



## President's Message

By Doug Korb



I understand how baseball became such a long, slow, game. Specialization came about and the game got delayed by constant position changes by the opposing managers.

What I don't understand is how golf became such a slow game. Remember when 4 hours was a long game? Now we're in search of a 4 hour game. 4.5 hours, and more, is becoming the norm.

Years ago, when playing with my sons, I used to tell them that they can take all of the time they want when they're over their shot, but in between shots they better hurry up. Maybe it's a message for all of us. This is especially true on the tee box. Someone should be hitting within 15 seconds after the cart stops. Watch Manolo on the tee.

### [ManoloOnTheTee](#)

Some things to keep in mind:

- Put your glove on as soon as you're finished putting, not at the tee.
- Drive to your ball, and prepare, while your cart partner is hitting.

- If at all possible, putt out those 2-3 footers.
- Record your scores AT THE TEE, while others are hitting.
- Play ready golf. One guy can hit while others look for a lost ball, or scope a yardage.
- Play from the 'best tees' for you. Here's a good gauge. Multiply your average 5 iron distance (165 yds for me) by 36 and play the tees closest to the answer.  $165 * 36 = 5940$  yard tees. How far do you hit a 5 iron?

Bottom line, we've watched too much professional golf where they do all of the slow things. The difference is they only take 68 shots and we take 88-98-108, therefore they play (suck) faster than us.

Here's another helpful hint from Manolo.

### [ManoloKeepingPace](#)

## Membership Message

By Mike Re



I have been working on various items to add new members to our club. Some of the things I've done are:

- Working with SCGA on recruiting.



- We have added QR codes to all of our club advertisements.
- We have printed Business Cards with Men's Club contact and joining information printed on them. Please grab a few and give them to friends that are thinking about golfing with us. They're available in Hawks Landing and the Pro Shop or ask me for a few!
- Redhawk had club flyers in the carts.
- There is a new Redhawk Men's Club flyer on the electronic bulletin boards in various places at Redhawk Golf Course.
- We are now offering a 60-day free trial membership for new members only (*some restrictions apply*) See the club website for more information.

As of June 28<sup>th</sup>, Redhawk Golfers Club has 144 members. We have 25 new members since the last Newsletter. You can see a list of new members [here](#).

**Handicap Message**  
By Alan de la Sierra



So many of us misunderstand our handicap, how it's calculated, and what it means relative to our average game. I found an

article in Golf Digest that I think does a good job of defining the system, and how it impacts each of our handicaps. Check it out, and see if it clarifies some things for you.

[HandicapExplanation](#)

**Rules Message**  
By Greg Stoffel



Remember, you can always go on our website and find our local rules. That means you can download them to your phone and have them with you at all times.

**Tournament Message**  
By Roger Morey



We have two major tournaments a year, both club championships: an individual and a two-man. The playing requirement is in our *Rules of Competition* on our website. For convenience purposes you can also find them by clicking here. [MajorTournaments](#)

**Monthly Tournaments**

**APRIL TOURNAMENT**

April was our 2 Man Best Ball tournament won by **Alan de la Sierra & Jim**



**Schoonmaker.** A well played 58 carried them to a 3 shot victory.

### **MAY TOURNAMENT**

Our May tournament was a 2 Man Pinehurst, won by the father/son team of **Ken & Kyle Parsons.** Well done guys.

### **JUNE TOURNAMENT**

Last month we held our President's Cup, where the Men's Club pays the entry fee for 2 teams to go to the SCGA Four Ball Net Championship.

The team of **Marlon Perry & Ken Phipps** bested the field by 5 shots! Wow. Coming in 2<sup>nd</sup> place was the team of **Roger Morey & Scott Wild.** Both teams will be entered into the SCGA qualifiers, in hopes of making the finals in October.

