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Greetings Regulation 9-Hole Players,

In putting together the R9H accomplishments and results list, I noticed that some of you have been playing lots of golf and have been properly posting your scores. Good for you!

Others, however, do not seem to be posting scores as quickly as they should. Several people only have one or two scores posted in GHIN for this year.

The information below comes directly from the USGA's "Handicap System Manual."

The purpose of the *USGA Handicap System* is to make the game of golf more enjoyable by enabling players of differing abilities to compete on an equitable basis. The System provides a fair *Course Handicap* for each player, regardless of ability, and adjusts a player's *Handicap Index* up or down as the player's game changes. At the same time, the System disregards high scores that bear little relation to the player's potential ability and promotes continuity by making a *Handicap Index* continuous from one playing season or year to the next. A *Handicap Index* is useful for all forms of play, and is issued only to individuals who are members of a *golf club*.

Two basic premises underlie the *USGA Handicap System*, namely that each player will try to make the best score at every hole in every round, regardless of where the round is played, and that the player will post every acceptable round for *peer review*. The player and the player's *Handicap Committee* have joint responsibility for adhering to these premises.

Further information about the USGA handicap requirements can be found at:
<http://www.usga.org/Rule-Books/Handicap-System-Manual/Handicap-Manual/>

In order for our R9H league play to be fair, everyone needs to post scores as soon as possible so the GHIN update will reflect the players' accurate ability. In fact, every round played (not just those from SWGA) should be posted (USGA Handicap Manual, Section 5-2).

If you are having problems posting your scores, please contact Gayle Dye (845-5390) or Colleen Seeley (259-4110)

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