

Hi All--

Since today was supposed to be the day of our club meeting, I thought I would give a short report of where we stand on this year's tournaments.

1. First of all, we are NOT holding any Men's Club tournaments while the existing Covid-19 restrictions are in place.

While the course is open, and the on-course policies would seem to allow us to hold Men's Club tournaments, there is one major complicating factor. There are **no golf cards** allowed, making recording, reporting, and posting of tournament scores virtually impossible. I have looked into several alternatives such as apps or web site excel sheets and none are feasible.

Either they don't exist, are too expensive to develop, or too cumbersome to use. We cannot have golfers filling out papers that are then transferred to someone else (me) then brought home (mine) for entry into a computer. There is no app that I am aware of that would allow scores to be inputted remotely into our program that syncs with the GHIN handicap system and the tournament recording module. I'll entertain any ideas that others might have, but please realize I have looked into several approaches without any real success.

Also I am aware that a number of members do not want to play at this time and would rather wait until things get back to more normal. So until things change back there will not be any Men's Club Tournaments. Any decisions on scheduling or dues alterations would have to be made once more is known about the length of this disruption. Please be patient.

2. For those of you who are playing--April 1st was the first day you could enter scores for handicap. Here are a few things that you should know about recording scores and the new handicap system:

A. The computer in the pro-shop will NOT be available to enter scores (or anything else) until the Covid disruption ends. You should use the GHIN app available to download to your phone or home computer. If you have not used it in the past, I urge you to use it and get acquainted with all of its functions.

B. With the new World Handicap system your course handicap has changed. Your Handicap Index may not have changed much, but your course handicap has changed--gone down, and in some cases significantly. Be sure to click on the "Course Handicap Calculator" button then hit the down arrow to show the tees you are playing to determine what your handicap is from each set of tees. This can be done for 18 or 9 hole rounds.

C. Report your scores using the Hole-by-Hole option. The score allowed for each hole is now determined by your handicap and the handicap designation for each hole. The app figures out what you are allowed for each hole. You don't have to make any adjustments.

(The app also has a statistic function that you might want to play with as well. This won't affect your handicap adjustment.)

D. Report 18 and 9 hole scores and realize that your handicap is updated daily so you will see changes more frequently than in the past. As such, updated list will probably not be posted in the pro shop.

E. New players should record scores ASAP so that they can have a handicap once we are able to resume our schedule.

F. When playing 'friendly' matches with other players you can use the app to look-up the current handicap of your competitors on your phone since updated lists will no longer be posted.

G. When we get back to normal all scores in our tournaments will be entered as Competition Scores.

3. Gold Tee Usage--

There is NO LONGER a 4 stroke adjustment for scores of players competing from different tees. The Course Handicap from the different tees is all you need to handicap your match. And once we resume tournament play that will also apply.

There is some discussion of who should be allowed to use the Gold Tees during Men's Club Tournament competitions. We have the formula where age and White Tee handicap should be 85. But the USGA also suggests that players driving distance might also be a factor. Players who consistently drive the ball less than 180-190 yards would be allowed to use forward tees. However, as of now we have not determined a procedure to implement this requirement. Players can choose whatever tees they wish whenever they play. Restrictions on use of Gold Tees would only apply to Men's Club Tournaments. Again, this is yet to be determined.

Please be healthy and safe, and I'm sure we will all see each other soon.

Ed Malczyk

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