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2020 TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE (TENTATIVE)

| Month | Date | Day | Course | Note |
|-----------|------|----------|------------------|-------------------|
| March | 23 | Monday | Callipe Preserve | |
| April | 19 | Sunday | Rancho Solano | Marc Rice |
| May | 11 | Monday | The Bridges | |
| June | 14 | Sunday | Eagle Vines | Director's Cup |
| July | 12 | Sunday | Corica | |
| August | 15 | Saturday | Monarch Bay | Club Championship |
| August | 16 | Sunday | Hiddenbrooke | Club Championship |
| September | 13 | Sunday | Metropolitan | Diamo Cup |
| October | 4 | Sunday | Canyon Lakes | |
| November | 1 | Sunday | Poppy Ridge | TOC |

Due to mixed reviews with our 2018 tournament schedule, the board for 2019, decided to look for venues that might create more participation by looking for better prices and different venues. However, this year there wasn't much improvement in participation.

For 2020, the board decided to look for more venues at a higher price level and more competitive venues. This year's events were dictated by courses that were recommended from the results of the questionnaire this year which also indicated some interest in weekday events. Thanks to Frank Chiang and Stephen Lee, they have followed these suggestions in hopes of gaining more interest .

Let's make 2020 a banner year for participation!

OCGC HAS A FACEBOOK PAGE!

PLEASE VISIT OUR FACEBOOK PAGE AT <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Oakland-Chinese-Golf-Club/1538219453073989>. AND BE SURE TO LIKE THE PAGE TO BE NOTIFIED OF UPDATES.

We would like your help in building our community and ask you to recruit your friends to LIKE our Facebook page as well.

We look forward to seeing you on Facebook. If you have any questions, please email Cliff Tong at Tong.cliff@gmail.com.

For more information on the club visit www.oaklandchinese.org . For more information on the Federation of Chinese GC, visit www.chinesefedgolf.org to see the activities of the 18 member clubs. There was a recent change to the name above. The new name will be “Association of International Golf Clubs.” References to the name change will be forthcoming.

FROM THE HELM:

This year was another successful year mainly due to the enthusiasm shown at all of our events. Thanks to all of the members who participated in our events. The tournament committee of Doug Deng, Jay Lin, Alain Young and Alan Whiteside, thanks those members who volunteered their help with scoring at the events. Thanks to all of the Board members for their excellent feedback and work on various committees and for taking the time to attend the meetings.

At the recent board meeting, due to the major changes happening on January 1, 2020, the members of the board will continue their officer’s duties in 2020. This will help in a smooth and consistent transition in 2020. Please check out the NCGA monthly club officer newsletters, which have been forwarded to you for more information on the changes regarding your handicap. The use of the new Member Planet software will be gradual while we continue with last year’s procedures for our tournament events.

The most important changes will affect our handicapping procedures which are outlined in a FAQ’s which follow. NCGA and USGA have found some glitches in their systems and have recently changed their cutover date from January 6 to whenever. The changes involve differences in roster versus handicapping information. So, we have to patient in having them resolve the differences in the change over.

So what is there to look forward to?

WORLD HANDICAP SYSTEM

This newsletter issue will be highlighting the changes for USGA and NCGA issued information to help members understand the World Handicap System (WHS).

FAQs for USGA Implementation of the World Handicap System:

1. What is the World Handicap System (WHS) all about?

Golf already has a single set of playing Rules, a single set of equipment Rules and a single set of Rules of Amateur Status overseen by the USGA and The R&A. Yet, today there are six different handicap systems used around the world. Each is well developed and successfully provides equity for play locally, but each of the different systems produces slightly differing results. The WHS unifies the six systems into a single system that:

- Enables golfers of different ability to play and compete on a fair and equitable basis, in any format, on any course, anywhere around the world;

- Is easy to understand and implement, without sacrificing accuracy; and
- Meets the varied needs and expectations of golfers, golf clubs and golf authorities all around the world and is adaptable to suit all golfing cultures.