## **Short Putts**

### **Redhawk Golf Club Hawk's Pointe Event Space**

We are open for bookings in 2024! Be sure to book your memorable occasion with us. The Pavilion is perfect for a variety of events, including weddings, rehearsal dinners, reunions, birthday parties, holiday celebrations and more. Hawk's Pointe can host up to 200 people. Get in touch and

learn more about what we offer. Come enjoy the beauty of Hawk's Pointe @ Redhawk Golf Club.

Contact us at: (951) 302-3850 Ext. 204

## **Player Profile**

For those of you new to our club we often include a Player Profile of one of our members. If you'd like to see some of our past profiles you can go to our website and check them out.

### **Past Player Profiles**

## **Monthly Cartoon – Video**

How about one last tip from Manolo.

### **ManoloRoutine**

**Remember, the most important shot in golf is your next shot.**

See you in the short grass,  
**Doug Korb, President**





### **NEW MEMBER'S TO OUR CLUB**

Robert Hermes *from Temecula*  
Robert Garcia *from Temecula*  
Jeremy Willcoxson *from Wildomar*  
James Davenport *from Temecula*  
Kenneth Boone *from Palm Desert*  
James Hicken *from Murrieta*  
Marcus Makia *from Temecula*  
Joshua Richardson *from Temecula*  
Nathon Cutler *from Temecula*  
David Vizcarra *from Murrieta*  
Robert Freeman *from Lake Elsinore*  
Bret Bucher *from Temecula*  
Taewoo Yu *from Murrieta*  
James McDonald *from Temecula*  
Roy Lackey *from Temecula*  
Kevin Johnson *from Temecula*  
Rich Cooper *from Temecula*  
Joshua Levy *from Temecula*  
Joseph Bunn *from Pacific Palisades*  
Matthew Weber *from Riverside*  
Wayne Krause *from Winchester*  
William Bogart *from Meniffee*  
Bruce Jeong Lee *from Rancho Palos Verdes*  
Lawrence Vaupel *from Fallbrook*  
Roberto Salas *from Temecula*

Please extend a warm welcome to our new member at our next event.



## **TOURNAMENT REQUIREMENTS**

We have two major tournaments a year, both club championships: an individual and a two-man. The playing requirement is in our *Rules of Competition* on our website, and follows:

*The Club will conduct two Major Tournaments (President's Cup and Club Championship) each year. To be eligible to compete in these major tournaments, **the member must have competed at least 4 times on Tuesday within the previous 13 weeks and 10 times in the preceding 12 months.** The Board of Directors may waive these conditions.*

The Board's intention is to encourage participation and to build our club policies and benefits for the members that participate regularly. The definition for that was set with both an annual and current (last 13 weeks) condition. It seems fair to me. Playing only four times a quarter will qualify you for both tournaments. The Board reviews play prior to the tournament to determine qualification. Waivers are considered by the Board: 1) when you are a new member that is playing regularly but has not yet played 10 times for the annual requirement; or 2) for health issues that have limited a member's ability to play.

Both of these issues are considered to be out of the member's control.

It can be discouraging when you are not able to compete because of a rule. The two major tournaments are generally in June and September, so keep that in mind when making your golf calendar. We also encourage you to play in our club majors even if you do not qualify by playing for both skins and KP's.



## **This is what people get wrong about handicaps.**

By Sam Weinman – from Golf Digest Magazine

On several occasions in recent years, I have subjected my golf swing to scrutiny from the Internet. Spoiler alert: The Internet has not been kind. Some of this is my doing. It's what I signed up for, but also, my swing has its faults. I am too stiff at address, pull the shaft down too steep on the downswing, and then restrain myself from firing my hips as if balancing valuable china on my head.

"Arthritic," one colleague called it a few years back. At the time I hadn't even turned 40.

By the standard of my single-digit handicap colleagues, not to mention the professionals I study as an editor, I am a mediocre golfer. This I know.

But on the scale of all American golfers, I am also told I am above average. I hit the ball relatively straight, employ a healthy array of shots around greens that work out OK, and putt decently enough to scratch out some pars and the very occasional birdie.

