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# Canyon Lake Men's Golf Club 2020 Board of Directors

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## The Men's Golf Club Board of Directors Meets the First Wednesday of Each Month

# 2020 Tournament Schedule

Sweetheart Tournament 12 pm	February13 <sup>th</sup>
Spring Kickoff (4 Ball Qualifier)	March 14 <sup>th</sup> & 15 <sup>th</sup>
President's Cup	April 25 <sup>th</sup>
Member Guest	May 9 <sup>th</sup>
Club Championship	June 5 <sup>th</sup> , 6 <sup>th</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup>
Stag Day	September 12 <sup>th</sup>
Fall Member/Member	November 14 <sup>th</sup> , 15 <sup>th</sup>
Christmas Tournament	December 12 <sup>th</sup>

## Canyon Lake Men's Golf Club Mission Statement

Promote Honesty and Integrity in the game of golf. Promote the enjoyment of, and participation in, the game of golf for all members. Arrange games and tournaments that are fun, fair and inclusive. Provide financial disclosure and administer the Club's assets in a professional and business like manner. Promote sportsmanship and care for the golf course

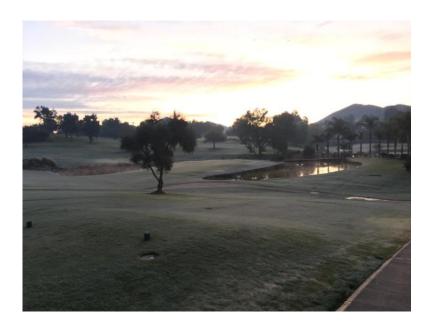
## President's Message by Barry Talbot



Your Board and I wish all of you, our valued members, a very Happy New Year. We look forward to providing each of you with a variety of enjoyable golf experiences throughout the year. It is our purpose to also provide the type of open communications needed to establish a high level of teamwork and satisfaction among the Board and our members.

Scheduled Board meetings generally occur on the first Wednesday of every month. Those meetings will begin approximately one hour following completion of that day's game and will last from 60 to 90 minutes. The meetings are conveniently held downstairs in the Country Club's Magnolia room. We urge fellow members to attend those meetings, learn more about the club activities and about the responsibilities of each Director. Attend and voice your opinions, be a team member and help us make your golf experiences more fun and memorable.

Once again I wish you all a very Happy New Year, Barry Talbot President 951 458 0017 barrytalbot@earthlink.net



President's Message by Ina Pickard



I am honored to serve as your president for 2020. I feel truly blessed to have such a capable and knowledgeable Board serving with me. I would like to thank our previous president, Ura Furry, for the outstanding job she has done as our president for the last two years. She is certainly a hard act to follow. One of my goals is to continue taking our club in the direction she has been taking it, and that is to encourage new members to join our club, both nonresident and members from within our community and especially the Niners. I would also like to encourage those new members to volunteer for some of our committees and tournaments. It is a wonderful way to get to know your fellow golfers and there is always someone available to help with any questions you may have. I would like to thank Mary Burns and her committee, Barbara Horrigan, Marlene Cathro, KK Beecher and Donna Nunes for their hard work in putting on a wonderful Christmas Tournament and installation and a special thank you to Lou DeYoung for an inspiring installation ceremony.

Congratulations to all the winners. And a special congratulations to KK Beecher as most improved golfer for 2019.

On December 5<sup>th</sup> Canyon Lake hosted SB&R in our always fun Christmas Tournament. Thank you to our SB&R president, Ura Furry and our SB&R Rep, Darlene Cortez for their hard work in putting this together. If you are not yet an SB&R (San Bernardino and Riverside County Women's Golf Association) member, consider joining. We play on the last Thursday of the month and it's a fun, relaxed way to play other courses and meet some really great women. All skill levels are invited.

On January 7 we have our first Board meeting of the year. I would encourage all of you to attend. It is your club and we welcome your input. On January 21 we have our yearly Beat the Pro Tournament, hopefully Pat is not on his game that day.

I would also like to remind you that GHIN will be dark from January 1<sup>st</sup> through the 5<sup>th</sup>. On January 6<sup>th</sup> the new World handicap system will be up and running. A few of us have attended the seminar and will be available to help you as we learn. Please help Norma Yarbrough in her job as Handicap Chairperson by posting immediately after your round. This a very important part of the new system.

