

HANDICAPPING MADE EASY

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The subject of handicapping is of great interest to golfers, as the great majority of club games are played with handicaps.

The trials of handicap committees and dissatisfaction among players with the results of games at many clubs are too well known to need enlarging upon.

All players would like to be in the games if they felt sure of an even chance to win or qualify with their clubmates.

The Calkins Best Score system and table is the best so far devised, but does not make sufficient provision for obtaining the players' best scores. To get frequent reports of these best scores is the vital point, and that is the object of the Advo Plan.

Briefly, this plan consists of mailing each player a return postal card on which he will report his three best scores for the preceding month, players not reporting having to play from scratch.

Handicaps are based on average of these three best scores using the Calkin Table and are good for one month only.

This gives an accurate line on each player's game, without any guessing, and the player gets all the strokes he is entitled to, *but no more*.

This plan was used at the Omaha Field Club this season, the players dropping the reports in a box instead of mailing the return cards. The results were more than satisfactory, except to those players who would forget to turn in their cards, and had to play from scratch. The return postal card corrects this fault and perfects the system.

For this season, at the Omaha Field Club, only ten scores netted below the bogey of 82, and these ten scores were all in three games. Eight of these scores were net 80, one 76 and one 75.

For the first season's trial in a club with a membership of 500 and a big list of players, it certainly looks like

ADVO HANDICAP RULES

- 1—PLAYERS, to be eligible to a Club Handicap, must **ABSOLUTELY KNOW THE RULES OF GOLF** and play the game according to the rules. Players who are not familiar with all the rules are not entitled to a handicap.
 - 2—NEW PLAYERS, wishing handicaps, must hand in attested cards of their three best scores, and a temporary rating will be allowed. This rating may be revised after monthly reports have been submitted.
 - 3—REGULAR PLAYERS, who provide the Committee with monthly score reports, will be rated on the Calkins Handicap Table.
 - 4—INFREQUENT PLAYERS, or those who fail to report scores, will be placed on a **tentative list**, or played from scratch.
 - 5—MEDAL HANDICAPS will be based on **best score averages**, and cards will be provided on which to make monthly reports of best scores.
 - 6—MATCH PLAY HANDICAP may consist of **strokes** to be given at certain holes (as indicated on score card), or of **holes** to be **up** at the start. Player giving the handicap to have option as to giving strokes or holes, unless otherwise provided for in posting the game.
 - 7—STROKES given in match play shall be three-fourths the number allowed in medal play. HOLES UP in match play shall be one-half the player's medal handicap.
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a successful handicapping plan, that only nets 33 strokes below bogey for an entire season.

Above is a copy of the Advo Handicapping Rules and of the Report Cards. The expense is slight, being only the cost of mailing 100 or 150 return postals each month, and of

DEAR SIR:

Under the rules for 1908, handicaps will be allowed ONLY on best score reports.

Will you kindly fill out the information requested on attached card—detach same, and mail promptly to-day.
GOLF COMMITTEE.

The Monthly Handicap space is for use of Committee.
The report of "three best scores for 1907" need only be made once—at beginning of season.

[Postal to members.]

printing same. In all 1,000 postals will cover the needs of the average club for a season.

If handicappers will compare the results of their season's games with

	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT.	OCT.
Medal handicap for months named, 1908							
My three best scores for 1907 <small>(Report this line once only.)</small>							
My three best scores for Month of.....1908							

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

[The Reply Card.]

the record above, they will no doubt agree that the Advo Plan offers an improvement over the present methods of obtaining best scores and greatly simplifies a vexatious business.



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