

## **DGA Winter Meeting 2015 – Proposals**

### **PROPOSAL #2015 - 1**

**Enable members to attend the Winter meeting and vote on proposals and motions via remote communications including Cell Phones. (Proposed by Doug Conway)**

Last year, we approved remote attendance via video conference technology. I'd like to expand that to cell phones because we may not have the ability to have multiple video conferences active whereas we could have remote attendees call an on-site attendee and listen (and contribute to the meeting). In this day of modern electronic communications, when much of business is conducted via conference calls and video conferencing, it is time for the DGA to move forward and allow members to attend the DGA Winter Meeting remotely, via conference call and/or video conferencing, etc.

**Reasoning:** The technology is available today to allow members to call via cell phones or join the meeting via video conferencing (Skype). The DGA should take advantage of this technology especially as our member age and are spending more and more time outside of New Jersey during the winter months. Just because the members are not physically present at the meeting does not mean that they care less about the discussions and decisions that are made at the meeting.

### **PROPOSAL #2015 - 2**

**Require DGA Members to Post ALL 18 Hole Scores to GHIN and Use GHIN Index rather than DGA Only Index (Proposed By Larry Thiry)**

As more and more DGA'ers acquire vacation domiciles or migrate to remote states such as FL, SC, etc. it makes the handicap calculations more and more cumbersome on the Secretary (you) to maintain separate handicaps. Besides, the DGA and official GHIN handicaps are always within a stroke or so, and it seems to me to be a waste of everyone's time to maintain two handicaps.

**Reasoning:** Requiring the entry of all scores outside of a DGA Round is more in line with the USGA Handicap Rules. It would eliminate the need for the DGA Handicap Chairman to manually calculate a DGA Only Handicap for those people who already enter all their scores so that they can enter other external events.

## **PROPOSAL #2015 - 3**

### **Establish a Schedule for Off Season Handicap Revisions (Proposed By Jim Petronchak)**

Many years, the DGA plays year round but there are no handicap revisions from November 1<sup>st</sup> until April 15<sup>th</sup>. I propose a monthly revision (Dec 1, Jan 1, Feb 1 and Mar 1) to calculate a Winter Only Handicap. The starting point would be the Nov 1 Handicap Index and all winter rounds would be included in the calculation of the Winter Handicap each month. The Official Handicap would be used for any rounds played in “in-season” states such as Florida and the Carolinas. Players would revert to their Nov 1 Handicap Index when the New Jersey Handicap Season officially starts on April 1. At that point the Winter Handicap would be eliminated. This would work as follows:

- If someone just plays in the winter in NJ, their “Regular” handicap stays frozen and the “Winter” handicap is adjusted. On April 1, the “Regular” handicap is the one that is used.
- If someone plays in an active handicap state (i.e. Florida, Carolinas), the score is posted to both handicaps. This will take into account any regular GHIN adjustments and can affect their “Winter” handicap if they play in NJ too.

**Reasoning:** Since we play so many Winter Rounds each year, it would allow for changes to the Handicap Index for players who are playing exceptionally well or exceptionally poorly. These scores would not be entered into GHIN because they are played in a state where the handicap season is Inactive. The Winter Only Handicaps would be calculated manually by the DGA Handicap Chairman on a monthly basis. The USGA allows for special club handicaps as long as they are used for club-only rounds and do not violate the “in-season” score entry and handicap calculations.

## **PROPOSAL #2015 - 4**

### **Allow Consultation Between Partners During Partners Matches (Proposed By Doug Conway)**

The DGA does not allow consultation or collaboration between players/partners because we are playing by Individual Rules primarily during DGA Rounds. We propose that Partners can consult and collaborate with each other during a Partners Match under the following conditions:

- Consultation or Collaboration will be allowed if opposing team agrees. A “No Consultation Allowed” from the opposing team overrides the “Yes, Allow Consultation” proposed by the other team.
- Consultation or Collaboration includes, yardage, club selection, reading greens and other advice.
- Teams who chose to allow consultation or collaboration play a separate DGA round from the other players playing on that given day.
- If multiple Partners matches are played in a consultative or collaborative mode, all players are part of the same DGA round.
- Scores posted during a consultative or collaborative round will count toward Individual Handicaps.

**Reasoning:** This proposal provides the best of all worlds. It set guidelines to allow consultation (i.e. just like a caddy would provide to a player) while not corrupting the competition being played by players playing in a purely individual competition. It sets the collaborative teams apart in a separate competition. It requires that the score posted be counted toward the player’s handicap.