

THE COURSE AT YALE HANDICAP COMMITTEE

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TO: Members, The Course at Yale

FROM: Handicap Committee

SUBJECT: Year end report

As you know, The Course at Yale established a Handicap Committee last spring. Under the direction of Peter Pulaski, the committee's main purpose is to ensure that each member maintains a handicap index that faithfully and honestly reflects the player's true ability as a golfer. The game relies on the integrity of the individual to play with honesty, courtesy and sportsmanship: this integrity honors the Spirit of the Game.

The committee believes it has gained the attention and respect of the membership, as noted by the following:

- More members turned in more scores for this season than for previous seasons.
- The understanding of Equitable Score Control increased.
- Recognition and posting of Tournament scores increased.
- Numerous positive comments were made to members of the committee.
- The Pro Shop Staff received favorable comments for its participation in committee oversight.

We recognize our efforts and those of the membership are a work in progress:

- A number of members failed to post scores for rounds played, including match play rounds and rounds fewer than eighteen holes (verified by Pro-Shop sign-ins versus scores posted).
- Many members failed to appropriately post tournament scores.
- Guidelines for posting scores are incompletely understood.
- Many members had persistent large stroke differences (well beyond probability predictions) between multiple tournament scores and recreational non-tournament scores.

For next year, we expect to build on the progress everyone has made by increasing awareness, providing information for posting proper scores, identifying tournament events, and undertaking the traditional responsibility of a handicap committee including determining whether a member's handicap needs to be adjusted and/or penalties assessed.

The Committee hopes to make the game at Yale even more enjoyable, to have tournament awards recognize even more competitive rounds well played, and to have all of us display the Spirit of the Game with every round. We thank everyone for their support.

Dave Pearson (Chair)

Bob Barnes

Mel Coolidge

Jim Kreuttner

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