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Using the EWGA Golf Life Management System (GLMS) – Peer Review

The essential elements of obtaining a valid Handicap Index are:

- Belong to a club that is licensed to provide handicapping services to its members
- play your best on each hole
- [post all acceptable scores](#) promptly after you play
- peer review

According to the USGA Handicap Manual:

“Peer review” is the process of providing a reasonable and regular opportunity for members of a golf club to play golf with each other and of providing access to scoring records and a Handicap Index list for inspection by others, including, but not limited to, fellow members and the club's Handicap Committee.

As a member of the EWGA Palm Beach County Chapter members are provided with many opportunities to play with each other throughout the year in leagues, Saturday play, tournaments, and events as well as encouraging members to contact each other to play even when there is not an organized EWGA event.

The EWGA GLMS provides the opportunity to review scores of your fellow Chapter members. The easiest way is to look up the record of a fellow EWGA member is:

- go to the www.ewga.com
- click on Verify A Handicap in the left hand menu bar
- enter the first and/or last name and/or state of the player and click submit
- pick the player you are looking for from the Search Results list*
- you will then see their current Handicap Index and can also review their scoring record which shows the dates, courses, and scores posted by the player

It is each member's responsibility to advise the Handicap Committee if they feel that another member is not posting all her acceptable scores promptly or is posting incorrect scores for handicap purposes so that the Handicap Committee can make sure each member is aware of handicap guidelines.

**If a Chapter member is not keeping their Handicap on the GLMS, you will not find a record for them on the system. In that case you will need to ask the player where they post scores for their handicap and what website to access to look at their scoring record.*

Next week we will cover more ways to track the handicap indexes and scoring records of members with whom you play frequently by using the My Lists feature of the EWGA GLMS.

For questions on how to activate or use your EWGA GLMS account, please send an email to Sara Hume, Palm Beach County Chapter Handicap Chair, at slhume@adelphia.net. For more information on the USGA Handicap Index, visit the Handicaps section of the USGA website, www.usga.org.