

## Portal Golf Club – 2018 Men's Handicap Report

### **Handicaps Team**

This year the Handicap sub-committee consisted of 4 members of the Competitions Committee and occasionally through the year maintained an overview of membership and the Annual Handicap Review which takes place in December. This Committee comprised the Handicap Secretary Arnie Sheppard as Chair together with Leo Sewell (Acting Competitions Chair), Neil Tidd (2018 VC) and Brian Treadwell (deputy H/Cap Sec). During 2018 Jim Wren continued to provide extensive support, as ever, on several occasions.

### **Membership**

In 2018 at the time of this report there are currently 414 male members an increase of 15 over the 2017 membership excluding Juniors:

The breakdown of the membership is as follows with the corresponding 2017 value in ().

Membership Category	Number	% of membership	YOY change	% with H/cap
7 day	228(224)	55	4	86
5 Day	66(67)	16	-1	87
PMG	120(108)	29	+12	36
Total	414(399)	100	15	72

Junior members 22 (2) and 2 have handicaps.

Membership numbers are only a snapshot at a particular time particularly as the PMG membership can start and finish at any point within the 12-month period, unlike 7- & 5-day membership which overwhelmingly starts in April. For example, a recent PMG update showed 19 members had left but 27 new members had joined since the update a few months previously.

Junior membership numbers are excluded from the main set as, whilst they are listed on Club V1, they may not reflect truly active Junior membership.

Particularly striking is the low % of PMG members who have handicaps.

### **Handicap Distribution**

Handicap Status	Number	%
Competition	256 (255)	59
Non-Competitive	40 (46)	9
No Handicap	135 (88)	31
AWAY members	5 (12)	1
Total	436	100

Thus, almost a 1/3rd of our membership are not involved in Competitions.

### **Handicap Categories**

Category	Category Range	Number	%
1	0 -- 5.4	18 (16)	4
2	5.5 -- 12.4	64 (67)	15
3	12.5 -- 20.4	139 (144)	32
4	20.5 -- 28.0	68 (83)	16
5	28.1-- 36.0	11 (3)	3

6	36.1-- 54.0	1(0)	
none	N/A	135 (88)	30
Total		436 (401)	100

Thus, the most significant change is the number of golfers without a handicap and these are primarily PMG golfers.

In 2018 the handicap limit was increased above 28 to 54 for the first time. Categories 5 & 6 were created to cover the new extended handicap range and in total we now have 12 players in these categories.

Following the success of Winter handicaps in 2017 the same switch over has been applied for the 2018/2019 Winter season. Members revert to their original Summer handicaps in April 2019.

During the year, Vice-Captain Neil Tidd coordinated efforts to welcome new members to the club and if they wish, to get an initial handicap.

### ***Competition Activity***

A total of 242 (248) members entered at least one club competition during the year. Some 211 (214) members entered 3 or more qualifying competitions to maintain competition handicaps and of this number 107 (110) played 10 or more times. However, 31 (27) player will lose their competitive status at the end of 2018. In the course of the last 12 months qualifying competitions a total of 2768 (2560) rounds of competitive golf were played which is an 8% rise

### ***Most Improved Golfers***

Club V1 calculates a statistically correct representation of the most improved golfers using scores recorded throughout the year.

This year Portal's 6 most improved golfers are:

Rob Wilmington from 21.0 to 13.5  
 Barry Gould from 31.0 to 20.6  
 Alex Townhill from 15.3 to 9.8  
 Joe Pointon from 17.7 to 10.8  
 Mark\*\* Hargreaves from 28.0 to 20.3  
 Leo Sewell from 9.5 to 5.6

### ***Handicap Reviews***

The completion of the season requires an assessment of all handicaps to ensure that they represent a realistic representation of each player's current ability. This is carried out using the Clubv1 programme on which all competitive rounds played by club members are recorded. The Handicap team, in their Annual Review held in December will be making 10 (4) decreases and 13(22) increases. 2017 changes are in (). Handicap changes are applied immediately to both Summer and Winter handicaps.

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