



TOMGC Rules and Greens

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Well, here we are again, beginning a new year of fun with the Twin Oaks Men's Club! It is a time for new beginnings and resolutions. My resolution is to try and start enjoying the game again. Ever since I muttered those silly words, "single digit in 2016", I have begun to really loath the game of golf. I've gone from an 11 handicap, to a 17! What the heck happened? It's the same guy, the same course, and the same stupid clubs! Well, I think the answer is right there in the beginning of what I just said. It is not the same guy, eh? We all know that as we age, things start to change! We get weaker, a 7 iron that used to go 150 yards, is now only good for 130 yards at best. The areas of the game where I used to save my scores, chipping and putting, are now the worst part of my game! So, what's the answer? Quit trying to be a stinking pro and lower your expectations. Go out and have fun with the group and don't dwell so much on the stupid **SCORE!** Nothing but fun 'til '21!

Speaking of the group, you should know by now that your club and its board of directors are all volunteers, who give of their time selflessly and without any reward. There are guys who have done this for many years without ever a thank you from anyone, except maybe the other members of the board. Two of those guys have left the club this year for various reasons, and I would like to take the time here to thank them for their service and friendship. They are Jim Valenti and Mike Giulianotti. Both of these gentlemen have served this club faithfully for many years. Jim is/was one of the oldest serving members of this club. Jim is staying on to help out with the Senior Match Play Team for another year, but just has a tough time getting around 18 holes of regulation golf anymore. Jim hasn't given up the game, but has lowered his sights just a little, and will still enjoy playing golf at the executive level. Mike has served on the board of directors in various capacities and as a member of the RBI men's club, has found that two memberships has just become too much for him. If you get the chance, please reach out to these two and give them your thanks for their dedicated service to your club.

So, the big news for this year, is the coming of the World Handicap System! If you've not heard about this, it seems to be causing quite a stir. The GHIN handicap management system has been off-line from January 1st through January 5th, while the system was prepared to handle the new handicapping system. There is a lot to learn, so check it out.

<https://www.usga.org/content/usga/home-page/handicapping/world-handicap-system/WHS-resources.html>

Let's have a great year! Enjoy life, it has an expiration date!