

88 GOLF ASSOCIATIONS ADOPT NEW USGA HANDICAP SYSTEM

The United States Golf Association has received notification from eighty-eight Associations that they are using or recommending the USGA Handicap System which became effective on January 1, 1958. Tremendous interest and satisfaction have been expressed by clubs and associations which are now using it.

One hundred five replies were received from a poll. Of the seventeen associations not yet using or recommending the USGA system, three plan to adopt it next year, one was undecided, one did not answer the specific question and twelve are using other systems.

A typical letter was received from H.W. Kephart, Handicap Chairman, Woodway Country Club, Springdale, Conn., who says:

"I am writing to inform you that the Woodway Country Club will use your new USGA Golf Handicap System.

"Incidentally, this is not new with us because we used the same system last year. For your information, the 40 per cent system worked out very well last season and, I feel it safe to say, most all of our members were more pleased with it than with previous systems used."

Paul A. Hudak of the Pittsburgh Field Club, Pittsburgh, Pa., writes:

"The Pittsburgh Field Club has decided to adopt the new handicap system. We feel that a lot of work has gone into this change-over and are happy to be part of it.

"On the surface it appears to be a fair system and one that will be relatively easy to care for.

"We congratulate you on the fine job you have done in this regard and assure you of any cooperation on our part."

Robert K. Howse, of Wichita, Kan., writing on behalf of the Kansas State Golf Association, says:

"We had a very successful meeting, with most of the golf clubs in the state of Kansas and the state golf association officials, at which time the clubs heartily approved the USGA's course rating and handicap system."

One men's sectional association, 15 men's state associations and 22 men's dis-

GOLFING PHRASES

Argumentum baculinum. — Club law; the local rules.
Caetera desunt. — The others did not hand in their cards.
Coup de grace. — A finishing stroke; a short putt.
E pluribus unum. — A plus man.
Enfans perdus. — Lost balls.
In statu quo ante. — Please replace the turf.
Lex talionis. — Like as we lie.
Litera scripta manet. — No alterations can be made on any card after it has been returned.
Nihil tetigit quod non ornavit. — He takes turf with every shot.
Obiter dictum. — Addressing the ball.
Pas de quatre. — Fourball matches are forbidden.
Optimates. — The scratch men.
Requiescat in pace. — He lies dead.
Quo iure? — What is the Rule?
Sic itur ad astra. — I got too much under that one.
Sub poena. — Under a penalty.
Tarde retrorsum. — Slow back; keep your eye on the ball.
Terminus a quo. — The tee.
Ubi ius incertum, ibi nullum. — Where neither player knows the rule, there is no rule!
Ultima Thule. — The last hole.

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trict associations have rated their courses or are in the process of doing so. Three state associations and one district association will rate their courses in the near future.

Sixteen women's associations have rated their courses or are in the process, and six others will rate their courses soon.

The interest has not been confined to the United States. During the Planning Conference for the World Amateur Golf Team Championship in May, considerable afterhours time was spent in explaining the system to the representatives. Already the USGA has been informed that the Venezuelan Golf Association has adopted the system and other nations are expected to follow suit.

The three Scandinavian countries, Norway, Sweden and Denmark, which work in close cooperation with one another and run joint championships, have asked for copies of the USGA Golf Handicap System for Men and the Conduct of Women's Golf, along with the accompanying USGA Slide Rule Handicappers, in order to study the system more fully.

Associations which use or recommend the USGA System are:

**SECTIONAL
ASSOCIATIONS**

MIDDLE ATLANTIC
NEW ENGLAND
PACIFIC NORTHWEST

STATE ASSOCIATIONS

ARIZONA
CAROLINA
COLORADO
CONNECTICUT
DELAWARE
FLORIDA
INDIANA
KANSAS
KENTUCKY
MAINE
MARYLAND
MASSACHUSETTS
MINNESOTA
MISSOURI
NEW MEXICO
OHIO
OREGON
RHODE ISLAND
TENNESSEE
VERMONT
VIRGINIA
WEST VIRGINIA

DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS

AKRON
ALLIED GOLF CLUBS OF
BERKSHIRE COUNTY (MASS.)
BUFFALO
CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA
CLEVELAND METROPOLITAN
DALLAS
DENVER
DETROIT
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
GREATER CINCINNATI
GOLFERS' LEAGUE
HAWAIIAN
HUDSON RIVER (N.Y.)
JACKSONVILLE (FLA.)
KANSAS CITY
MEMPHIS
METROPOLITAN (N.Y.)
NEW ORLEANS
NORTH EASTERN WISCONSIN
PHILADELPHIA
RICHMOND (VA.)
ROCHESTER (N.Y.)
SOUTH JERSEY
ST. LOUIS
SYRACUSE (N.Y.)

TOLEDO
WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA
YORK COUNTY (PA.)

**PUBLIC LINKS
ASSOCIATIONS**

NEW ENGLAND
NEW JERSEY
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

SENIOR ASSOCIATIONS

COLORADO
CONNECTICUT
NEW JERSEY
PHILADELPHIA
ST. LOUIS
WOLVERINE (MICH.)

WOMEN'S ASSOCIATIONS

AKRON
BUFFALO
CAROLINAS
CHICAGO
COLORADO
CONNECTICUT
DALLAS
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
(IN 1959)
DETROIT
LOUISIANA
MASSACHUSETTS
MINNESOTA
NEW ENGLAND (IN 1959)
NEW ORLEANS
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA
OLD LADIES' (IND.)
OREGON
PACIFIC
PHILADELPHIA (IN 1959)
ROCHESTER
ST. LOUIS
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
TACOMA
TEXAS
VIRGINIA
WASHINGTON
WEST TEXAS
WESTERN
WESTERN NEW YORK
WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA

FOREIGN ASSOCIATION

VENEZUELAN