The WHS will encompass both the Rules of Handicapping and the Course Rating System (formerly the USGA Course Rating and Slope System).

2. What are the benefits of the World Handicap System?

As the world becomes a smaller place with a much greater frequency of international play (as demonstrated by golf returning to the Olympics in 2016), we believe the development of a single handicap system will result in easier administration of international events and, potentially, allow National Associations more opportunity to focus attention on golf development and strategic planning to support the sport. It would also provide the opportunity to evaluate de-personal golfing data to help monitor the health of the game.

How will it impact my handicap?

1. I see that my Handicap Index may change under the World Handicap System. Why?

Your new Handicap Index in 2020 is based on the modernized Rules of Handicapping and more responsive to good scores by averaging your eight best scores out of your most recent 20 (currently, it's 10 out of 20 with a .96 multiplier). In most cases for golfers in the U.S., it will change less than one stroke. So, if you notice that your Handicap Index is different in January despite not having played, this is why!

2. Someone asks me what my handicap is when we're standing on the first tee. What do I tell them?

Start with your Handicap Index! This drives everything. Your Handicap Index forms the basis for your Course and Playing Handicap.

Slope Rating and now Course Rating and par are used to determine your Course Handicap, which represents the number of strokes you'll need to play to par.

Your Playing Handicap is your Course Handicap adjusted for handicap allowances depending on the format of play or terms of the competition. Most of the time your Course Handicap and Playing Handicap will be the same number.

3. I read that there is a new Course Handicap calculation that includes Course Rating and Par. What does that mean for me?

Now that Course Handicap is tied to Course Rating and par (historically it has represented the number of strokes needed to play to the Course Rating), your Course Handicap will vary more from tee to tee than it did in the past.

For you to play to your handicap, your target score for the day will be par plus Course Handicap.

4. Let's say I have a Course Handicap of 9 and the 2nd-ranked Stroke Index hole is a par 4. I hit my drive out of bounds and continued to struggle on the hole so I picked up. Will I be able to post a score for handicap purposes?

Whenever the format of play allows, you are encouraged to pick up once you've reached your maximum hole score for handicap purposes – which is a Net Double Bogey.

Net Double Bogey = Double Bogey + any handicap strokes received on a hole.

Using the scenario above, your maximum score for handicap purposes is a 7, so in this case you would submit a score of 7 for that hole.

If you were to pick up on a hole before reaching Net Double Bogey, then you would record your Most Likely Score as long as it does not exceed your Net Double Bogey limit.

5. Sometimes I submit a score when the course was playing really tough due to weather conditions or placement of hole locations. I don't feel that the score I posted is an accurate reflection of how I played. Will the Rules of Handicapping address this?

Yes! Golf is an outdoor game, and sometimes playing conditions (weather or course setup) can cause scores to be abnormally high or low on a given day. For example, a score of 80 on a rainy, windy day or when the course setup is difficult may be more impressive than a 79 on a calm day with normal course conditions.

Under the Rules of Handicapping, a Playing Conditions Calculation will account for this and adjust players' Score Differentials to better reflect their actual performance. This calculation is driven by scores posted at a golf course on a given day. Any adjustment will be clearly identified in the player's scoring record for transparency.

6. I normally post my scores for the week on Sunday night to make sure they're included in the next revision. Can I still do this under the Rules of Handicapping?

Under the Rules of Handicapping, you should submit your scores the day you play for two reasons:

1. Daily Revisions – Each time you submit a score, that score will be factored into the calculation of your Handicap Index for use the very next day.
2. Playing Conditions Calculation – It uses scores submitted each day to determine any adjustment for abnormal playing conditions.

By submitting scores the day you play, you ensure that your Handicap Index will be a responsive and up-to-date indicator of your ability. No excuses anymore, please be sure to post all your scores in a timely fashion!

7. I was only able to play 12 holes before darkness prevented me from playing the rest of the round. Can I still post a score for handicap purposes if I don't play a full 9-hole or 18-hole round?

