

## Let the Golf Season Begin!

If you were able to get out to play golf during the month of March, hopefully you are posting your scores in GHIN. For the score posting season began on March 1<sup>st</sup>! In case you haven't heard there have been some changes in the World Handicap System (WHS) in the calculations of your scores.

In the past, if you played a 9-hole round of golf your handicap would not be calculated until you played another 9-hole round. This year there is no waiting for another round to be posted. Instead, when you post a 9-hole score, it will be counted toward your handicap index the very next day. The WHS will automatically calculate an 18-hole Score Differential for the round, based on your 9-hole score and expected Score Differential established on your current handicap. As part of this change, you are required to play and post all 9-holes instead of the previous minimum of 7-holes.

If you sign up to play an 18-hole round but only complete 10 to 17 holes, a Score Differential will be created based on the hole's played, and your expected Score Differential for the number of remaining holes not played. To facilitate this change, if you play between 10-17 holes, you will need to post your scores hole-by-hole so the appropriate Score Differential can be calculated from the holes that were played to combine with the expected score for the holes not played.

If all this sounds confusing, all you need to do is post the holes you play, hole-by-hole and let your GHIN Phone App take care of calculating your scores. There is no need to worry about the MATH, Score Differential or Expected Score Differential. Get out and play – be sure to post your round of golf. On CWGA play days, there is even less worry since our managers enter all of your scores!

The month of April is formally the beginning of the golf season for CWGA, and there are many events that will fall "Under the CWGA Golf Umbrella" theme. We hope that the "CWGA Golf Umbrella" only appears figuratively, not literally for our opening events. The rhythm of our organization begins on April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10 A.M. as we have an orientation party with our new members. Hopefully, our new members will be able to enjoy a round of golf following their orientation.

On April 4<sup>th</sup> we begin our season with a breakfast at 8 A.M. to welcome back all of our members and bring them up to date with the current happenings in CWGA! This event will be followed by the first CWGA Scramble of the season. Let the joy of golfing and the celebrations begin! After this event our regular 9-hole and 18-hole play days begin on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

In the spirit of our theme of education and mentorship and in collaboration with The Niners, on April 26<sup>th</sup>, we are happy to invite you to attend a presentation with George Fox University's Women's Golf Coach, MaryJo McCloskey. In addition to leading her

team to win 7 NCAA trophies, including the 2023 NCAA D-III Championship, she was named the 2022-2023 Coach of the Year. Her recent book, *When Girls Win* is an inspiring story about a female coach's passionate journey to the top in a male-dominated arena. Her focus on building confidence, outmaneuvering obstacles, breaking through resistance and maximizing performance are lessons for us all in improving our skills. We hope you will join us for a Continental Breakfast on April 26<sup>th</sup> at 9 A.M in the Clubhouse Dining Room to hear this incredible female golf leader. Signup in the in the Pro Shop by April 23<sup>rd</sup>.