

SLOW PLAY

Over the last few months Redhawk Golfers Club has been trying to address slow play in several different ways and we have made some improvement. However almost every week, there is still a group that is at 5 hours or more. This sets back every group behind them which leads to frustration and in some cases, it has caused players to leave the club.

As a result, the Board has decided to implement a more drastic measure to address slow play. Starting on April 5th a 1 stroke penalty will be assessed to each player in the group that finishes their round in more than 4 hours and 45 minutes **AND** finishes more than 15 minutes behind the group in front of them.

How this will work

- Each group will continue to have a staggered time to leave the cart area. This allows the "A" groups starting farther away to tee off at 8:00.
- Write the time that the first player in your group tees off on your score card.
- Immediately after completing your round, **and before going to your car**, drop off a completed scorecard from your group with the Board member collecting them at Hawks Landing. The Board member will mark the time on the card when it is handed to him.
- Anyone turning in a card after 12:45PM is in danger of the penalty stroke.
- After turning in your card, you can take your clubs to the parking lot and do whatever you need to do.
- When this is complete, a designee from your group needs to come into Hawks Landing to read off your scores to the entry person.
- The Scoring team will compare the tee off time to the time turned in, to determine if it is greater than 4'45". For each score card that has a play time greater than 4'45", the team will compare it to the group playing in front of them. For each of these that is greater than 15 minutes behind the group in front of them, a 1 stroke penalty will be assessed to each player in that group.

Gentlemen, this has been a topic of conversation since before to our meeting last December. About half of the attendees at the meeting wanted us to implement a penalty at that time, and we decided not to. Now, after numerous unsuccessful attempts to speed up play, we feel it's necessary to implement a penalty program.

As a point of reference, we are much more lenient than the SCGA recommendations. They recommend a 4'15" round, a 14 minute gap, and a 2 stroke penalty. If our plan doesn't get positive results we will implement the SCGA plan. You can read it [here](#).

We will start this procedure next week on 3/15, evaluate the results, make necessary adjustments, and start assessing penalties on 4/5.

Your Redhawk Golfers Club Board
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