Lastly, I would like to wish you all a happy, healthy year and the best golf of your life. See you on the links

# Canyon Lake Women's Golf Club 2020 Board of Directors

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## Women's Golf Club Board of Directors Meets the First Tuesday of Each Month General Board Meetings February 4, May 5, August 4, November 3

# 2020 Tournament Schedule

Beat the Pro	January 21
Valentine Tournament	February 11
SB&R Tournament	March 26
Club Championship	March 17, 19, 24
Senior Championship	April 21, 28
Member Guest	May 15
President's Cup	June 16, 23
Couples Eclectic	July 14, 21
Member/Member	September 15, 17, 22
Jack & Jill	November 21
Christmas Tournament	December 8

#### Canyon Lake Women's Golf Club Mission Statement

Our Mission is to create and maintain a friendly atmosphere in which golfers of all abilities can participate in, and enjoy, the game of golf. We will promote our primary objective through camaraderie, social events, tournaments and recognition. We encourage equitable competition through proper handicapping, utilizing USGA standards We strive to be a source of pride and enjoyment for our members, guests and our community of Canyon Lake

#### 12-11-2019

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## Flight A

#### 18 Max Skins

Andrew Quinn

Mike Sanders Jason Bader

Harland Newby

Bob Tice

Dave Nickel

Edward Doidge

1	Bader / Flores / Kamashian / Montgomery	-16	124
2	Finger / Merritt / Shankland / Stinson	-15	125
3	Bradford / Newsom / Sell / Wallace	-13	127
4	Halsey / Leathley / McCain / Reed	-13	127
5	Derse / Jernigan / Perry / Reed	-11	129
6	Cervantez / Raworth / Sanders / Watson	-9	131
7	Evans / Leathley / Quinn / Voss	-6	134

### Flight B

1	Fuhrman / Jacobs / Pinto / Rowland	-17	123
2	Castillo / Gaudy / Ireland / Lynch	-15	125
3	Clow / D'Amato / Holtschult / Scudieri	-14	126
4	Carlson / Coughlin / Jacobson / Smykla	-14	126
5	Douglas / Furry / Hemborg / Spaeth	-9	131
6	Espinosa / Kelch / Potenza / Stubbs	-9	131
7	Brack / McKee / Moore / Stone	-2	138

#### Flight C

1	Morrissette / Petersen / Ramirez / Rowland	-12	128
2	Nickel / Norris / Schrader / Talbot	-12	128
3	Larson / Newby / Taylor / Wagoner	-12	128
4	Doidge / Hanover / Musser / Paulis	-11	129
5	Gomez / Gray / Grinkevich / Hudson	-10	130
6	Cortez / Gibson / Hawley / Pickard	-9	131
7	Brown / Russelle / Schutz / Tucker	-4	136
8	Kielty / Reams / Thompson / Tice	-4	136

#### 12-18-19 Partners Best Ball **Flight A**

1	Bradford / Evans / Quinn / Wallace	-25	117
2	Drew / Holtschult / Nickel / Scudieri	-21	121
3	Ireland / Jernigan / Ousterhout / Perry	-19	123
4	Cervantez / Raworth / Sanders / Watson	-18	124
5	Halsey / Leathley / McCain / Reed	-18	124
6	McKee / Merritt / Shankland / Stinson	-14	128

### Flight B

1	Fuhrman / Jacobs / Pinto / Rowland	-35	107	
2	Burton / Castillo / Gaudy / Wolsey	-25	117	
3	Brack / Hawley / Moore / Stone	-15	127	
4	Newsom / Sell / Voss / Yarbrough	-14	128	
5	Douglas / Gomez / Hemborg / Vandruff	-13	129	
6	Espinosa / Kelch / Potenza / Stubbs	-11	131	

### Flight C

1	Clow / Kielty / Reams / Thompson	-23	119
2	Gray / Morrissette / Petersen / Ramirez	-22	120
3	Brown / Russelle / Schutz / Tucker	-16	126
4	Doidge / Norris / Schrader / Talbot	-13	129
5	Hanover / Newby / Paulis / Wagoner	-10	132

Tim Jacobs	Net 3.5 on 18
31 Max Skins	
John Lynch	Eagle on 4, Double Eagle on 5
	Eagle on 15
Barry Talbot	Eagle on 6

Net 3.5 on 7 Birdie on 4

Net 2.5 on 9

Net 2.5 on 3

Eagle on 16

Eagle on 13

Eagle on 1

Eagle on 7

# 18 Max Skins

Tim Jacobs	Birdie on 8
	Net 2.5 on 14
	Net 3.5 on 18
Bruce Wallace	Birdie on 11
Mark Holtschult	Birdie on 17
<b>Richard Tucker</b>	Net 2.5 on 12

#### 31 Max Skins

John Petersen	Double Eagle on 5
Barry Talbot	Eagle on 4
Don Norris	Birdie on 15
Randy Schutz	Eagle on 10
Bob Clow	Eagle on 12

# **MENS DAYS**

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# Tuesday Sweeps Low Gross/Low Net 12-3-19

