



North Dakota Golf Association 2015 Annual Report

2015 Executive Director's Annual Report

North Dakota Golf Association

Fall 2015

Executive Summary

This report is intended for the use of NDGA Board Members and Member Golf Courses to provide information, statistics, tournament information, and operating information from the 2015 golf season.

Please feel free to share this information with association members and use this as a reference when questions may arise about the essential functions of your North Dakota Golf Association.



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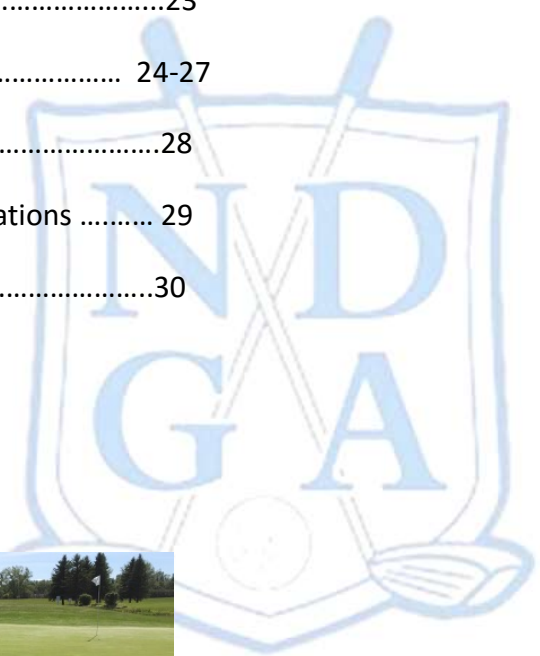
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GHIN Membership

GHIN stands for Golf Handicap Index Number. GHIN revenue is the lifeblood of every State and Regional Golf Association. This revenue is used to operate the association, to provide a golf course rating team, to promote the game of golf across the state, to assist in tournament operations, to exist as the authority on the Rules of Golf in the State, and to promote and develop junior golf.

The Staff at the North Dakota Golf Association and the Board of Directors recommend that every player establish a handicap whether they are playing in State Championships or they are playing a casual game each week with friends. The United States Golf Association is the only body that can issue a recognized Handicap Index to play in sanctioned events. Also, if you are playing in fundraising events it is our recommendation that each player carries a handicap to legitimize the competition, to level the playing field, and to responsibly compete in all events. We are very happy to promote and serve the golfing population of North Dakota and thank everyone for their support.

The purpose of the **USGA Handicap System** is to make the game of golf more enjoyable by enabling players of differing abilities to compete on an equitable basis. The System provides a fair **Course Handicap** for each player, regardless of ability, and adjusts a player's **Handicap Index** up or down as the player's game changes. At the same time, the System disregards high scores that bear little relation to the player's potential ability and promotes continuity by making a **Handicap Index** continuous from one playing season or year to the next. A **Handicap Index** is useful for all forms of play, and is issued only to individuals who are members of a licensed **golf club**.

Two basic premises underlie the **USGA Handicap System**, namely that each player will try to make the best score at every hole in every round, regardless of where the round is played, and that the player will post every acceptable round for **peer review**. The player and the player's **Handicap Committee** have joint responsibility for adhering to these premises.

A **Handicap Index**, issued by a **golf club** or **authorized golf association** (through its member clubs), indicates a player's skill and is a number taken to one decimal place, e.g., 10.4.

A **Handicap Index** compares a player's scoring ability to the scoring ability of a **scratch golfer** on a course of standard difficulty. A player posts scores along with the appropriate **USGA Course Rating** and **Slope Rating** to make up the **scoring record**. A **Handicap Index** is computed from no more than 20 scores plus any **eligible tournament scores**. It reflects the player's potential because it is based upon the best **handicap differentials** posted for a given number of rounds, ideally the best 10 of the last 20 rounds.

A **Handicap Index** is portable from course to course, as well as from one set of tees to another set of tees on the same course. A player converts a **Handicap Index** to a **Course Handicap** based on the **Slope Rating** of the tees played.

The USGA Handicapping Manual has the following information on score posting:

Scores To Post

To post a 9-hole score, the player must play 7 to 12 holes, and at least 7 holes must be played in accordance with the principle of the Rules of Golf. To post an 18-hole score, the player must play at least 13 holes in accordance with the principles of the Rules of Golf. (See Decisions **5-1a/3** through **5-1a/5**.)

Posting a Score When a Complete Round is not Played

If 13 or more holes are played, the player must post an 18-hole score. If 7 to 12 holes are played, the player must post a nine-hole score. In either case, scores for unplayed holes must be recorded as *par* plus any handicap strokes that the player is entitled to receive on the unplayed holes. (See Section **4-2** and **5-1a**.)

Example: A player with a **Course Handicap** of 30 stops playing after 16 holes because of darkness. Hole 17 is a *par* 3 and is the number 18 *handicap-stroke hole*. The player will record 3 (*par*) plus 1 handicap stroke for an X-4 on hole 17. Hole 18 is a *par* 4 and is the number 12 *handicap-stroke hole*. The player will record 4 (*par*) plus 2 handicap strokes for an X-6 on hole 18.

Scores on All Courses

Adjusted gross scores from all courses with a **USGA Course Rating** and **Slope Rating** made during an **active season**, both at home and away, must be posted by the player along with the appropriate **USGA Course Rating** and **Slope Rating**. (See Decision **5-1b/1**.)

Scores in All Forms of Competition

Scores in both match play and stroke play **must** be posted for handicap purposes. This includes scores made in match play, in multi-ball, or in team competitions in which players have not completed one or more holes or in which players are requested to pick up when out of contention on a hole. (See Decision **5-1c/1** and Section **4**.)

