

Portal Golf Club – 2019 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 (Competitions Chair), Simon Harper (VC), Brian Treadwell (deputy H/Cap Sec) and Rob Williams (Handicap committee). During 2019 Jim Wren continued to provide extensive support, as ever, on several occasions.

Membership

In 2019 at the time of this report there are currently 388 male members a decrease of 26 over the 2018 membership excluding Juniors:

Throughout this report the corresponding 2018 values are in ().

Membership Category	Number	% of membership	YOY change	% with H/cap
7 day	162(228)	42(55)	-66	79(86)
5 Day	54(66)	14(16)	-12	74(87)
PMG	172(120)	44(29)	+52	40(36)
Total	388(414)	100	-26	61(72)

Junior members total 22 (22) and none have handicaps.

Membership numbers are only a snapshot at a 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.

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. This is under review currently

Some key points are:

- A significant drop of 78 members in the 5- & 7-day membership category balanced by 52 new PMG members.
- Several members switched across to PMG as well as new members joining.
- PMG membership is now the largest membership Category
- Particularly striking is the low % of PMG members who have handicaps and hence their likely impact on Competition numbers

Handicap Distribution

Handicap Status	Number	%
Competition	236	61(59)
Non-Competitive	36	9(9)
No Handicap	116	30(32)
Total	388	100

Of these there are 6 members with AWAY handicaps. i.e. held by other Golf Clubs

Key Point

- Almost 40% of our membership are not able / do not wish to participate in Competitions.

Handicap Categories

Cat	H/Cap Range	7 day	5 day	PMG	Total
1	0 -- 5.4	7	0	5	12

2	5.5 -- 12.4	33	2	19	54
3	12.5 -- 20.4	69	17	33	119
4	20.5 -- 28.0	26	21	19	66
5	28.1--36.0	5	8	5	18
6	36.1--54.0	0	1	2	3
none	No h/cap	22 (13%)	5 (9%)	89 (52%)	116
		162	54	172	388

Key Points

- Our top golfers are split between 7 day and PMG members
- Almost 50% of our members are in Cats 3 & 4
- In Categories 5 & 6 in total we now have 21 players showing the need for H/caps above the old limit of 28

Following the success of Winter handicaps in 2018 the same switch over has been applied for the 2019/2020 Winter season. Members revert to their original Summer handicaps in April 2020. After November 2020 when the new World Handicap system comes into force the position is that this option will not be available. During the year, Vice-Captain Simon Harper coordinated efforts to welcome new members to the club and if they wish, to get an initial handicap.

World Handicap System (WHS)

Key Points

- During 2019 tee lengths were re-measured by Eagle and marker discs re-set to conform to CONGU guidelines,
- All tees were assessed by Cheshire Golf Union for their Course Index and slope in preparation for WHS
- Forward tees i.e. Red were also assessed for Men as well as Ladies to allow greater flexibility in tee choice for certain Competitions post WHS
- Initial presentations on WHS have been given to Competition & Council Members
- A Communication plan on WHS for all members in 2020 is under development.

Competition Activity

A reduction in all Competition metrics as shown by:

- A total of 218 (242) members entered at least one club competition during the year.
- Some 199 (211) members entered 3 or more qualifying competitions to maintain competition handicaps
- Of this number 93 (107) played 10 or more times.
- However, 25 (31) player will lose their competitive status at the end of 2019.
- In the course of the last 12 months qualifying competitions a total of 2412 (2768) rounds of competitive golf were played which is a 13% drop

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 5 most improved golfers are:

Brian Treadwell 10.7 to 8.1

Simon Booth 27 to 22.6

Leigh Brown 19.6 to 17.0

Matty Brooks 12.6 to 10.8
Andy Stickley 14.2 to 12.3

Our top player is Oliver Claireaux playing off +1

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 15 (10) decreases and 39(13) increases.

Handicap changes are applied immediately to both Summer and Winter handicaps.

Arnie Sheppard November 2019
Handicaps Secretary