

August's President's Newsletter

The fix is in!

Forget that. That phrase has a completely different meaning.

Our course hole handicaps have been recalculated.

For over two months everyone played exclusively from the Gold tees during our club's Monday games, and during the Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday games. We thereby accumulated enough score cards to determine our hole handicaps using a USGA recommended method.

First and foremost, a most sincere pat on the back and thank you to TLQMC Secretary, Bart Fowler, who took on and executed this task. While the entire board did what it does best, debated the issue, Bart alone collected and calculated the numbers.

To be exact, 686 scores were used from players of all levels, playing exclusively from the Gold tees. Per USGA guidelines, rounds from 25% of the players with the lowest handicaps, were compared to players with handicaps between 20 -28. Bart used both USGA recommended Comparison and Regression methods to perform the calculations. Bart's results were verified by SCGA.

While on a roll, we spent the last 4 weeks, playing five different variations of Blue/Gold combo tees. This was done in order to determine a combo tee variation that was based less on traditions and anecdotes, and more on the abilities of our players. The SCGA allows clubs to determine combo tees however they want.

The board met on July 24 to review, discuss, quibble and ratify.

The result of all of this work is:

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
Handicap	13	7	11	1	9	17	3	15	5	
Combo/Yd	380	339	478	403	366	153	371	188	490	3168
Hole	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
Handicap	14	18	16	10	12	2	4	8	6	
Combo/Yd	377	128	342	355	368	364	507	155	477	3073

We have met with the golf course staff and they accepted our recommendations.

Additionally, they will mark the combo holes differently on the next version of the score cards, thereby, giving us two more lines to work with on the card. The new handicaps and combo tees will go into effect when the new cards are printed. Probably when the course reopens.

As for the course, the tee boxes on 12, 17 and 18 have been leveled. Also, in anticipation of future construction (nothing has been approved yet) the grass for the new putting area (between the driving range and the hole 1 tee boxes) has been killed and construction should start on that soon.

Other than that, it has been a pretty quiet month.

See you on the course.

Gary