



Boldmere Shaggy Dogs



Newsletter December 2020

Welcome to our rather technical December Newsletter. Our brief hiatus in golf is now over and we emerge from our latest lockdown with the government finally realising the benefits that playing sports such as golf can provide to society. With good news for the future in the shape of vaccines, we still have to be careful, and need to diligently follow all of the rules put in place for dealing with the Coronavirus outbreak.

There will be a different landscape for golf when we return too, as we will now be using the WHS 2020 adaptation of handicapping rules. A refresher on this below together with an interesting development from England golf on the mandatory further adjustment of Course Handicaps, dependent on the type of game being played. For the first time, England golf are suggesting rules for formats such as the Texas Scrambles and Four Ball matches.

Short explanation of the Handicap Index



As most people will know, our handicap has disappeared and is being replaced by a Handicap Index. This will be automatically recalculated at midnight every night based on an average of the best 8 of our last 20 recorded rounds. This Handicap Index is then used to derive a Course Handicap which you need to put on your scorecard by referencing the tables for the course you are playing.

This means you need to check your Handicap Index and calculate your Course Handicap every time you play. There are four courses at Boldmere - men's white, men's yellow, women's white and women's red.

It is your responsibility to ensure the correct Course Handicap is entered onto the score card and that you pre-register for your round.

How to see your Handicap Index

To see your Handicap Index, you really need to use technology. If you have a smart phone, this is an easy exercise. If not, there will be plenty of help available from other shaggies before your round. If you are already able to access your Handicap Index, move on to **Pre Registering for Golf**.

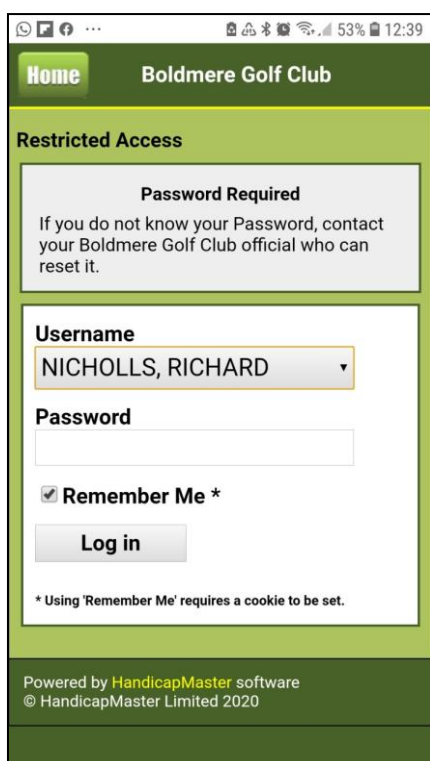
Instructions on how to gain access are shown below. Also with Christmas approaching, you may have access to technical support from a frighteningly clever younger family member.

Master Scoreboard

This is the easiest way to access not just your Handicap Index, but all of the Shaggies' Handicap Indexes from your smartphone.

Key in web address

<https://www.masterscoreboard.co.uk/ClubIndex.php?CWID=1179>



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Restricted Access

Password Required
If you do not know your Password, contact your Boldmere Golf Club official who can reset it.

Username
NICHOLLS, RICHARD

Password

☒ Remember Me *

Log in

* Using 'Remember Me' requires a cookie to be set.

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This will direct you to the Master Scoreboard log in page. If you have not used Master Scoreboard for a while you will now find it requires you to select your name from a dropdown list then enter your password. The first time you do this you must enter a password which will shortly be sent to you by email. You will then be asked to change this for a password of your choosing. Remember to write this down safely and discretely in case you forget. Once logged on you can save this on your phone as a bookmark or shortcut, and save the password too if your smartphone allows it.

Now you can select the option for Handicap Index and view all of the Boldmere members Handicap Indexes.



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Handicap List

Handicap Indexes as at
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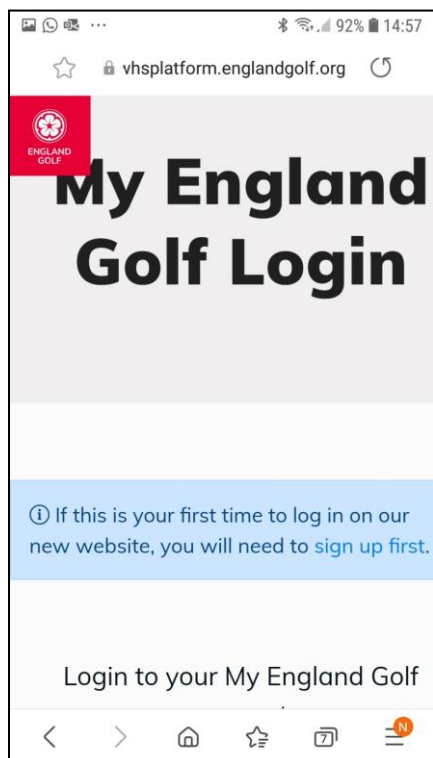
Player	Handicap Index
BALACHANDAR, CHANDRIKA	34.5
BALACHANDAR, KRISHNA	-
BANSAL, RAJINDER	8.4
BASSAN, TARLOCHAN	19.0
BEALE, PETE	16.7
BETTERTON, STEVE	22.9
BURNS, ANTHONY	36.7
BUSBY, LUKE	14.1
BUTLER, MATTHEW	6.3
CAREY, PATRICK	21.1
CHAPMAN, DICK	23.5
COOPER, CHRIS	38.8
CORFIELD, DOUG.	27.2
DENTON, DAVID	20.6
DEVENPORT, DEBEK	25.0

England Golf (MyEG)

