

TOMGC HANDICAP HAPPENINGS - Fall 2015

We, the TOMGC Handicap Committee members, hope you are having a great year doing ALL you do, especially GOLF! Thanks to Marty Leonard for sponsoring this newsletter.



I hope you saw the November Rules Newsletter that paid tribute to our lost comrade, Bob Springer. Bob was one of the founding members of our club in 1995 and a member, active golfer and frequent BoD member ever since. He will be missed.

Mitch also mentioned in his November Rules Newsletter that all Wed golf is being scored using the Tournament Pairings Program (TPP). To reinforce what Mitch stated, please DO NOT POST after these Wed events. The Scorer will direct TPP to automatically post for all players that have competed that Wednesday. If you have posted by mistake, please let me know and I will correct the double posting. Please continue to post for Sat events until advised that Sat has implemented TPP. We will continue to audit postings and pay particular attention to double posting of Wed events, posts for Sat events and your posts for other golf at TO and other venues.

Your BoD has elected new officers for 2016. Brian Bender is President and 5 year past President, Mike Martens, is Vice President. Scott McClellan remains Treasurer and Bill Jackson remains Secretary. Mitch Anderson has stepped down as VP and has agreed to fill the vacant Communications Chair. All other Committee Chairs agreed to continue. 2016 Chairs are Mitch Anderson (Rules and Communications), Jack Cabral (Wed Tourneys), Scott McClellan (Sat Tourneys), Paul McGurgan (Membership), Mike Giulianotti (SCGA and Audit), Nominations (Mike Martens) and Jim Valenti (Handicap). Remember that your Board is here to serve you. We will promptly respond to any of your needs or questions.

Your BoD has approved a change to Net Skins competition beginning 1 Jan 16. Net Skins on each hole will be based on pops that are consistent with players' course handicap. This eliminates the previous 1 pop maximum for Par 3 Holes. Reminder to those playing Red tees. Use your competition handicap to determine pops. This competition handicap is after subtracting 3 shots from your Red Tee course handicap to account for the lower course rating for Red vs White Tees.

Your BoD has also decided that beginning 1 Jan 16 to reduce the number of Wed and Sat golf events that will be posted as (T)ournament. This was done at the suggestion of SCGA. Their statistics show that clubs with events that include more than 12 T postings per year dilute the impact on Handicap caused by Exceptional T scores. Members' Handicaps will then more properly reflect a players true scoring potential. This change will not only improve fair competition at TO events but substantially improve our competitive chances at other courses.

We will continue to subsidize monthly Wed and Sat events exactly as in past years. We simply will not post all of them as T. More details on Tournaments and other scheduled events will be provided before the 2016 season begins.

After many years in moth balls, the competition between TO Men's and Women's Club was recently revived. Kudos to the Men's and Women's Club members who planned, organized and conducted the competition. Special shout out to our Jack Cabral for his major contributions and thanks to all who participated. Our ten 2 men teams competed against ten 2 women teams and prevailed 51/2 to 41/2. Well done men to win a real tight competition. All had a great time golfing and enjoyed the comradery during golf and the Tacos lunch that followed. All agreed that we should do this again real soon.

IMPORTANT - to insure your Handicap DOES NOT LAPSE, PLEASE remember to renew now for 2016. Your Membership Chair, Paul McGurgan, has emailed several Renewal Reminders and you will see more in the coming weeks.

Finally, the Senior Team has recently completed their 2015 season. Thanks to all who participated. The Senior Team has been an important part of your club for several years. It competes weekly in a home and away format from mid Jan thru early Nov on more than 20 SD County Courses. All members of the 2015 team and all other TOMGC members 55 and over are invited and encouraged to join the 2016 team. You have already seen an email and will continue to see emails regarding the Senior Team.

Please advise me or any Board member if you have issues or concerns that you would like addressed in future Handicap Happenings. Please continue to let us know if you have any questions or concerns about handicap issues, including if you need a score added, deleted or modified. Please remember how important posting properly is to fair play.

That's it for now. You may have noticed that I have not been playing recently. I had right shoulder replacement surgery and plan playing golf again in late Feb after about a 4 month rehab. Enjoy your golf and the rest of the year. Happy Thanksgiving.

Jim Valenti – Handicap Chair
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