

TOMGC HANDICAP HAPPENINGS - January 2015

ARE TOMGC Members Posting all Rounds Played?

We, the TOMGC Handicap Committee members – Jim Valenti, Brian Bender and Mike Giulianotti – hope you had a great holiday season and send our wishes for a prosperous and happy 2015. Let's have a Great Golf Year at Twin Oaks.

Please let us know if you have issues or concerns that you would like addressed in future Handicap Happenings. We will try to provide you valuable information. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns about handicap issues, including if you need a score added, deleted or modified.

As your new Handicap Chairman and having received Handicap Certification from the SCGA, I have been getting up to speed on the entire process of posting correct scores and the inclusion of all scores in our SCGA scoring history. The initial Handicap Happenings, emailed last month, discussed your posting responsibilities and your committee's duty to check posting records of all members who participate in TOMGC golf events.

GHIN has a very effective Web Site with all sorts of support to our Handicap and Membership Committees. I used the site to check postings since we took over handicap responsibilities. This included 10 events, of which 4 were Tournaments, conducted between 10/22 & 12/19/14. During this period, most members posted properly but more than **30 failed to post and**, for the 4 Tournaments, **14 posted H rather than T**. I have communicated with most of you about these issues and corrections/additions have been made to applicable members posting records. My entries will appear in your score history at the **next index update**. Some member comments and my advice follow:

- I FORGOT - **every player must post all rounds played by the Rules of Golf**
- I usually post on Internet but probably FORGOT or used the date I posted rather than the date I played – **posting at the course right after the round may resolve both these issues**
- My score was embarrassing HIGH – **posting ALL scores is your responsibility. Even high scores, although not included in your best 10 can impact index – possibly slightly higher (never lower) depending on which scores fall off last 20 and which now may be in best 10**
- I did not know this was a Tournament (or how to post T) – **if the event requires you to sign up in advance, it's a Tournament. Show up/sign up events usually are not. If you don't know how to change Home to Tournament, just ask someone**
- I thought I posted but don't see it in my record – **maybe you made a posting error such as using the wrong date, course location, etc**

Remember – The Purpose of the USGA Handicap System is to provide fair competition. The following Two basic premises of the USGA Handicap System achieve this purpose:

- Players will try to make the best score at every hole in every round, regardless of where played
- Players will post every acceptable (this includes even a poor score) round for peer review

The player and the player's Handicap Committee have joint responsibility for adhering to these premises. PLEASE, TRY to provide correct and accurate posting for all of your scores in 2015. ALL includes all TOMGC events and all casual play, either home or away.