Luesday Sweeps	LOW GROSS/LOW N	et 12-3-19
Gerry Meeks	Low Gross	89
Lorrie Applegate	Low Net	63
A Flight	8 Players	
Gerry Meeks	Low Gross	89
Jill Busser	Low Net	75
B Flight	12 Players	
Lorrie Applegate	1st Low Gross	90
Anita Fairfield	2nd Low Gross	101
Norma Yarbrough	1st Low Net	70
Maxine Whalen	2nd Low Net	77
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C Flight	7 Players	
Barbara Spraul	Low Gross	110
Linda Johnson	Low Net	78
D Flight	3 Players	
Linda Kamashian	Low Gross	122
Claudia Pinto	Low Net	88
Green Tee Flight	2 Players	
Dawn Haggerty	Low Gross	104
Ellie Clow	Low Net	73
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Chip-ins June Drew Lila Gann Claudia Pinto Barbara Spraul (2) Kathy Voss Norma Yarbrough

## Birds

Lorrie Applegate Mary Burns Anita Fairfield Kathy Werder Nancy Zimmerman

# Tuesday Sweeps 12/17/2019 Game: Odd Holes Front/Even Holes Back 9

<u>Tuesday Sweeps</u> <u>Gross Net Playoff</u> Babette Stubbs Joanna Spiller	<u>12-10-19 Year-End /</u> 2019 Low Gross 2019 Low Net 2019	Awards 84 75	<u>A Flight</u> 1st Place 2nd Place 3rd Place	<u>8 Players</u> Gerry Meeks Babette Stubbs K.K. Beecher	46 48 50.5	<u>Chip-Ins</u> Marilyn Bridges Jill Busser Ina Pickard Kathy Voss
<u>Most Birds by Flig</u> A Flight B Flight C Flight	<u>ht 2019</u> Mary Burns Donna Nunes Linda Johnson	22 5 3	<u>B Flight</u> 1st Place 2nd Place 3rd Place <u>C Flight</u>	<u>8 Players</u> Cathy Barr Kathy Voss Donna Nunes <u>8 Players</u>	47.5 49.5 50	<u>Birds</u> Lorrie Applegate K.K. Beecher Mary Burns (2) Jill Busser
Most Chip-Ins by I A Flight A Flight B Flight C Flight D Flight	F <b>light 2019</b> Anita Fairfield Marilyn Bridges Donna Nunes Ura Furry Dawn Haggerty	6 6 10 8 5	1st Place 2nd Place 3rd Place <u>D Flight</u> 1st Place	Linda Johnson Ina Pickard Linda Hudson <b><u>4 Players</u> Elaine Grady</b>	50.5 52 52.5 51	



If you think this is meant for you ?

# It probably is!

Do your part to keep your foursome on time.

Are you the guy who is never ready to hit your ball when it's your turn?

Are you the guy who sits in the cart while your buddy hits so he can drive you to your ball when you could have walked a few yards?

Are you the guy who is still sitting in the cart when all the others have played their shot?

Are you the guy who has to put his club cover on while the foursome is waiting to move forward?

Are you aware of your position with the group ahead of you?

Are you even aware of the group waiting behind you?

# Don't be that guy! Play ready golf and keep your group moving

# 2019 HANDICAP SEMINAR 2020 CHANGES

PURPOSE - The purpose of this meeting is to inform our members of the changes coming in the handicap system in 2020.

The USGA and the other 5 World organizations have decided that there will be a World Handicap System and that it will start in the United States in January of 2020.

IMPLIMENTATION: The program is starting on January 1, 2020. The first 5 days of the year all computers and programs will be closed and no one will be able to post a score from January 1 – to January 5. On January  $6^{th}$  you will be able to back date all scores or rounds from the black out date of 1/1 - 1/5. All scores must be posted on a hole by hole basis. Failure to do so will result in your cards being audited on a regular basis.

REASONS - The new handicap system includes new restrictions such as; Playing Condition Calculations, new 9 hole and 18 hole posting minimums, and the computer will also adjust automatically to net double bogey and add up your scores. Mr. Newsom our Wednesday chairman has been posting this way for all of us this entire year. It is simple and takes very little time to complete.

UPWARD MOVEMENT OF A HANDICAP INDEX (CCAP) – A soft cap and a hard cap will be included within the Handicap Index calculation.

The SOFT CAP will suppress the upward movement of a Handicap Index by **50%** if a **3.0 stroke** increase takes place within a **12** month period.

The HARD CAP will restrict upward movement if, after the application of the soft cap, a **5.0 stroke** increase takes place within that **12** month period. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT HOW THIS WORKS IN MORE DETAIL I WILL BE AROUND AFTER THE MEETING.

