopening their activity on a transitional basis will need to prepare a written document that identifies each area of safety concern and state how they would propose to address each issue when and if the activity is allowed to be resume. The document would be submitted to the Board and CA staff for their review and approval before any outdoor amenity is resumed. These documents are to be submitted for review by the CA Board and Staff via email to CAboard@sctexas.org.

As already indicated, additional criteria or detail from the clubs or groups is expected to be provided that further addresses and/or helps prevent the spread of this virus. Similarly the Board and Staff may also offer additional comments or considerations to the clubs in their review of the clubs proposed rules that is beyond what is provided herein.

This request recognizes that the approval for any transitional actions involving the resumption of some outdoor activities rests with the CA Board of Directors. The Board’s actions, in turn, will be guided by the governmental direction at that time. We need the input from the groups who know these activities the best to provide us a more comprehensive and detailed view of what we should consider. And to be as clear as possible, these transitional plans may or may not be approved or implemented on the target date currently being considered if additional government information or direction revises our plans. **The target date being considered right now for the resumption of the stated outdoor activities is April 20, 2020.**

*Thank you for your cooperation,
The CA Board of Directors*
