



KANSAS WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION

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TO: Club Handicap Chairman
FROM: Jayne Clarke, KWGA Handicap Chair
RE: Handicap Information

Handicap reference material is the same as the past two years. The books distributed a couple of years ago – *USGA Handicap System, 2008 – 2011* and *USGA Handicap System Reference Guide* – are the latest publications. Please keep these with your club's handicap information for reference. The Reference Guide replaces the "Snoopy Guide" of the past. I have copies if you would like to have some to distribute to your membership. They are 50 cents per copy plus the cost of postage. I also have extra copies of *USGA Handicap System, 2008 – 2011* if you do not have the one from last year; they are \$1 per copy. These items are also available on the USGA website. Remember, these items are your guide for handicap questions.

As handicap chairman, your job is to make sure each member's handicap index is accurate. That means making sure members post all of their scores – 9 and 18 hole scores, educating members about how the handicap system works, and making changes or corrections to the individual handicap records when necessary. I really want to encourage you to use the USGA and KWGA websites. There is a lot of information available; those sites are www.usga.org and www.kwga.org. Please don't hesitate to give me a call or email me if you have questions. I'm here to help you!

Here are a few things to think about as you get ready to start your season:

1. **Re-License Your Club:** I've been talking about this for a couple of years and it is getting down to the end. Your club has to re-license so you can continue providing handicap indexes for your membership. A list of clubs that need to re-license is enclosed. What's involved? Sometime in 2008 – 2011, a representative of your club must pass the licensing test. **KWGA Seminar dates are: April 3, 2010 at Clay Center Country Club, Clay Center; April 17, 2010 at Quarry Stone, Chanute; and May 1, 2010 at Topeka Country Club, Topeka.** All seminars begin at 9:00 AM and will be finished around 12:00 noon. A registration form is enclosed. **You can also complete the test on-line at www.usga.org at no cost.** Once you successfully complete the test on-line, I receive notification and you are done! If you have questions, call me.

2. **Posting Scores:** March 1st is the first date to post scores for the 2010 year; the last posting date is October 31st. Please transmit scores the day prior to the 1st and 15th of the month; revisions will be on the 1st and 15th of each month. **Make sure all inactive members on your GHIN club roster have been removed before April 30.** You will be billed for the members on your club roster as of April 30.
3. **2010 Handicap Information:** Complete the 2010 Handicap Information form and return to me by June 1st. This provides me with your contact information. I hope to be sending out updates periodically. Make sure you include your email address.
4. **Low Net Award:** On the bottom half of the 2010 Handicap Information is the Low Net Award form. The low net award is for 9-hole and 18-hole competitions at your club. Schedule up to 6 low net dates during your club play dates throughout your season. The winner in each of these categories will be the lowest TOTAL 4 scores out of six dates. KWGA will send a low net medal to each winner. See the form for more information or call me. I DO NOT NEED YOUR PLAY DATES. If a play date is cancelled, you can reschedule it. Make sure the winner is a KWGA member (I do check) and remember YOU have to break ties. Thanks....
5. **Hole-in-one awards:** If a KWGA member has a hole-in-one; make sure to complete the award form in order to get them listed in the Fall Golf Bag. This form is on the KWGA website.

CALL ME OR EMAIL me if you have any questions. My email is listed above (or you can find it on www.kwga.org). My home phone number is 785-625-4450.

HAVE A GREAT SEASON!