BASIS FOR HANDICAP INDEX CALCULATION

When a score is submitted, it will be converted to a Score Differential based on the Course Rating and Slope Rating of the tees that were played. In addition, a Playing Conditions Calculation will be included to account for any abnormal course or weather conditions.

A Handicap Index will then be calculated by averaging a player's **8** BEST Score Differentials out of their most recent **20**.

EXCEPTIONAL SCORE REDUCTION (ESR) – When a player submits a score that produces a SCORE Differential of **7.0** strokes or more below their Handicap Index, they will be subject to an Exceptional Score REDUCTION. If the score is between a **7.0 – 9.9** stroke below their current Handicap Index, a.- **1.0** reduction is applied to the most recent 20 scores differentials. When the Score Differential is 10.0 strokes or more below their Handicap Index, a **2.0** reduction is applied to the most recent 20 scores differentials.

AGAIN I WILL ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS AFTER THE MEETING IF YOU HAVE THEM.

FREQUENCY OF HANDICAP INDEX WILL **UPDATE DAILY**, PROVIDED THAT THE PLAYER SUBMITTED A SCORE THER DAY FEFORE. ON THE DAY A PLAYER DOES NOT SUBMIT A SCORE, NO UPDATE WILL TAKE PLACE

MAXIMUM HANDICAPE INDEX IS 54.0. THIS APPLIES TO BOTH MEN AND WOMEN

MAXIMUM SCORE for Handicap Purpose IS a **NET DOUBLE BOGEY**.

Posting 9 hole scores; You must play 7 holes to post a 9 hole score.

To post an 18 hole score you must play 14 holes.

# Women's Golf Club Hosts Christmas Tournament

The Women's Golf Club held its annual Christmas Tournament on December 10, 2019. The tournament was followed by a lunch, awards and Installation of the 2020 Board of Directors.

The Tournament participants each donated an unwrapped toy to be given to The Mattress Firm Foster Children Program, a recognized 501 non-profit that serves 2,500 foster children in the Temecula Valley. "Not everyone can be a foster parent, but anyone can help a foster child" is the motto of the program. The Tournament collected and donated over 100 toys. If you would like to contribute a gift to the Mattress Firm Program, you can drop a toy off at any Mattress Firm store.

The tournament results are as follows:

## Snowflake Flight

1st place: Marlene Cathro, Wendy Eddy, Rose Marie Hand, Linda Kamashian, Kathy Werder, Anne Norris

2nd place: Ellie Clow, Dawn Haggerty, Mary Leathley, Barbara Spraul, Babette Stubbs

3rd place: Cathy Barr, Mary Burns, Lou Deyoung, Dorothy Washle, Jeanette Williams

## Reindeer Flight

1st place: Joanne Bellerive, Linda Kielty, Barb Lewis, Teresa Roberson, Nancy Tice, Kim Robinson

2nd place: Barbara Weatherman, Sheryl Fine, Catherine Hawley, Barbie Spencer, Joanna Spiller, Denise Vioti

3rd place: Barbara Horrigan, Clair Bond, Cheryl Ritsema, Marina Stinson, Sue Hoover

The Canyon Lake Woman's Golf Club meets on Tuesdays in the Magnolia Room at the Canyon Lake Country Club between 7:00 and 7:30am with tee time of 8:00 for 18 holes of golf.

For more info about our club contact President Ina Pickard at 951-970-7714



**REINDEER 1** 





**REINDEER 3** 

# "After Lunch Bunch", your Fríday game for 40 years......

For those of you who are unaware the "After Lunch Bunch: are now on their winter schedule, teeing off at 10AM. The game is open to all Canyon Lake golfers and signups are taken in the Magnolia Room or over the phone, 249-4565, between 8:30 and 9:15AM. If you're looking for a friendly way to spend Friday afternoons, then this is your game.