In that situation, you would disregard the scores made on holes 10 through 12 and submit a nine-hole score.

For a nine-hole score to be acceptable, you must play at least seven holes. To submit an 18-hole score, you must play a minimum of 14 holes. The remaining holes may be scored as "par plus any handicap strokes."

8. There's a golfer in my league who always tends to play well during net competitions and wins often. are there provisions in place to ensure that everyone is playing on a fair level?

Under the Rules of Handicapping, there are several new safeguards to ensure the integrity of a player's Handicap Index.

A Soft Cap and Hard Cap limit the extreme upward movement of a Handicap Index over a rolling 12-month timeframe, and an Exceptional Score Reduction reduces a player's Handicap Index each time they submit a score that produces a Score Differential at least 7.0 strokes below their Handicap Index.

9. How do we determine our handicap for courses we play?

Your handicap can be calculated by the following formula:

SLOPE RATING DIVIDE BY 113 X HANDICAP INDEX = COURSE HANDICAP

SLOPE RATING CAN BE FOUND ON MOST SCORE CARDS SELECTED BY TEES USED.
113 IS THE STANDARD AVERAGE SLOPE BY USGA/NCGA.
HANDICAP INDEX CAN BE ACCESSED VIA DAILY CALCULATIONS ON THE INTERNET
OR FROM TWICE MONTHLY REPORTS FROM YOUR HANDICAP COMMITTEE.

FOR EACH HOLE: IT IS PAR PLUS TWO STROKES PLUS ANY HANDICAP STROKES
OR DOUBLE BOGEY PLUS HANDICAP STROKES. THIS IS THE MAXIMUM STROKES FOR
THAT HOLE.

HANDICAP STROKES IS YOUR COURSE HANDICAP APPLIED TO THE TOUGHEST HOLES
1 THROUGH 18.

e.g. IF YOUR COURSE HANDICAP IS 18, YOU HAVE ONE STROKE PER HOLE. IF YOUR
COURSE HANDICAP IS 20, YOU HAVE TWO HANDICAP STROKES ON THE #1 AND #2
TOUGHEST HOLES, ETC. ALSO, SEE EXAMPLE ON PAGE 7.

11. POSTING YOUR ADJUSTED SCORE?

A SIMPE METHOD WOULD BE FOR ANY BLOWUP HOLES, ANY STROKES OVER THE MAXIMUM OF
“NET DOUBLE BOGEY”, PLACE A DOT FOR EACH STROKE ON YOUR CARD. AT THE END OF
THE ROUND, DEDUCT THE NUMBER OF DOTS FROM YOUR GROSS SCORE. THIS WILL BE
YOUR ADJUSTED SCORE TO POST. ANY OTHER METHOD IS ACCEPTABLE.

ANNOUNCEMENTS :

For all future entry fees, please mail to Doug Deng, 730 Niantic Ave, Daly City, CA 94014
OR
PayPal at ducksseason@hotmail.com

The NCGA Most Improved Golfer (MIG) report that comes out monthly shows the current MIG winner each month. It compares the monthly index from last year to the same month this year. The past year’s MIG’s are as follows:

- November 2018 – Candy Tom 26.6 to 17.3
- December 2018 - Candy Tom 25.6 to 16.9
- January 2019 – Candy Tom 22.7 to 16.8
- February 2019 Jesmer Lorenzo 19.1 to 15.2
- March 2019 Jesmer Lorenzo 19.6 to 16.2
- April 2019 Koji Okamura 13.5 to 11.3
- May 2019 Jesmer Lorenzo 19.3 to 16.7
- June 2019 Jadine Tom 17.7 to 15.4
- July 2019 Terry Owyang 15.8 to 13.1
- August 2019 Samuel Li 6.5 to 4.7

September 2019 Jonathan Lam 8.3 to 5.4
October 2019 Jonathan Lam 8.6 to 5.7
November 2019 Jonathan Lam 8.8 to 5.2
December 2019 Dennis Itani 14.2 to 9.5
January 2020 ?

