

LITTLE SAI WAN GOLFING SOCIETY



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Annual General Meeting – 23 May 2019 Handicap Secretary's Report

Of the 13 competitions between 24 May last year and 2 May this year, 1 of the winning scores was at the net equivalent of 6 under par, 2 were at 5 under, 2 at 4 under and 1 at 3 under—some very good golf indeed. Other winning scores ranged from -1 to +1. One runner up scored the net equivalent of 4 under par, 1 at 3 under and 2 at 2 under. Other scores of runner ups ranged from -1 to +8.

In accordance with Society Rules (available on our website) all competition winners have their handicaps adjusted down by 2 strokes and 1 stroke, respectively, in the next two Society events played. Runner-up finishers are adjusted down 1 stroke in their next event. An adjustment of 3 strokes is similarly applied to a winner with a score of 40 Stableford points or better. Has anyone seen Kelly McKenney since March 21st?

A strong reminder that it is each member's responsibility to maintain a valid golf handicap and ensure scores from all rounds are posted. As was pointed out during last year's report, this is easily done via a USGA app called GHIN for posting scores directly from your phone, or from the equivalent website. If I can figure it out, so can you.

To reiterate the Society requires all members to maintain a valid handicap through the HKGA. This means that ALL scores, no matter where they are played in the universe, must be posted to the HKGA. It is the player's responsibility to ensure his handicap is valid and that adjusted scores of ALL qualifying rounds are posted.

It is my view that the Committee should not have to waste time dealing with members who do not abide by our rules. We should provide one warning which may arise from an oversight, BUT then, upon a repeat offense, the member would be expelled from the Society.

Finally, you are likely aware of the introduction of a New World Handicap System next year. The development of this global handicap system has three key goals: to encourage as many golfers as possible to obtain and maintain a Handicap Index; to enable golfers of differing abilities, genders and nationalities to transport their Handicap Index to any course around the world and compete on a fair basis; and to indicate with sufficient accuracy the score a golfer is reasonably capable of achieving on any course around the world, playing under normal conditions. For more information please refer to whs.com or our website. The Society will keep you abreast of how the new system will be adopted in Hong Kong and by our Society as well as provide you with timely updates on software platforms as they appear.

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