**December 6** – Partners Best Ball – Two Flights – 20 Players "A" Flight "B" Flight 1 – Bob Stinson & Carlos Ramirez – 66 1 - Ross Hanover & Bob Clow - 63 2 – Hugh Wagoner & Clive Taylor – 662 – Mike Pinto & Dave Nickel – 63 "Losers of the Week" – "A" Flight – John Stubbs & Vern Kelch – 68 "B" Flight – Walt Popper & Jim Paulis – 69 "Skins" – Bob Stinson (#5), Oscar Rowland (#8 & 18), Dave Nickel (#10), & Ross Hanover (#15) "Closest to the Pin" – Hole #11 – Harland Newby Hole #17 – Clive Taylor **December 13** – The Lone Ranger – 20 Players 1 – Mike Pinto, Bob Stinson, Jim Paulis & Bob Clow – 126 2 – Harland Newby, Nick Valencia, Oscar Rowland, & BD Clow- 129 "Losers of the Week" -- Tom Fuhrman, Cuck Hudson, Ross Hanover & BD Stinson - 137 "Skins" – Harland Newby (#2 & 3), Mike Connor (#4), Tom Fuhrman (#7), & Bob Stinson (#8) "Closest to the Pin" – Jim Paulis (#11) & Oscar Rowland (#17) **December 20** – Individual Tin Whistle – 20 Players "A" Flight "B" Flight 1 - Chuck Hudson & BD (Rowland) - 51 1 – Clive Taylor & Hugh Wagoner – 48 2 – Mike Pinto & Nick Valencia – 42 2 - Tom Fuhrman & Oscar Rowland – 47 "Losers of the Week" – "A" Flight "B" Fliaht **Tom D'Amato & Walt Popper** – 24 Jim Paulis & Ross Hanover – 23 "Skins" Mike Pinto (#2), Leroy Madera (#9), Nick Valencia (#10), Oscar Rowland (#12), Harland **Newby** (#14), & **Hugh Wagoner** (#17).

"Closest to the Pin" – Hugh Wagoner (#11 & 17)

Quote – "It's good sportsmanship to not pick up lost balls while they are still rolling" – Mark Twain

January 2020						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> <sub>CLMGC</sub> New Year's Day Bob Clow Nick Valencia	2 9ER'S Golf Gross/Net	<b>3</b> ALB-Partners Best Ball - Pick your 4-Some	<b>4</b> Bob Krause
5	<b>6</b> Oscar Rowland	<b>7</b> CLWGC GROSS/NET <b>Board Meeting</b> Bargain Day	8 CLMGC: Partners Best Ball You Pick Board Mtg	<b>9</b> 9ER'S Golf Bill Conlin	<b>10</b> ALB-4 Man Tin Whistle - Comm. Picks	<b>11</b> 9:30 Southern Calif Vaga- bond Tournament Norma Yarbrough
12 Anne Carter Bruce Wallace	<b>13</b> Maintenance Day Rich Moline	<b>14</b> CLWGC Fives & Fours Kathy Homewood	<b>15</b> CLMGC: 2 best balls of foursome Com- puter Picks Dorothy Washle	<b>16</b> 9ER'S Golf	<b>17</b> ALB-Partners Best Ball - 2 on Par 3's	18
19	20	<b>21</b> CLWGC <b>Beat The Pro</b> Rene Freyre	<b>22</b> CLMGC: Individual Tin Whistle You Pick Foursome Rocky Rogers	<b>23</b> 9ER'S Golf Bob Jacobson	<b>24</b> ALB-Pick your 4some Ed Cortez	25
26 2:00 9er's Scramble	27	<b>28</b> CLWGC Pick Ur 4-some Best Ball Gary Murphy	<b>29</b> CLMGC: 2 Man ag- gregate Tin Whistle You Pick Jeff Reams Anton Riniti	<b>30</b> 9ER'S Golf Guest Day	<b>31</b> ALB-Individual Tin Whistle - Pick your 4-some George Hanson	Notes: CLWGC & CLMGC 8:00am Shotgun 10:00am 9er's

Christmas tournament, Jack and Jack A flight winner (left to right) Brett Geer (teammates Chip Barker, Collin McCaffery, and Mr. Boothby were unavailable) together with Jerry Watson, Pat Kemball, and Jon Evans.



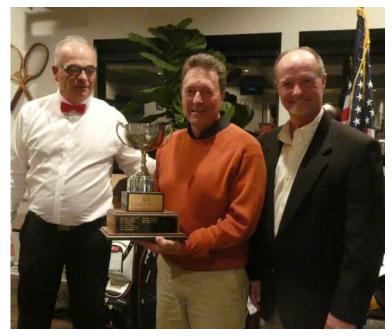
Christmas Tournament Jack and Jill, gross winners: Julie and Tom Faia, K.K. Beecher - Jesse Beecher unavailable



Jack and Jill, net winners: Donna Nunes, Barry Talbot, (Maxine Whelan and Robb Smith unavailable)



Special award for the club's Player of Year Steve McCain, he received a nice trophy and a new golf bag: Left to right, President - Jon Evans, Player of the Year - Steve McCain, Club Pro - Pat Kemball





**MEN'S Club Anniversaries** January The members of the Canyon Lake Men's Golf Club want to congratulate the following on the anniversary of their joining our club in the year listed below.....

