

# Golf Canada and You

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As you are probably aware, all Cordova Bay Men's Club members automatically become members of Golf Canada and our provincial association, British Columbia Golf. What you may not be aware of are all the benefits and resources available to you through their websites, mobile apps and at various events and programs throughout the year.

The Canadian Golf Association was founded in 1895 and in June 1896 the Royal prefix was granted by Queen Victoria through Lord Aberdeen, the Governor General of Canada. The Victoria Golf Club was an original signatory of the first constitution. The RCGA changed to Golf Canada in April 2010 and currently represents almost 320,000 golfers across the country. Golf Canada's mission is to grow participation, excellence and passion in the sport while upholding the integrity and traditions of the game.

So, what benefits do you get with your membership? Here are just a few.

- Official Golf Canada Handicap Factor is now explained in Rules of Handicapping in Canada, and the World Handicapping System (WHS ), which is the newly implemented Handicapping to make your game more enjoyable. Here is the link for more detail <https://www.golfcanada.ca/handicapping/>
- Online and mobile tools to track your game
- Available Incident Protection insurance <https://www.golfcanada.ca/incident-protection/>
- Rule's education, information, and training <https://www.golfcanada.ca/rules-of-golf/>
- **Golf Clubs Lost and Found Labels (Membership Kit – Equipment ID Labels)**
- Member's only publications

One of the great aspects of the game of golf is the ability, through the handicap system, to both measure your improvement over time and allow you to compete with golfers of differing abilities on an equitable basis. How is your Handicap Factor calculated? There is an easy-to-understand explanation on the Golf Canada website.

As members of the Executive, we encourage that all members MUST/SHOULD enter any game played into the Handicap System. You DO want that call from the PGA, don't you?

The Rules of Golf now comes in three flavors on the Golf Canada website, the Players Edition, Full Rules, and the Official Guide to Rules of golf. To compliment this are videos and visual assets that demonstrate your considerations during your game. Golf Canada updates these rules every four years. For those members wishing to further their rules knowledge, Golf Canada provides a National Rules seminar that requires registration and a fee for the seminar. Dates and times are posted on the site. As well, there are LEVEL1, PROVINCIAL and NATIONAL rules levels that can be pursued as well. Here is the link, <https://www.golfcanada.ca/become-a-rules-official/>

When you post a score either through the Cordova Bay Men's Club link or through the Golf Canada website you are taken to the Scoring Centre. This is where all your data is recorded and stored. You also have the option to choose TRACK STATS which allows you to record some meaningful statistics such

as the number of putts, fairways hits, penalty strokes and sand saves. Entering this type of data allows the site to calculate and display many other useful bits of information about your game.

What is your best score of all time? We all have goals when it comes to scoring. Breaking 80? Breaking 100? Maybe something different? One of the new features of the Scoring Centre is called "The Ultimate Scorecard". If you have played at least two rounds at any given course in a year you can display your best score on each hole and what it would look like if you did that all in the same round! What about over your career? Here is what it looks like for an "unnamed 14 handicapper" over the last four years. Is this your real potential? Who knows but it appears he is still looking for that elusive birdie on #5!



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Par	4	5	4	3	4	3	5	4	4	36	4	3	4	3	5	4	4	3	5	35	71
Career Best	3	4	3	2	4	2	4	3	3	28	3	2	3	2	4	3	3	2	4	26	54

As you can see, the Golf Canada website has all the information you need on pretty much any topic in the game, and you can have a little fun with it as well. Take some time to browse through the site. It will be well worth it.