

TWGA NEWSLETTER

Monthly Newsletter for TWGA Members



Syracuse District Golf Association is looking for new members. If your handicap index is 22.4 or below, click on the website below to learn more or contact our Club Reps, Bonnie Romano (315) 436-5852 or Cheryl Karpinski (315) 727-8855 swdga.org.



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Hi Everyone:

The TWGA Board is excited to announce the 1st edition of our monthly newsletter!

Based on your feedback from our recent survey, the publication will provide content that is important to our membership.

Here are some of the take aways from the survey:

The feedback suggests that communication is important, as well as Pro Shop specials, events, league news, member updates and golf tips.

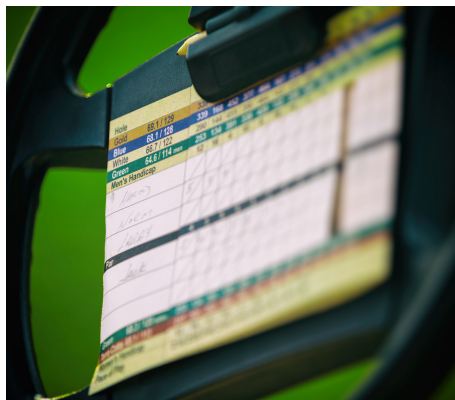
We look forward to any suggestions you may have.

Remember, Spring is going to be here before you know it!!



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CLUB MAINTENANCE

GET YOUR CLUBS READY FOR A LONG WINTER'S NAP!

by Julie Files

"If you are pretty sure you are done golfing for the season (hey, you never know.. last year I golfed at Westhill on December 26th!),"

Here's some tips for properly storing and cleaning your clubs before you put them away.

First, A Good Cleaning!

You'll need a bucket or sink filled with warm water, a squirt of dish soap, a soft bristled brush and a couple of clean towels. Clean the club heads first:

- Take your club head and dunk the head into the water for a few seconds.
- Remove the club head and wipe the head down with a towel.
- Scrub away any debris from the grooves using the soft-bristled brush.

It's also important to clean your grips because oil and moisture from your hands can cause your grips to become slippery over time. To clean them:

- Take another towel and run it under water.
- Wipe the grip and shaft down.

It's important to make sure your clubs are completely dry before putting them away. Wet club can get rust buildup. Cover any clubs with the head covers if they have them.

Also, don't forget to clean out the clutter from your bag. We probably all have way too many pencils, tees and golf balls taking up room and adding weight to our bag!

Storing Your Bag.

Clubs should be stored long-term in a climate-controlled environment such as a closet or finished basement. Do not keep your clubs in your garage!

Also, it's a good idea to put your "rain hood" over your bag to keep any spiders or small critters from making your bag into their winter condo! It's also a deterrent to dust and moisture.

Last, determine if your glove(s) are worth saving or tossing. If you want to keep your glove you can wash it with liquid soap and cold water. Lay it flat and allow it to dry. Put the glove on to stretch it out before storing it in your bag.

All this work will be worth it when that first nice day of spring comes and we will be ready to go!

COURSE & CLUB HOUSE UPDATES

By Cara Cahill

Hole #2 Another completed improvement for the Yellow Tees and a look at tree removal on Hole #15



Some clubhouse improvements in the works...

- New rug, paint and other work space improvements for the pro shop and ground floor areas.
- Men's and Women's locker rooms will be getting some small facelifts as well!
- The halfway house bathrooms will be repaired (water leak in wall) then improved. Also, the other end of the cement building will be converted to rain/lightning shelter.
- The large three sided maintenance barn will be enclosed and improved. And last, but not least, the board has approved a janitorial service to maintain all areas, inside and outside, at Tuscarora.

So, many changes and improvements on slate for 2021! Thanks for the continued work from the Tuscarora board. There is a lot of work that goes on behind the scenes to keep the place running smoothly.

HOW THE HANDICAP SYSTEM WORKS

by Barb Loveland

HANDICAP 101

Handicap Index – This is the number that is on the home page of your GHIN app. It is calculated as the average of the 8 best score differentials out of your most recent 20 rounds.

The score differential is the difference between your posted score and the adjusted par of the course played – par is adjusted based on the difficulty of the course.

For those without an established handicap index, one can be calculated once you have posted 5 rounds (a round is considered to be 18 holes but 2 - 9 hole scores are combined in the system to get to an 18 hole round).

At Tuscarora the adjusted par is ~72 from the white tees and ~62 from the yellow tees.

Course Handicap – this is the number of strokes used to calculate the net score for a specific course.

The Handicap Index is applied based on the difficulty of the course or tees played.

At Tuscarora, a player with a handicap index of ~30 will have a course handicap of 30 from the white tees and 19 from the yellow tees.

Notes:

Everyone has just 1 Handicap Index; however, the course handicap can be different for each different course or tees played. Since only the best 8 scores of the past 20 rounds are used in the Handicap Index calculation, a good score will usually lower the index, while a bad score will not impact the Index unless it knocks out a good score from 20 rounds ago.

Coming next time – GHIN App features