On my best days I shoot in the low 80s. But other days I am capable of much worse—which brings us to the subject of handicaps.

As of this writing, I carry a 12.6 handicap index, and was as low as a 10.6 last summer. I suspect my number will go up in the next few weeks since there are a handful of low scores from last fall that will cycle off my card (your index only accounts for your 20 most recent scores). But we're talking a stroke or so, nothing major.

As my game has remained frustratingly the same for the past few years, and that game has been featured in an assortment of lighthearted Golf Digest videos, I have come to expect a familiar reaction—that there is no way I am an 11 or 12 handicap, and that I must be worse.

Am I? Well, no. But also, yes. This is where we need to dive into the handicap system further to address what some golfers don't always grasp.

## **Handicaps skew toward potential more than performance**

Like I said, I am a mediocre golfer. But my version of mediocre is reflected in a handicap formula that tends to be misunderstood. Most days I scrap it around enough to keep the ball in play and can make enough putts to alternate between bogeys and pars. A 12 index does not reflect a player who averages roughly 12 strokes above par, for reasons I'll get into. What it does do, however, is provide a baseline for





a fair match between players of differing abilities. It accounts for my potential to piece together some decent holes and acknowledges there are days when I can have more of those holes than others.

However ...

**The handicap system doesn't account for the times we really stink**

Perhaps the biggest misconception about a handicap is that it's essentially a scoring average. It isn't. The handicap doesn't account for our worst days, and perhaps more controversially, it doesn't even really account for what might be considered our norm. **By only using the best eight of our most recent 20 scores, the handicap index is instead a gauge of our best golf—not so much how we usually play, but how we're capable of playing when everything's going relatively well (the USGA refers to this as "demonstrated ability").**

By contrast, those days when you don't make a par until the 10th hole, top your tee shot into a creek on 18 and leave every putt pathetically short—for me, also known as "last Saturday"—those rounds are discarded as outliers. Of course, for golfers of my level, this is also very much *golf I'm capable of playing*, but at least here, the handicap formula chooses not to notice.

**Handicaps should protect better players**

If you're a 5 index, it means your best days are better than a 12 index's best days. But it should also mean your bad days are less bad than theirs as well. When I play poorly, I can play a good 8 or 9 strokes higher than my index—a bad day, yes, but also not impossible. Better players, meanwhile, don't stray as far or as often from this "*golf they're capable of playing*" standard. That means when they both show up on the first tee, a 5 index is more likely to play like a 5 than a 12 index is to play like a 12. Right away, advantage 5.

**Net double bogey plays a bigger role in this than you think**

Like I said, the lower your index, the less bad your bad is likely to be, which means fewer disaster shots, and fewer holes in which you end up wanting to toss your clubs in a lake. For the higher-handicapped player, those disasters lurk around every corner, and in a stroke-play, hole-everything-out format, they're what inordinately inflate scores. The handicap system however, softens their impact because of the provision that states you can't put down more than net double bogey on any hole. Pump two balls OB off the tee in tournament play? On a par 4, you're staring at 8 or higher. But the handicap system won't let you put down more than a 6, or if you're getting a stroke, a 7. Why



does this matter? Because arguably the biggest contributor to making certain golfers bad—the moments when they're worst of all—is remarkably left out of the equation.

### **The handicap system isn't perfect for everything**

Getting back to the original premise—am I really a 12 handicap, or possibly worse? The answer is I *really am* a 12 handicap, but that a 12 handicap is probably worse than many people think. Because for all those days I flirt with breaking 80, there are plenty of days when 90 is in play instead. The handicap system, however, is quick to forgive. When I hit the ball wildly off line, the net double bogey maximum prevents those holes from being catastrophic. Some rounds, I have too many of those holes, but those are the rounds that are dropped off my card since they're not one of my eight lowest recent scores.

If the expectation of a handicap is to tell you precisely what sort of golf season a player has been having, I agree it can be misleading. As with much in our golf lives, it chooses to focus more on what we can be, and less on what we really are.