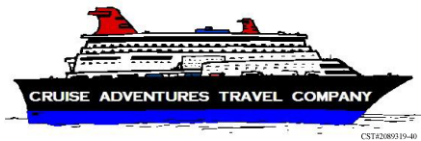


TOMGC HANDICAP HAPPENINGS (HH) – Summer/Fall 2016

Your Handicap Committee, Brian Bender, Mike Giulianotti and I, hope you are having a great year, especially your GOLF! This will be the last HH for 2016. We plan to limit 2017 HH editions to when there are any handicap issues or to respond to your handicap questions. Since we score and post TOMGC golf events using the Tournament Pairings Program (TPP), the need for handicap audits and frequent HH releases is dramatically reduced. Thanks to Cruise Adventures (CST2089319-40) Owner/Operators Paul & Sandi Halem for sponsoring this newsletter. I have been booking cruises with them for about 6 years and can personally recommend them.



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Reminder: When our golf Event Directors use TPP, it is **not** necessary for you to post your scores after any TOMGC event. Your score is automatically posted by TPP after scoring the event. In extremely rare cases, if a TOMGC event is **not** posted by TPP, the Event Director will then, and only then, ask you to post. Since we have been using TPP, the only posting issues after TOMGC events are that an occasional no post or double post has occurred if there has been a misunderstanding whether TPP is posting or not. If in doubt, please ask. We watch for posting errors but we request you advise us if you notice any posting errors on your GHIN record.

Remember: When playing golf at any rated golf course that is not a TOMGC event, you must post each round played by the rules of golf. Proper posting is the basis of fair play. If in doubt about whether you should post or you think you have made a posting error, please consult any one of us on the Handicap Committee. We will be happy to assist you. It's our job. Thanks for your cooperation.

The USGA has made some important decisions for 2016 that you may or may not be aware of. They include among others, the definition of a tournament score, putter anchoring and prohibiting posting if playing alone.

TOMGC has already reduced the **number of Tournaments** that we conduct each year based on additional USGA guidance that clarifies what constitutes a **tournament score**. It places greater emphasis on the meaning of "significant events". It **excludes** fundraising events and regular league play as significant in favor of designated competitions such as member/guest, Club Championships, qualifying competitions or named special events. USGA emphasizes that excessive T's can adversely impact handicaps.

You are all familiar that **putter anchoring** is prohibited for competitions. However, you may not have heard that you **may not post** a score for any round where anchoring is used since that is considered a round that is not played under the rules of golf.

Also, **playing alone and posting** is now considered by USGA as being in conflict with the concept of "peer review" that includes the review that playing partners provide. Therefore, if you play alone, you **may not post** as that is considered in violation of fair play.

As you know, TOMGC has a web site that was launched in mid- February. Our webmaster and president, Brian Bender, has done a fantastic job designing and launching a wonderful tool to create and access club information. Please check the site regularly at <http://www.tomgc.org> . Our website provides well organized information that is very user friendly. It has several Tabs including Membership, Event Calendar, Event Results, Newsletters and other important TOMGC information. Additionally, a Forum Tab allows you to enter information or ask questions. The Home Tab includes announcements such as information about our **Annual Banquet**. Hope to see all of you there on **Saturday 11/5**.

To access most web site information, you simply click on the above link and then click on any tab of interest. You **DONOT** need to log in. However, if you want to enter information into, e.g. the Forum, you must log in with your user name and password. If you do not have or have forgotten your User Name and/or Password, please ask Brian at bbender@jettheaddev.com to forward the email he previously sent you.

Please advise me or any BoD member if you have any issues, questions or concerns about handicap or any other TOMGC operation. Please continue to advise us what you would like addressed in future Handicap Happenings.

Finally, please remember how important posting properly is to fair play. Enjoy your golf and the rest of the year.

Jim Valenti – Handicap Chair – September 2016