1999 20 yeaars Travis Montgomery
2000 19 years Fred Hemborg
2001 18 years Jim Carter
2003 16 years Tom Faia
2002 16 years Jim Norman
2004 15 years Bruce Yarbrough
2010 9 years Dean Stinson
2011 8 years Harry Larson
2011 8 years Mark Wagoner
2012 7 years Zell Rawlins

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Jim Magill, Club Historian

# **5 Basic Things to Know About the World Handicap System**

Since 1981, GHIN has been the official Handicap System of the USGA and now serves over 70 state, regional, and national associations. However, it's currently one of six handicapping systems world-wide, so the USGA has partnered with other associations to create a unified system for players around the world to play together: the World Handicap System.

With the World Handicap System, which will go into effect on January 6, 2020, there will be some changes from the current GHIN platform. We've got you covered with the most important changes:

# 1. Stay up to date daily

Under the current GHIN system, your Handicap Index is only updated twice per month, on the 1st and 15th. With the World Handicap System, you'll receive an updated Index the day after posting a score.

# 2. Get your Handicap Index established sooner

Not only do you not have to wait until the next revision date to get an updated Handicap Index, but it also will take less rounds to establish an Index. All you need to get started with the World Handicap System is to post 54 holes (three 18-hole rounds, six 9-hole rounds, or any combination of those that equals 54 holes), down from the current 90 holes. The World Handicap System will also count the 8 best scores of your most recent 20 rounds (or an equivalent if you have less than 20 scores) instead of the 10 best scores.

## 3. Keep your scores lower

Tired of having a snowman on a par-3 ruin your round? The World Handicap System will have a maximum hole score of net double bogey (your hole score plus any handicap strokes you receive on that hole) in order to keep your score closer to your true playing potential.

## 4. Blame it on the weather

We've all had a round (or ten) that would've been better if it wasn't raining or less windy or cooler or... you get it. The new system will consider the impact of daily course or weather conditions on each golfer's performance and adjust your handicap accordingly.

## 5. A Handicap Index for everyone

One of the goals of the World Handicap System is to introduce more golfers to the concept of utilizing a Handicap Index, especially golfers who are new to the game. As such, the maximum Handicap Index will raise from 36.4 for men and 40.4 for women to 54 for both men and women. For more information visit the World Handicap System website at <a href="http://www.usga.org">www.usga.org</a>



# FAQs for USGA Implementation of the World Handicap System (WHS)

## 1. What is the World Handicap System (WHS) all about?

Golf already has a single set of playing Rules, a single set of equipment Rules and a single set of Rules of Amateur Status overseen by the USGA and The R&A. Yet, today there are six different handicap systems used around the world. Each is well developed and successfully provides equity for play locally, but each of the different systems produces slightly differing results. The WHS unifies the six systems into a single system that:

Enables golfers of different ability to play and compete on a fair and equitable basis, in any format, on any course, anywhere around the world;

Is easy to understand and implement, without sacrificing accuracy; and

Meets the varied needs and expectations of golfers, golf clubs and golf authorities all around the world and is adaptable to suit all golfing cultures.

The WHS will encompass both the Rules of Handicapping and the Course Rating System (formerly the USGA Course Rating and Slope System).

## 2. What are the benefits of the World Handicap System?

As the world becomes a smaller place with a much greater frequency of international play (as demonstrated by golf returning to the Olympics in 2016), we believe the development of a single handicap system will result in easier administration of international events and, potentially, allow National Associations more opportunity to focus attention on golf development and strategic planning to support the sport. It would also provide the opportunity to evaluate de-personal golfing data to help monitor the health of the game.

#### 3. Will the World Handicap System impact the way the game is played in the United States?

The cultural diversity that exists within the game, including different formats of play and degrees of competitiveness, is what makes the sport so universally popular. Through collaboration with National Associations, the goal has been to try to accommodate those cultural differences within a single WHS.

# 4. Have you consulted with golfers and golf club administrators about the World Handicap System?

Yes. We have solicited the opinions of golfers and golf club administrators all around the world via an online survey, to which we received over 52,000 responses. We have also conducted focus group sessions in five markets throughout Europe, the USA and South America. The reaction was overwhelmingly positive; for example, 76% surveyed are supportive, 22% undecided at this stage and only 2% opposed.

#### 5. What is the timeline for implementation of the World Handicap System?

In the United States, the WHS will be implemented in January 2020. National Associations will be implementing the WHS throughout the year in 2020.

# 6. How and when will golfers and golf club administrators be educated on the WHS and Rules of Handicapping?

The education roll-out began in January 2019, and each of the 59 USGA Allied Golf Associations (state and regional golf associations) will have attended a comprehensive WHS training seminar prior to the January 2020 launch. Under the WHS, these Allied Golf Associations, with support from the USGA, are responsible for training clubs and golfers within their jurisdictions.