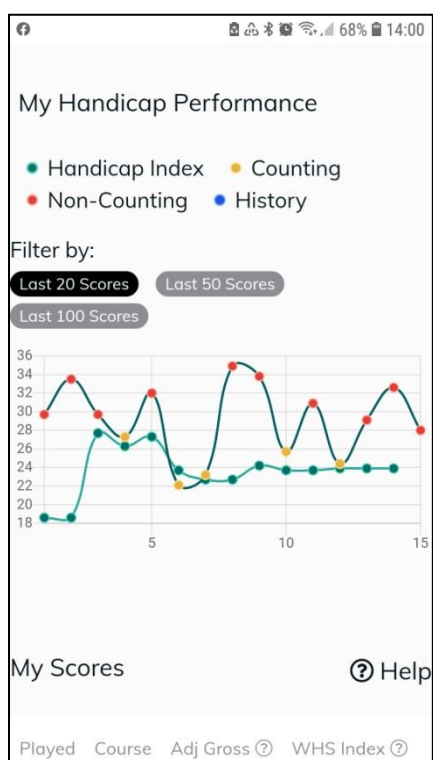
This is another way to access your Handicap Index. It will only show your own handicap index so cannot be used to help a fellow shaggy. It will show you your score history too, and highlight which results have been used to adjust your Handicap Index. You will need your CDH number to enter in the "MEMBER ID".

Key in web address

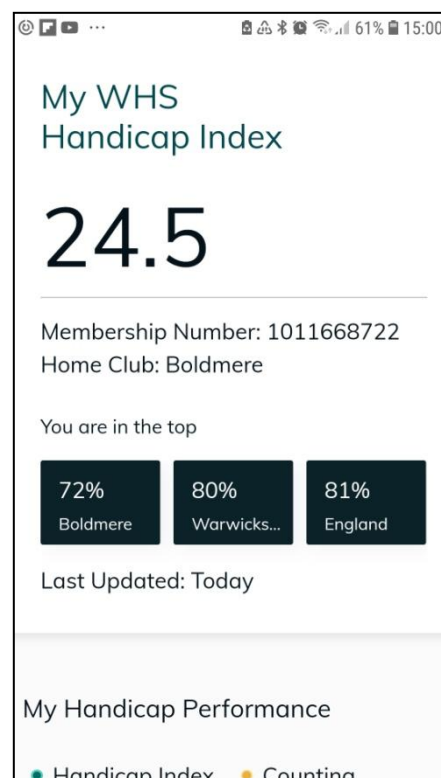
<https://members.whsplatform.Englandgolf.org/>



You will need to click "sign up first" and enter some information about yourself and create a password. England Golf will then send you an email with a code which you can use to complete your registration and gain access to the site. Once logged on you can save this on your phone as a bookmark or shortcut, and save the password too if your smartphone allows it. If you have difficulty gaining access, please contact **Richard Nicholls** if you have an android phone or **Kevin Waters** if you have an iPhone.



You will then be able to see your Handicap Index (right)



And your scores (left)

In addition, once you have done this, you can download the MyEG app onto your smartphone. You will still only see your own Handicap Index and scores, but you are then able to select any golf course in the UK and it will calculate your Course Handicap for you.

Pre Registering for Golf

This is a new requirement from England Golf. We are trying to keep this as simple as possible so all you need to do when you turn up to play golf on Wednesday or Friday is to simply sign next to your name on the starters sheet. We believe this will give us the record we require, although we may have to use a more formal method in the future.

Further Adjustment of Handicap

Your Course Handicap will be further adjusted by the percentages in the table below. Thankfully you do not need to do this yourself. Your handicap secretary will do it automatically using the Handicap Master software the Shaggies now use. This is mandatory for individual stroke play, individual stableford (the two of which account for nearly all our competitions), individual par/bogey competitions, and individual maximum score competitions (neither of which we play). All these four types of competition are "Authorised" which means your handicap will get adjusted. We have a degree of flexibility on the other competitions as they will not affect your handicap.

Handicap Allowances

Formats of Play	Handicap Allowance	Formats of Play	Handicap Allowance
Individual stroke play	95%	Best 1 of 4 stroke play	75%
Individual stableford	95%	Best 2 of 4 stroke play	85%
Individual par / bogey	95%	Best 3 of 4 stroke play	100%
Individual Maximum Score	95%	All 4 of 4 stroke play	100%
Four-ball stroke play	85%	Scramble (4 players)	25%/20%/15%/10% from lowest to highest handicap
Four-ball stableford	85%	Scramble (2 players)	35% Low / 15% High
Four-ball par / bogey	90%	Total score of 2 match play	100%
Individual match play	100%	Best 1 of 4 par / bogey	75%
Four-ball match play	95%	Best 2 of 4 par / bogey	80%
Foursomes	50% of combined team handicap	Best 3 of 4 par / bogey	90%
Greensomes	60% Low handicap + 40% high handicap	4 of 4 par / bogey	100%
Pinehurst/Chapman	60% Low handicap + 40% high handicap		

WORLD HANDICAP SYSTEM
R&A USGA

Very sad News

As if 2020 had not been bad enough already, we heard the terrible news that Fay Baker, Dick Chapman's partner passed away after a short illness on Tuesday 1st December. The Funeral is at Streetly Crematorium Tuesday 22nd December. Restrictions are in place, more information will be posted on our whatsapp group as it becomes available.

Shaggies Current Account

Current Balance £1240.48

The committee want to ensure that everyone who wants to play in a match has the chance to do so. Please contact the Captain and let him know which matches you are available for.

Richard Nicholls Secretary

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Vice Captain	Kevin Waters
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Assistant Secretary	John Price