

M. G. A. Handicap Cards

The Metropolitan Golf Association official handicap cards will soon be ready for distribution. E. E. Wyman of St. Andrews has the honor of being the first metropolitan golfer to offer a new one dollar bill in payment for one of the official M. G. A. handicap cards, newly devised, which will be issued in connection with the new system of handicapping announced at the annual meeting of the M. G. A. M. G. A. officials plan to rate every golfer in the Metropolitan district. Walter Z. Shafer, Chairman of the Handicap Committee, intends to frame Mr. Wyman's encouraging letter and accompanying bill in order to properly commemorate the event.

The enthusiastic interest of Metropolitan golfers is indicated by a flood of inquiries which are being received daily by telephone and letter at the M. G. A. office at 2 Rector Street, New York City, as to when the "Request for Handicap Folders" will be issued and the \$1.00 fee accepted. Club secretaries will be asked to mail these folders to club members as soon after March 1st as possible. It is hoped that all Metropolitan golfers will return the folders as soon as possible for, with the great number of handicaps to be issued, it can be easily realized that the Committee faces an enormous task if the ratings are to be completed in time for the playing of the first of the series of six medal play events sponsored by the Association when the new handicaps will be used.

The first of these handicap tournaments will be played on Wednesday, May 16th, at the St. Albans Golf Club, St. Albans, L. I., and it now appears that those playing in this event will have the honor of opening the competitive season in the Metropolitan district, according to John E. McAuliffe, Secretary of the M. G. A., who is still busy arranging the tournament schedule.

Mr. McAuliffe states that the coming season will be the most active ever experienced in the Metropolitan district and that though few can avail themselves of the privilege, it will be entirely possible for a golfer to play in a tournament practically every day in the week throughout the season.

An official M. G. A. handicap is necessary to play in these events as well as the first Annual M. G. A. Senior Championship. The charge of \$1.00 for official handicap, helps to defray the various expenses of the Association, which serves all golfers of 163 member clubs.

To secure an official handicap it is necessary to fill in a few items and list the five best scores made in 18 holes of play on the player's own course during 1927, and in addition show the two best scores made in 18 holes of play on other courses during 1927. The blank also gives the player an opportunity to state whether he believes his 1927 club handicap was too high, too low or correct, and if not correct space is permitted him to state his reason for believing that it was too high or too low. All those that return promptly their request blank properly filled in will have their name and handicap listed in the official handicap list for 1928 to be issued the latter part of March.

All applications for handicaps are to be addressed to the Handicap Committee, Metropolitan Golf Association, New York City. The idea is an excellent one, and should prove the greatest success in the history of the M. G. A. Such an official card is a valuable asset for golfers if only as a means of identification and proof of club affiliation and standing. Then, too, the way is smoothed for a good time at Invitation Tournaments, when committees are usually in a highly nervous state through discussing visitors' handicaps.