

## **POPS Explanation**

What are "pops?" Pops refer to your handicap, amortized by hole. For example if your handicap is 36 you would have two pops per hole ( $2 \times 18 = 36$ ). When your handicap is not evenly divisible by 18, the additional pops are allocated, one per hole, starting with the most difficult hole. Hole difficulty is indicated on the scorecard as "handicap," with the MOST difficult hole indicated as #1. If your handicap is 42, you would get 2 pops/hole, PLUS one additional pop (3/hole) on the 6 most difficult holes (as indicated #1, #2...#6 on the scorecard in the handicap row). NOTE: When playing other courses, first determine your course handicap for that course based on your index. Then compute pops. BE SURE TO USE THE HANDICAP ROW FOR WOMEN.

What is my maximum score per hole? Under the new world handicap system the maximum score you can post varies on each hole. In order to determine your maximum you must know your pops (your personal handicap, if you will) for each hole. The maximum is NET double bogey.

Net double bogey = par (as indicated on the scorecard) + 2 + pops.

For Example: Assume your course handicap is 36. You would have 2 pops/hole.

Par 3's maximum score would be: 3 (par) + 2 (bogey) + 2 (pops) = 7

Par 4's maximum score would be: 4 (par) + 2 (bogey) + 2 (pops) = 8

Par 5's maximum score would be: 5 (par) + 2 (bogey) + 2 (pops) = 9