

## Handicap System Changes for 2020

The R&A and USGA have worked together to develop a single World Handicap System (W.H.S.)

It is based on the current Handicap System used in Australia and which Partakers follow.

This will take effect from **30<sup>th</sup> January 2020.**

So our **Palm Meadows** game will be under the old system and from **The Glades** onwards under the new system.

The changes to our system are:

- There will be a maximum **G.A. Handicap** under W.H.S. of 54.

This will mean we will change our **Maximum Daily Handicap** from 40 up to **55**.

We currently have 3 members that this will affect.

However it will be course dependent which means we will play under their maximum handicaps.

- There will be a Bonus reduction 1.0 shot from G.A. Handicap when a player's "Played to" is **7 to 10 shots better than their G.A. Handicap on that day.**

Bernie Bowen's Palm Meadows round is a perfect example.

His starting G.A. was **31.9** but his "Played to" was **23.9** with a difference of 8.0.

Lucky we only start this system at The Glades.

There will also be a Bonus reduction 2.0 shot from G.A. Handicap when a player's "**Played to**" is **more than 10 shots better than their G.A. Handicap on that day.**

- The 0.93 Multiplier will be transferred out of the **G.A. Handicap Calculation** and into the **Daily Handicap Calculation** which will be reflected in the **Look-Up Charts** for each individual Golf Course.
- Adjustment made to Daily Handicap if **Scratch Rating is different to Par.**

If Scratch Rating 73 & Par 70; 3 is added to the Daily Handicap calculation (i.e.  $73 - 70 = +3$ )

If Scratch Rating 68 & Par 70; 2 is subtracted from the Daily Handicap calculation (i.e.  $68 - 70 = -2$ )

The actual result is that each **G.A. Handicap** was increased by 6% to 7% on average.

However most of the **Daily Handicaps** will be reduced by a shot or two, depending on **Scratch Rating V Par** for each course.

- **As a consequence of changes our determination of members Grades will change.**

<b>A Grade</b>	G.A. Handicap	0 to 21.0	(was 0 to 19.5)
<b>B Grade</b>	G.A. Handicap	21.1 to 27.8	(was 19.6 to 25.9)
<b>C Grade</b>	G.A. Handicap	27.9 to 54	(was 26.0 to 40)