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Dear Members:

Congratulations to our Spring Cup champions, Myra Macmillan and Carol Frattaroli from Sterling Farms! The response to this format was tremendous, so with some minor improvements, we'll plan on this format again next year. I would like to thank Barbara DePalo and Cindy Hedge for all their efforts to make this a successful and enjoyable event.

Since there have been several discussions at recent Board meetings regarding the handicap system and the posting of scores. We felt that this important aspect of golf should be addressed among our membership. Each club should have a handicap chairperson or committee who is responsible for monitoring the handicaps and score postings at that club. This is a very important task, and one that, as an affiliate of the USGA, we need to achieve.

The purpose of the *USGA Handicap System* is to make the game of golf more enjoyable by enabling players of differing abilities to compete on an equitable basis.

Two basic premises underlie the *USGA Handicap System*, namely that each player will try to make the best score at every hole in every round, regardless of where the round is played, and that the player will post every acceptable round for *peer review*. The player and the player's *Handicap Committee* have joint responsibility for adhering to these premises.

I would like to outline a few of the basics regarding handicaps and posting scores. All state, regional, national and SNEWGA major golf tournaments should be posted as "T" (tournament) scores in the handicap system. Please check with the tournament chair at your club to determine which, if any, of your local club events should also be posted as a tournament score.

Even if you have not completed every hole of a round of golf, you should post that score according to the guidelines found in the USGA Handicap Manual. The manual is accessible on line at: <http://www.usga.org/playing/handicaps/manual>.

The manual will instruct you as to how to accurately post all your scores. I encourage all of you, especially the handicap committee members, to familiarize yourself with this manual and the basics regarding handicaps and accurately posting scores. The system makes the game equitable, which in turn makes it more enjoyable for all.

I hope that everyone is having a great season.

Best Regards,

Gale Lemieux