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G 'day, golfers! Happy Friday. I am following up with the mention of this weekend's use of the SRPGA Tournament Score Handicap system. I'd like to briefly run through the process of how these handicaps are calculated.

Our goal this year is to implement the system a few times to understand how it fits our club. The scores will talk for themselves but we want to rely on feedback from the membership to further understand how this fits our club. Please don't hesitate to share your thoughts with any of the SRPGA board members. This weekend is a trial run, so don't freak out. We're rolling the dice in an effort to see how the dust settles. I think we can have fun with this!

Your Tournament Score Handicaps are established from an average of the 3 lowest of your 5 most recent SRPGA tournament scores. These are the gross scores posted to our score sheet, before Equitable Stroke Control (ESC) is applied. Your 3 lowest SRPGA tournament scores are averaged then a differential (let's call it "N") is created by subtracting the course rating from your 3 score average. This differential (N) is rounded to the nearest integer and becomes your handicap for the upcoming tournament. Course ratings subtracted from your 3 score average are specific to the tee your flight plays.

The "3 lowest scores average" expressed above apply to members that have 4 or more tournament scores. When a member has only 3, 2, or 1 tournament score to consider, the average of what tournament scores are available is used. A member with zero tournament scores will have to play without a handicap unless there exists an established GHIN Index. In this situation the tournament handicap will be the GHIN Index minus 2 then rounded to the nearest integer.

That's pretty well it...likely in a not so brief way :)

Let's hope we don't float away at Dobson tomorrow! Thanks, and take care.

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