



TWO RIVERS GOLF CLUB NEWSLETTER



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Happy New Year! I hope the New Year finds you happy and well, and that you have renewed your TRGC membership already. It shouldn't be hard to make a resolution to have more fun in 2020, so here's an easy one for the start of the year: **play more TRGC tournaments in 2020!**

John Valdes, our club president, offers his own welcome to our members:

Happy New Year to all members of the Two Rivers Golf Club! I hope this newsletter finds everyone in good health. I know it's winter now but spring is coming soon and it's shaping up to be another fun year for our club! The Board is currently finalizing the 2020 schedule (it will be distributed to all members later in January). We are looking at scheduling a few courses this year that we haven't played in a while - namely Wildhorse, Auburn Valley and Paradise Valley. And, if the rule changes in 2019 weren't enough to keep us on our toes, the United States Golf Association (and therefore the NCGA) is throwing us another curveball this year by implementing a new World Handicap System. [See below for more details on this subject.] Hopefully, this is the last of any major changes for a while!

To close, our first tournament is planned for **Saturday, February 22, 2020**, so mark your calendars! And, look for the complete year's schedule in a couple of weeks. I look forward to seeing everyone soon.

NCGA QUALIFIER TOURNAMENTS

Information from Vice-President Mike Morrow: The NCGA website, www.ncga.org, has listings for their 2020 Tournament schedule. Some of the tournaments require qualifying through your own club and some don't; the schedule on the website is broken down so you can see which is which. The schedule also shows the handicap level needed to enter and sites to be

played. Registration for the events should open at the end of January. While on the web site, everyone could also take a look at all the membership outings the NCGA has to offer and the courses they have lined up.

NEW USGA RULES

2020 doesn't bring us the rules changes that 2019 did, but there is a major change to how our handicap index is computed. Our Handicap Chair, Dan Nelson, has summarized the new handicap system here:

These are coming changes to the handicap system and the procedure NCGA is taking to get us up to date with the new World Handicapping System:

1. Post your score as you normally would up to and including December 31st.
2. The GHIN and NCGA systems will then be down for 5 days. Then on the 6th of January you can begin to post all your scores again, including rounds played January 1-5. This is being done so they can get everything switched over to the new system.
3. The present handicap system is based on your last 20 scores of which they only use the lowest 10 scores; they average those scores and then take 96% of that for your handicap.

Under the new system they will base your handicap on the last 20 scores and use only the best 8 scores; they average those scores and use a 100% of that total as your handicap.

4. Handicaps will be updated nightly. No more revisions on the 1st and 15th of each month. Your handicap will be revised each night and be available to you each morning.
5. The maximum handicap is going up; it will be maxed out at 54.0 as of Jan. 1st, 2020.
6. Equitable stroke Control has changed. The most strokes any golfer can take will now be a gross double bogey plus any handicap strokes you get on each hole. This will now be referred to as "Net Double Bogey". This applies

to all handicap levels. The "Net Double Bogey" is for posting your score only. Your unadjusted score is used for all tournament play results.

7. No more T (Tournament) scores will be posted. There will be a reduction factor, based on your handicap, for exceptional scores.

8. It will be important to post by the end of the day for each round. The World Handicap System (WHS) will be incorporating a calculation into their system that will factor in weather conditions to properly adjust each score for the weather that day.

TRGC WEBSITE

James Snyder continues to update our club website to show the proposed 2020 tournament schedule (after it is finalized) and other current information, including the 2020 membership renewal form. This is a big job; thanks, James for your work to give us a better website. Check it out when you get a chance and use it as a reference for upcoming events:

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RECRUITMENT AND MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Welcome back, all of you who renewed your membership. If you have not yet renewed your TRGC membership, the form is on our website. Don't miss out on the fun tournaments on our schedule. As always, TRGC is looking to increase its membership base, so be sure to invite your friends, co-workers, and golf buddies from other groups to play in our events.

SUNSHINE

I'm happy to say that I don't know of any new health issues among our membership. Some of us have leftover concerns that need a little work, but overall, I think our members are in good shape health-wise. Let's keep it that way!

NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

If you have information or material that you would like included the newsletter, my email address is tpagefam@surewest.net; my home phone is (916) 488-6465.

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