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Handicap Stroke Allocation at Los Altos Golf Course

When you look at a score card you will typically see a row of numbers referred to as Handicap (Men's and/or Ladies'). These numbers are calculated and reflect a degree of difficulty for each hole, one being the most difficult, 18 the least. This rating is used in determining Skins during our tournaments. The following is an explanation of how those numbers are calculated. Separate calculations are done for both Men and Ladies. A table of those calculations follows that relates to the Men's at Los Altos.

A method for allocating your handicap strokes is to collect 200 hole-by-hole scorecards from two different groups of golfers. Group A consists of golfers with a Course Handicap™ of 0-8 for men or 0-14 for women. Group B consists of middle-to-high Course Handicap golfers, ranging 15-20 strokes higher than group A (20-28 for men and 26-40 for women).

The next step is to compare the average score per hole for group A against the average score per hole of group B. The A average is subtracted from the B average for each hole. This differential is ranked from high-to-low where 1 is the highest and 18 is the lowest. These are now allocated odd and even numbers, odd with the front nine and even with the back nine (unless back nine is dramatically more difficult than the front nine). Then make sure that the low numerical holes are not at the beginning or end of each nine.

Because LAGA has the Wednesday league play on record, it's a convenient data base for making this calculation. From a total base of 7374 scores, Group A was determined from 653 scores (average handicap 6.3) and Group B from 2149 scores (average handicap 23.4). An interesting note here is that a much greater number of golfers in the Association belong to Group B.

Referring to the Stroke Allocation Table below, the calculated Rank shows some holes in the allocation sequence that are not aligned with the front or back nine. The column to the right of Rank refers to the USGA Handicap guide rule 17-1b(i) recommending the assignment of odd-numbered strokes to the first nine holes and even-numbered strokes to the second nine holes. So some ranking is adjusted accordingly. The next column refers rule 17-1b(ii) which recommends the Handicap Committee review closely ranked holes in consideration of other factors such as water hazards, bunkers, etc. The Handicap Committee will use good judgment when allocating handicap stroke holes. The club makes the final determination.

Handicap Stroke Allocation									
Los Altos Golf Course									
Men's Tees									
Hole	Par	Yards	Old HDCP	Group A Avg. Score	Group B Avg. Score	Score Difference	Rank	Modification Under 17-1b(i)	Modification Under 17-1b(ii)
1	4	377	7	4.51	5.56	1.05	7	7	7
2	4	302	13	4.30	5.15	0.85	13	13	13
3	5	509	3	5.29	6.51	1.22	2	3	3
4	3	145	17	3.27	3.93	0.66	15	15	15
5	4	361	5	4.41	5.42	1.01	10	11	11
6	4	348	11	4.33	5.39	1.06	6	5	5
7	3	149	15	3.31	3.93	0.62	16	17	17
8	5	525	1	5.37	6.78	1.41	1	1	1
9	4	359	9	4.52	5.53	1.01	9	9	9
10	4	367	6	4.45	5.59	1.14	4	4	6
11	4	359	8	4.38	5.43	1.05	8	8	8
12	4	434	10	4.72	5.72	1.00	11	10	10
13	3	227	16	3.70	4.30	0.60	17	16	16
14	4	430	4	4.59	5.68	1.09	5	6	4
15	3	165	18	3.39	3.97	0.58	18	18	18
16	5	485	2	5.01	6.17	1.16	3	2	2
17	4	300	14	4.17	4.95	0.78	14	14	14
18	4	338	12	4.38	5.31	0.93	12	12	12

Player of the Year	
June Leaderboard	
RESULTS	
Chad Padilla	35
Mike Davidson	32
Jason Myers	29
Tom Martin	26
Larry Carlton	25
Ray Woodbury	24
Jerry Simon	22
Kevin Goodrich	21
Gary Schuster	21
Roland Sena	20
Mario Valdez	20
Rob Setteceri	19
Brian Hinkle	18

Course Mis-Management??

NEW SCORE POSTING FORMAT

When posting a score, your information was held at our local computer and then updated to GHIN on a regularly scheduled time each day.

Sun Country Amateur Golf Association recently updated our computers with a new "On Line" system. Now, when you go to post a score on the computer at the golf course you will be confronted with a new screen and a new procedure in posting scores. Follow the instructions on the screen and click on highlighted areas.

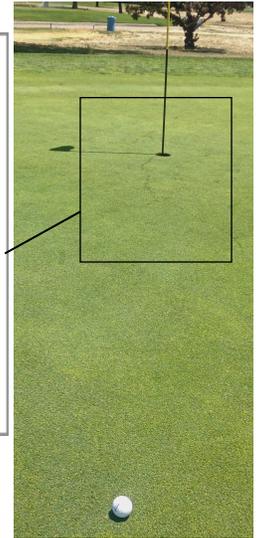
We will try to publish some written instructions to leave by the computer. Scores, once posted, will go immediately to your scoring record at GHIN headquarters. On-line posting from your home computer or smart phone has not changed.

No, there aren't spies on the course, nor is Big Brother looking after you. What's shown here are examples of rude and obvious derelictions of responsibility by players on the course. In the right corner is a divot large enough to trip over. Sorry, your caddy felt it was beneath him to repair it as well.

The lower inset shows where the flag stick was dragged instead of lifted from the hole, leaving a 'trench' in the green. (as seen on multiple holes during play last Wednesday) Will it affect the subsequent putt...yes indeed. If the flag-stick is too heavy, let someone else remove it.

Players on any course have an unwritten obligation to care for the course that they are playing on. Yes, we are becoming a disposable society, but that should not apply to golf courses, unless you want to see them go the way of your daily trash.

Please, always leave the course you play on in better condition than you found it. You and everyone will benefit.



Got something to say about slow play?? E-mail your comments to sloplay@comcast.net. The board will be discussing what to do about slow play and your comments will be appreciated; good, bad, constructive or otherwise.

Next LAGA Monthly Tournament



"July Firecracker"

2-Person Best Ball

July 11th and 12th, 2015

(Members only, Sign up as pairs or singles)

\$30.00 per person

Optional Skins – Payable at the check in desk!

(Starting Time 7:30 AM Shotgun)

Entry deadline is Tuesday, July 7th @ 6:00 P.M.