

Dear Fellow Golfer Members,

I am writing this note to all golf members because by now some of you might have been surprised to receive a note from ForeTees that told you that you did not post a score in the GHIN system for a round that you recently completed. The Golf Committee, the Handicap Subcommittee, nor the Pro Shop did not intend to surprise anyone. We had ForeTees turn on the feature that would send notes to those golfers who had not posted a score for a recent round that they played.

I am asking all golf members to please read this note in its entirety. Recently, the Handicap Subcommittee sent out a note to everyone, and was followed up with a discussion at the last Golf Committee meeting, asking everyone to please post an accurate score into the GHIN system in a timely manner after completing a round. This system of managing handicaps is recommended by the USGA handbook and is used by most of the thousands of golf courses that use the ForeTees tee time management system. The ForeTees program looks at how many holes you are playing on the tee sheet and will then compare to GHIN for how many holes you posted. If you posted a 9 Hole score, but the tee sheet shows that you played 18, it will not count that as a properly posted score; you will then receive the NO POST letter. It is imperative that you designate the correct number of holes that you are playing on the tee sheet. Otherwise, let the golf staff know how many holes you are playing so they can fix it accordingly.

For background, following is the way the system should work so that you enjoy your round of golf:

1. You or a fellow golf member sign you up in the ForeTees application for a tee time. When you sign up, please note in the notes section of the reservation whether you intend to play 9 or 18 holes and whether the round will not count for posting a score due to the format you are playing. (Do not put scores in for Scrambles, Shambles, Alternate Shot or other games that do not count for handicap purposes.)
2. Your group will receive a tee time 3 days before you play.
3. On your way to play your round on the 1st or 10th hole, please let the Pro Shop know whether your group is all there or not.
4. Enjoy your round of golf.
5. Please post your score for all the holes that you played, most likely the 9 or 18 that you signed up for.
6. If you quit playing or had a problem with the round, please let the Pro Shop know what happened so that your round can be marked non-postable.
7. If you do not put a score in within two days of your round, you will receive an automated note from the ForeTees system reminding you to post your score.

Now, what can be done if the posting system does not or cannot work for you? Here are a couple of tips that will make every golfer's life less stressful.

1. If you do not want to keep score or put in your score, let the Pro Shop know. The Pro Shop will put you on the "No Post" list. You can be put on the No Post list either for the day or you can be put on the No Post list permanently, if you prefer.
2. If you start a round and get sick or injured and do not complete the round, please call the Pro Shop and the Golf Professionals will mark the round as incomplete or "No Post".
3. If you are having a bad day and decide to start hitting Mulligans or picking up your ball because you are upset, please call the Pro Shop and the Golf Professionals will mark the round as incomplete or "No Post".
4. If you have any issues during the round, please let the Pro Shop know and they will gladly help you.

However, if you intend to play in Hunters Ridge golf events with a chance to win, you will need to post an accurate score into the GHIN system or into the ForeTees application in a timely manner. If you do not post your score, the ForeTees system will see a round played without a score and will automatically send you a note. If you get the note, you can either put in a score or call the Pro Shop for assistance. If you do not post a score or call the Pro Shop, the Golf Professional may post an adjusted score for your round.

As I am sure you understand, the intention of the Handicap Subcommittee and the Golf Professionals is to give everyone a fair and equitable chance to compete in tournaments and golf games. This process is commonly called "Protecting the Field". So please help us all Protect the Field by putting your correct score in after every round.

Thank you for your patience.

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