

To all Golf Members:

Subject: Reminder of USGA Handicap Obligations

It really is terrific seeing so many players enjoying our course so early in the season! The Golf Advisory Committee in its obligation to the USGA, the Rules of Golf, and our membership, maintains a Handicap Committee to insure fairness in all its sanctioned events.

With your already paid membership you are entitled to obtain an official USGA Handicap that you may use both for competitions or just to measure your personal improvement. We also realize that a good portion of our membership has very little interest in establishing a handicap which certainly is acceptable. In fact, if you only play social golf, have no interest in measuring your progress, or in playing in club tournaments you are not obligated to get one.

If you fall into the category of only playing social golf or do not plan to play in tournaments, please let the GAC or the Pro Shop know so that your name can be placed on a list so the Handicap Committee doesn't look for your scores to be posted. (Here is a link directly to the GAC email; [golfatgreenbriar@aol.com](mailto:golfatgreenbriar@aol.com))

This letter is primarily being sent as a reminder to our Members who do participate in sanctioned club events, or wish to in the future, to remind them of the necessity of posting scores in a timely manner to insure fairness in handicap to all participants. The USGA identifies the local Handicap Committee as the monitor of the handicap process. (Scores should be posted upon completion of the round and no later than 48 hours afterwards.)

This would be a great help as on May 2<sup>nd</sup> the Handicap Committee performed a check to see if golf members were entering scores into the GHIN system located either in the Pro Shop or on-line. The results were very surprising, 48 out of 136 people who played that day did not enter their scores. If all these rounds were played by members establishing a handicap, this result would be completely unacceptable according to USGA rules.

In an effort to determine if scores are being properly posted the Handicap Committee will perform random audits and contact individuals who registered to play golf on certain dates and did not post a score. If you receive a notice from the committee and have a valid reason for not posting a score, please let the GAC know within 48 hours of receiving a notice.

The Committee acknowledges that besides not wanting a handicap, there are many reasons for not posting a score such as format played on the day in question. However, lacking a valid reason for a non-posting, if you do not properly post your scores you will not be able to play in any tournaments until an adjustment is made.

Following USGA guidelines the first offense will result in a letter reminding you to post scores and a possible handicap posting adjustment. The second offense will result in the lowest score of your last twenty rounds being posted to your handicap history.

Thanks for taking the time to read this and for helping the Handicap Committee maintain the integrity of the game we all enjoy!

For the Golf Advisory Committee  
Ron Givens, Chairman Handicap Committee