## How will it impact my handicap?

#### 1. I see that my Handicap Index may change under the World Handicap System. Why?

Your new Handicap Index in 2020 is based on the modernized Rules of Handicapping and more responsive to good scores by averaging your eight best scores out of your most recent 20 (currently, it's 10 out of 20 with a .96 multiplier). In most cases for golfers in the U.S., it will change less than one stroke. So, if you notice that your Handicap Index is different in January despite not having played, this is why!

# 2. Someone asks me what my handicap is when we're standing on the first tee. What do I tell them?

Start with your Handicap Index! This drives everything. Your Handicap Index forms the basis for your Course and Playing Handicap.

Slope Rating and now Course Rating and par are used to determine your Course Handicap, which represents the number of strokes you'll need to play to par.

Your Playing Handicap is the actual number of strokes you give or receive for the round being played. It is typically the same number as your Course Handicap. The exception is when a term of the competition applies, such as a handicap allowance used for equity in certain formats of play.

# 3. I read that there is a new Course Handicap calculation that includes Course Rating and Par. What does that mean for me?

Now that Course Handicap is tied to Course Rating and par (historically it has represented the number of strokes needed to play to the Course Rating), your Course Handicap will vary more from tee to tee than it did in the past.

For you to play to your handicap, your target score for the day will be par plus Course Handicap.

# 4. I play in a group where we all play from different tees. Do we still have to make a Course Handicap adjustment when we play?

Under the current system, a Course Handicap adjustment is required when players compete from different tees since each set of tees has a different Course Rating. Under the Rules of Handicapping, your Course Handicap factors in both Course Rating and par – meaning an adjustment is only necessary when par is different – which will be far less likely!

# 5. Let's say I have a Course Handicap of 9 and the 2nd-ranked Stroke Index hole is a par 4. I hit my drive out of bounds and continued to struggle on the hole so I picked up. Will I be able to post a score for handicap purposes?

Whenever the format of play allows, you are encouraged to pick up once you've reached your maximum hole score for handicap purposes – which is a Net Double Bogey.

Net Double Bogey = Double Bogey + any handicap strokes received on a hole.

Using the scenario above, your maximum score for handicap purposes is a 7, so in this case you would submit a score of 7 for that hole.

If you were to pick up on a hole before reaching Net Double Bogey, then you would record your Most Likely Score as long as it does not exceed your Net Double Bogey limit.

# 6. Sometimes I submit a score when the course was playing really tough due to weather conditions or placement of hole locations. I don't feel that the score I posted is an accurate reflection of how I played. Will the Rules of Handicapping address this?

Yes! Golf is an outdoor game, and sometimes playing conditions (weather or course setup) can cause scores to be abnormally high or low on a given day. For example, a score of 80 on a rainy, windy day or when the course setup is difficult may be more impressive than a 79 on a calm day with normal course conditions.

Under the Rules of Handicapping, a Playing Conditions Calculation will account for this and adjust players' Score Differentials to better reflect their actual performance. This calculation is driven by scores posted at a golf course on a given day. Any adjustment will be clearly identified in the player's scoring record for transparency.

# 7. I normally post my scores for the week on Sunday night to make sure they're included in the next revision. Can I still do this under the Rules of Handicapping?

Under the Rules of Handicapping, you should submit your scores the day you play for two reasons:

1. Daily Revisions – Each time you submit a score, that score will be factored into the calculation of your Handicap Index for use the very next day.

2. Playing Conditions Calculation – It uses scores submitted each day to determine any adjustment for abnormal playing conditions.

By submitting scores the day you play, you ensure that your Handicap Index will be a responsive and up-to-date indicator of your ability. No excuses anymore, please be sure to post all your scores in a timely fashion!

# 8. I was only able to play 12 holes before darkness prevented me from playing the rest of the round. Can I still post a score for handicap purposes if I don't play a full 9-hole or 18-hole round?

In that situation, you would disregard the scores made on holes 10 through 12 and submit a nine-hole score.

For a nine-hole score to be acceptable, you must play at least seven holes. To submit an 18-hole score, you must play a minimum of 14 holes.

# 9. There's a golfer in my league who always tends to play well during net competitions and wins often. are there provisions in place to ensure that everyone is playing on a fair level?

Under the Rules of Handicapping, there are several new safeguards to ensure the integrity of a player's Handicap Index.

A Soft Cap and Hard Cap limit the extreme upward movement of a Handicap Index over a rolling 12month timeframe, and an Exceptional Score Reduction reduces a player's Handicap Index each time they submit a score that produces a Score Differential at least 7.0 strokes below their Handicap Index.

A club's Handicap Committee will also have access to reporting tools that provide additional oversight. In addition, the Committee in charge of a Competition can protect the field by modifying a player's Playing Handicap before or between rounds when appropriate.