CONGRATS TO THE MIG'S!

If you have any changes in your address, phone or email address, contact Secretary Gaby Hemphill (ghemphill@gmail.com) who will pass on any changes to other members of the board.

PLAYER OF THE YEAR (POY) RESULTS

The board authorized \$200.00 for the POY to encourage participation and rewards members for attaining a high level of excellence. At each event, points are awarded for field low net. Twenty-two places are awarded points beginning with 40, 30, 20, 19, 18, 17, etc. down to one point. For participation, the remaining players receive one point. For net ties, points are divided equally. For team events, two or four player teams, points will be divided equally. E.g., the first place team of two players will receive 35 points each. (40 + 30)/2. The second place team of two players will receive 19.5 points each. (20 + 19)/2, etc. The POY will continue in 2019. Thanks to Frank Chiang for the POY results.

NOVEMBER 2, 2019 - HUGH LEE TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS –RE-PRINTED

The final event of the year at Tilden Park was played by 23 members who found the course very challenging especially the tricky and fast greens where there were cases of four or five putt greens! Downhill putts were rolling off the greens and the balls on the greens with false fronts rolled further back then the shot hit. Even the scores showed it as well. There were no scores netting below par. Totally surprised was David Yip shooting an incredible 74 -3 -71 and is our 2019 TOC winner!

The winners of the TOC were:

TOC Champion: David Yip Field Low Net 71

A - Flight: Low Gross George Kong 82
Low Net Douglas Deng 74
2nd Low Net Tyler Eng 76

B - Flight: Low Gross Yao Liu 88
Low Net Ray Jeung 72
2nd Low Net Chris Pangilinan 74.

Skins:

Kenny Fong, Douglas Deng, Yao Liu, Felix Cho, Jesmer Lorenzo, and Alain Young won 1 skin each for \$31.

Closest to the pin:

Hole 4 None
Hole 7 Alex Fong 17' 3"
Hole 11 Jay Lin 12' 4'
Hole16 Doug Deng 5' 11"

EXAMPLE OF NET DOUBLE BOGEY:

Application of Net Double Bogey Adjustment

Sunnyside Golf Club
Bronze Tees Course Rating: 72.1 Slope Rating: 122
Name of Player: *Janet Smith*
Course Handicap: **18**

| Hole | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | Out |
|-------|---|----|---|---|----|---|----|---|----|-----|
| Par | 4 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 37 |
| S.I. | 7 | 13 | 3 | 9 | 15 | 1 | 11 | 5 | 17 | |
| Score | 5 | 5 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 6 | 5 | 6 | 4 | 46 |

| Hole | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | In | Total |
|-------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-------|
| Par | 4 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 36 | 73 |
| S.I. | 8 | 12 | 18 | 4 | 10 | 16 | 2 | 6 | 14 | | |
| Score | 5 | 5 | 4 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 7 | 8 | 5 | 49 | 95 |

Score for Competition = 95
Score for Handicap Purposes = 94

7 → Net double bogey adjustment of -1

JANE'S HANDICAP IS 18, SO SHE GETS ONE HANDICAP STROKE FOR EACH HOLE. SHE HAS ONLY ONE BLOWUP HOLE, HOLE 17.

NET DOUBLE BOGEY = PAR + 2 + HER HANDICAP 1 = MAXIMUM SHE CAN POST FOR THAT HOLE IS A 7 OR A ONE STROKE ADJUSTMENT TO HER GROSS SCORE OF 95. SHE WOULD POST A 94 FOR HANDICAPPING PURPOSES.

IF SHE SCORED A 10 ON HOLE 13 A PAR 5, HER MAXIMUM SCORE WOULD BE 5 + 2 + 1 = 8 AND SHE WOULD HAVE TO REDUCE HER COMPETION SCORE BY 2 STROKES.