

### **New handicap procedure for Men vs. Men, but playing from different tees**

**Handicap Rule 3-5:** Different tees usually have different Ratings. Because a USGA Course Rating reflects the probable score of a scratch golfer, the higher-rated course is more difficult, and the player playing from the set of tees with the higher USGA Course Rating receives additional strokes equal to the difference between each USGA Course Rating, with a .5 or greater rounded upward. The additional strokes are added to the Course Handicap of the player playing from the higher-rated set of tees. The application of this rule in all club events is not optional; it is mandated by USGA.

For the purposes of the Sudden Valley Golf Club, this rule actually focuses on those men 70+ years old who have the option of playing from the forward or middle tees, and a reduction of their handicaps. Their handicaps are available on the computer for both sets of tees. Sudden Valley middle tees have USGA Course Rating of 69.7; the forward tees have a Course Rating of 67.7, a difference of -2.

In Sudden Valley Golf Club events (including Men's Club events), men who choose to play from the forward tees will have their forward tee handicap reduced by 2 strokes, to comply with Rule 3-5.

Here's an example: Member Barry Petroff is playing in a club event, from the forward tees. His forward tee handicap is 10. He would play with an 8 handicap in this event.

Note that the middle tee handicap is not part of the calculation. But, 70+ year old men have an option of playing from the middle tees, with the middle tee handicap; or, from the forward tees with the reduced forward tee handicap.

Therefore, a policy to cover all Golf Club events has been approved by the Board: **When registering for a club event, men who have the option of playing from either the forward or middle tees must indicate at the time of registration which set of tees they will play from.**