

LITTLE SAI WAN GOLFING SOCIETY



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Handicap Secretary's Report

Of the 11 competitions played between May 2019 and May 11th, 2020, 2 of the winning scores were at the net equivalent of four under par, 2 at two under; one at one under; 2 at even par. We had very good runner up results too with a total of 7 players achieving par or better.

The winner's and runner up's handicaps ranged from the low single digits up to 18, which would indicate that the overall results are credible.

In accordance with Society rules, 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.

Throughout the past 12 months average handicaps of the sum of all players in the field in each of the competitions ranged from 10.2 to 13.5. Interestingly, on October 16th when the average handicap was 10.2, the average shots were 91 and on February 13th when the average Handicap was 13.5 the average shots were 92. Similarly, average stableford scores in the competitions were around 29 with the highest at 33 on August 22nd and the lowest on February 13th at 27. It would appear that the summer heat has little impact on scores.

2020 brought some changes through the introduction of the World Handicap System but this has not had an impact on scoring so far, with average stableford scores largely unchanged since the start of the year as compared to last year.

It is each member's responsibility to maintain a valid golf handicap and ensure scores from all rounds are posted. This is easily done via a USGA app called GHIN for posting scores directly from your phone, or from the equivalent website. For more information on handicaps, please refer to the USGA Handicap System manual at the USGA website.

By and large, as we can see from the monthly competitions, handicaps are in order, but I would still like to remind members to post their scores of the LSWGS competitions on the same day and do so accordingly for all other qualifying rounds played.

As for our competitions, I have used the current handicaps per GHIN on the day when I did the draws, usually 3 – 5 days ahead of the competitions. By entering your scores rather sooner than later, you ensure that your handicap is up to date by the time the draws are done.

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Handicap Secretary