## 10. What if I don't have a Handicap Index? How can I get one?

We warmly welcome you – and the WHS was designed for you. If you're in the U.S., we recommend you contact the closest USGA Allied Golf Association in your state for next steps. Starting in January, it will only take 54 holes – any combination of 9 and 18-hole scores – to establish a Handicap Index and be a part of the World Handicap System. Whether you play recreationally or competitively, and whether you are an amateur or professional golfer, the WHS was built with you in mind!

You can find contact information here.

# 11. Who should I contact if I have a question about the Rules of Handicapping or my Handicap Index?

For specific questions regarding your Handicap Index or scoring record, you should contact the Handicap Committee at your Home Club or the Allied Golf Association in your area. A list of the 59 AGAs can be found here.

## THURSDAY TEAM PLAY (By Rick Halsey)

This year's play has been expanded to include both Bear Creek and Red Hawk.

We start January 16, 2020 and our first match is against Bear Creek at Bear Creek.

We tee off at 11:00. We are looking for any and all players that feel they can compete and win. We play all of our matches over a 6-week period starting January 16.

The other teams we play are Temecula Creek, and Red Hawk. All of our matches are on Thursday with our home matches starting at 10:00A.M. and they are tee times.

Let's make the playoffs this year and bring home the trophy.

# What is the World Handicap System<sup>™</sup>?

The World Handicap System (WHS) unifies the six existing handicap systems and provides every player in the world with a consistent measure of ability. The WHS enables players of different abilities, from anywhere in the world, to play with or compete against others on a fair basis.

The World Handicap System is comprised of the Rules of Handicapping and the Course Rating System. The Rules of Handicapping replaces the USGA Handicap System<sup>™</sup>, which has been in place since 1911, and the USGA Course Rating System<sup>™</sup> has become the Course Rating System.

These are the key topic areas from which we expect you to receive the most questions from your members and guests. This serves as a quick reference guide, but please refer to the Rules of Handicapping for more detail.

### Handicap Index® Calculation Changes

With the World Handicap System, a player's best 8 scores out of the last 20 are used, not best 10 out of 20.

#### Net Double Bogey Replaces ESC (Equitable Stroke Control)

Net Double Bogey is replacing ESC. *Net Double Bogey* = Double Bogey + any handicap strokes a player is entitled to receive based on their Course Handicap.

#### **Changes to Course Handicap**

Slope Rating, Course Rating and Par will now be used to determine a Course Handicap, so expect to see changes in your players' Course Handicaps. As long as par is the same, there will no longer need to be an adjustment when players compete from different tees.

#### **Introduction of Playing Handicap**

Playing Handicap is a new term that represents the number of strokes you actually play with during a round. Most of the time, it will be the same as your Course Handicap, but it may change based on the format of play and handicap allowance applied.

#### **Playing Conditions Calculation**

The Playing Conditions Calculation is an automatic calculation that compares actual scores to the expected scores made each day. It is designed to account for days when the golf course plays significantly easier or more difficult than normal due to weather or course conditions. There is nothing you need to do except encourage players to post their scores immediately following their round, and work with your greens committee/superintendent to be sure that course difficulty is maintained on a consistent basis.

#### **Running Club Events**

There are three key changes that may impact the way you run a club event:

- With the new maximum Handicap Index of 54.0, you may wish to consider using flights so that players with similar abilities will be grouped together.
- Since a Handicap Index will be updated daily, the recommendation will be for a Committee to use the Handicap Index at the start of the competition for all rounds.
- Handicap Allowance recommendations for various formats of play have changed. The new reccomendations are found in Appendix C of the Rules of Handicapping.

# WORLD HANDICAP SYSTEM



For more detailed information visit www.usga.org/whs

#### Safeguards and Handicap Controls

Two modern safeguards will be introduced in 2020:

- A soft cap and hard cap will automatically limit extreme upward movement of a Handicap Index.
- An automatic Handicap Index reduction will take place when a player posts an exceptional score.

The Handicap Committee still serves an important role, but these safeguards will make their jobs easier.

#### **Handicap Management Products**

To ensure consistency of the World Handicap System, the Handicap Index of every player in the United States will be calculated and issued by the USGA. You will need to confirm that any product you use has access to the USGA Data Services platform.

#### **Contact Information**

The best place to start is the Allied Golf Association in your area.

You can also reach the USGA Handicap Department directly by phone (908.234.2300 x5) or hdcpquestions@usga.org.



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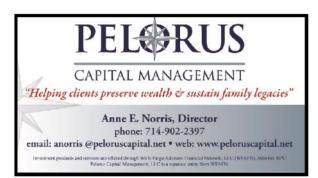








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