

2016 WMSGGA Handicap Chair Report

In the fall of 2015 at the annual meeting of WMSGGA, a handicap committee was formed to address concerns raised about the handicap system and how members of the WMSGGA, as well as member clubs, were following the USGA Handicap System.

The committee recommended that a series of reminders concerning key areas of the handicap system that might need re-enforcement be highlighted in a newsletter to WMSGGA which can be found on the website.

Of particular concern were issues dealing with how to post scores correctly. Also of concern was the lack of understanding about how to post scores from courses we visit, from courses we play when we're away for the winter, and from courses we consider our other "home" courses.

In the past few months, the committee members have discovered that a large majority of golf clubs do not have a handicap committee. To quote from *The USGA Handicap System* book, "Every golf club utilizing the Handicap System must have a Handicap Committee to ensure the integrity of the USGA Handicap System."

The Handicap reminders for review were taken from the USGA Handicap System 2016-2017. This book is available to members of the USGA for \$3 and to non-members for \$4 through the Maine State Golf Association.

Please take the time to read the newsletter on the WMSGGA website.

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Respectfully submitted
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