



# GAME of GOLF

## SCORECARDS 1: INDIVIDUAL MEDAL STROKEPLAY

### FOREWORD

Through our colleagues at the Golf Clubs Managers Association we have the pleasure to bring to you the first in a series of six articles written by David Weston, the former secretary of Enmore Park GC.

The six articles will treat separately the following forms of play:

- 1) Individual Medal
- 2) Individual Stableford (Ladies & Gents for differing Stroke indices)
- 3) Individual Par/Bogey
- 4) Bowmaker (3-Ball Team)
- 5) Pro-Am 4-Ball Team
- 6) 4 Ball Better Ball Pairs

For each there is an explanation sheet and an example of a correctly submitted card.

In all competitions, it is imperative that the player should be able to identify his ball.

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### INTRODUCTION

For the benefit of the PLAYER and those members of the Competitions Committee or Professional Staff who have to check that Cards in all types of competitions, it is important that the score cards have been correctly marked and submitted. This sequence has been devised to try to ensure that all Competitive Cards fulfill the requirements of the Rules of Golf.

In those Competitions where a computer is in use, the computer will total the Medal score, calculate the Stableford score or work out the Bogey/Par result.

The most common errors are:

- a) The GROSS SCORE is absent or something other than, or in addition to, the GROSS SCORE is included in the box for the Player; and/or
- b) The PLAYING HANDICAP of the player is not recorded on the card; and/or
- c) The SIGNATURE of either the Player or the Marker is missing.

### **RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COMMITTEE (Rule 33)**

The Committee is responsible for:

- a) Publishing a table indicating the order of holes at which handicap strokes are to be given or received (this STROKE INDEX is normally printed on the score card itself);
- b) Establishing the times of starting and, in stroke play, arrange the groups in which competitors must play;
- c) In stroke play, provide each competitor with a score card containing the date and the competitor's name or request that each competitor records this information himself/herself;
- d) The addition of the player's gross score;
- e) The application of the player's handicap.

### **RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PLAYER (Rule 6)**

The player is responsible under penalty of disqualification for:

- a) Recording his/her current playing handicap on the card;
- b) Starting at the allocated tee and time authorized by the Committee;
- c) Ensuring the correct gross for each hole;
- d) Ensuring that the card has been signed by the marker and countersigned by the player.

Whilst the Committee's responsibilities are clear, in reality it is unrealistic to expect a volunteer Committee to make out every card during the competitive season. Most golfers will take only a minute or so to fill in the following details on their card, and their help in this way is much appreciated. At the end of the game and before submitting the score card to the Committee, each player is therefore requested to:

- a) Check with his marker that the gross score for each hole is correct [*Tip: if both cards have been filled in correctly by placing one card against the other it is easy to see if the gross score on each hole tallies*];
- b) Add up the total for each 9 holes, total for the round and then subtract the handicap to produce the net score.

It is important to remember that any incorrectness in the addition of the gross score or in the subtraction of the handicap will not disqualify the player. The player will be disqualified if he returns a wrong gross score for a hole.

Finally, always submit your card, even if it is no return (N/R) as the Committee finishing the competition needs the number of entries to tally with the cards received in order to calculate the CSS of the hole.

The following is an example of how to correctly mark a card.

Competition: **MONTHLY MEDAL** Date: **4 July 2009**

 A: **B. ABELA** HCP: **2** ALL: ALL: C: **G. ZAMMIT** HCP: **20** ALL: ALL:  
 B: HCP: ALL: D: HCP: ALL:

**PLEASE AVOID SLOW PLAY AT ALL TIMES**

NAME	HOLE	PAR	MEN		PLAYERS			PLAYERS			LADIES	
			YDS	S.I.	A	B	RSLT	C	D	RSLT	YDS	S.I.
The Horseshoe	1	4	276	11	3			5			266	11
Twin Palms	2	4	256	17	3			4			253	17
The Mistral	3	4	432	1	5			6			390	1
Bougainvillea	4	4	426	5	6			4			406	5
Mimosa Run	5	3	196	9	3			3			186	9
Maid's Bedroom	6	3	159	13	2			3			143	13
The Trap	7	3	152	15	4			4			133	15
The Scirocco	8	5	512	3	7			6			481	3
The Marsa	9	4	344	7	5			4			283	7
	OUT	34	2753		38			39			2541	

NAME	HOLE	PAR	YDS	S.I.	A	B	RSLT	C	D	RSLT	YDS	S.I.	
The Chapel	10	4	382	2	4			5			368	2	
The Dyke	11	4	309	12	3			5			297	12	
The Brook	12	4	403	6	4			4			368	6	
The Ridge	13	3	171	14	2			3			167	14	
Oleanders	14	4	321	8	4			5			318	8	
San Bastian	15	5	523	4	5			6			467	4	
The Knoll	16	3	210	10	3			2			172	10	
Devil's Ditch	17	3	139	16	2			2			131	16	
Hooker's Delight	18	4	273	18	4			4			274	18	
	IN	34	2731		31			32			2562		
	OUT	34	2753		38			39			2541		
	TOTAL	68	5484		69			71			5103		
LESS HCP					2			20					
NET SCORE					67			51					
Markers signature					Players signature								RESULT
												67	