Scores Posted Breakdown:

North Dakotans play a lot of golf during the season. Remember to post your scores when you play 9 or 18 and refer to the above information about stipulated rounds and rounds in competition:

Scores Posted from April 15 Revision to October 15 Revision:

10-20 Rounds Posted	-----	1291 golfers
21-30 Rounds Posted	-----	1050 golfers
31- 40 Rounds Posted	-----	518 golfers
41-50 Rounds Posted	-----	317 golfers
51 - 60 Rounds Posted	-----	207 golfers
61-70 Rounds Posted	-----	228 golfers
71-80 Rounds Posted	-----	65 golfers
81-90 Rounds Posted	-----	52 golfers
91-100 Rounds Posted	-----	25 Golfers
100 + Rounds Posted	-----	11 Golfers

TOP ROUNDS POSTED BY A SINGLE PLAYER - 135

NDGA GHIN Membership Breakdown:

Total NDGA GHIN Membership 2015 –

5255 Members

Handicap Breakdown by Gender:

Women – 769 total - Average Handicap Index Statewide: 22.93

Men - 4486 total - - - Average Handicap Index Statewide: 11.94

Juniors - 124 TOTAL.

Junior GHIN Memberships are complimentary at every club in the State. GHIN is a wonderful tool for tracking progress and has many new features for tracking scores hole by hole, putting, driving, and ball striking statistics. We strongly encourage all juniors to register for GHIN at their home club and begin entering all rounds played. Junior players can help themselves with the college recruiting process by carrying a GHIN number as well to have a complete scoring record to report to interested college coaches.

Handicap Breakdown by number of GHIN Members per Association:

Assn #	Club Name	# Members
62	FARGO COUNTRY CLUB	377
62	EDGEWOOD GOLF CLUB	361
62	KINGS WALK	342
62	MAPLE RIVER GOLF COURSE	329
62	OSBOW COUNTRY CLUB	329
62	RIVERWOOD MENS GOLF ASSN	300
62	APPLE CREEK COUNTRY CLUB	226
62	SOURIS VALLEY GOLF COURSE	210
62	ROSE CREEK	207
62	TOM O'LEARY	186
62	VARDON GOLF CLUB	175
62	OSGOOD GOLF COURSE	169
62	HAWKTREE GC	164
62	GRAND FORKS COUNTRY CLUB	160
62	JAMESTOWN COUNTRY CLUB	115
62	LINKS OF N. D.	111
62	HILLCREST MEN'S ASSN	105
62	HEART RIVER GOLF CLUB	102
62	ROLLA GOLF COURSE	101
62	PRAIRIE WEST GOLF COURSE	90

62	WATFORD CITY GOLF CLUB	73
62	CROSS ROADS GOLF COURSE	68
62	RIVERWOOD WOMENS GOLF ASSN	67
62	LEONARD COUNTRY CLUB	54
62	BOIS DE SIOUX GOLF CLUB	53
62	COTTONWOOD GOLF COURSE	52
62	MINOT AFB GOLF COURSE	49
62	WILLISTON MUNICIPAL GC	47
62	HAZEN GOLF CLUB - 18	46
62	MEDICINE HOLE	42
62	EAGLE RIDGE GOLF CLUB	41
62	BEULAH MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE	29
62	RUGBY COUNTRY CLUB	29
62	HEART RIVER GOLF CLUB / LADIES	27
62	GOOSE RIVER GOLF CLUB	24
62	SWEETWATER CREEK	23
62	BOTTINEAU COUNTRY CLUB	22
62	FAIR OAKS GOLF CLUB	20
62	RAY RICHARDS GOLF COURSE / 18	20
62	LANGDON GOLF COURSE	19
62	EDGEWATER GOLF CLUB	17
62	GARRISON GOLF COURSE	16
62	CREEL BAY GOLF COURSE	15
62	PAINTED WOODS GOLF COURSE	15
62	PHEASANT COUNTRY GOLF CLUB	14
62	SPLICKAN COUNTRY CLUB	12
62	TIOGA GOLF & C.C.	11
62	CAVALIER COUNTRY CLUB	9
62	EDGEWATER COUNTRY CLUB	9
62	LISBON - BISSEL GOLF COURSE	9
62	VALLEY CITY T & CC	9
62	DAKOTA WINDS GOLF COURSE	8
62	LINCOLN PARK GOLF COURSE	8
62	WESTRIDGE GOLF COURSE	8
62	BULLY PULPIT GOLF COURSE	7
62	HILLCREST COUNTRY CLUB	7
62	LARIMORE GOLF CLUB	7
62	MOTT GOLF COURSE	7
62	EDGELEY COUNTRY CLUB	6
62	MAYVILLE GOLF CLUB	6
62	MEMORIAL PARK COUNTRY CLUB	6
62	ASHLEY COUNTRY CLUB	4
62	HILLCREST WOMEN'S ASSN - 18	4
62	KENMARE COUNTRY CLUB	4

62	PEBBLE CREEK GOLF COURSE	4
62	FORMAN GOLF COURSE	3
62	OAKES GOLF CLUB	3
62	BJORNSON PARK PUBLIC GOLF CRSE	1
62	MCVILLE GOLF COURSE	1
62	NEW ROCKFORD MUNICIPAL GC	1
62	PLAINSVIEW GOLF COURSE	1
62	STAR CITY GOLF COURSE	1

Handicap Recommendations:

A Golf Handicap Index Number does the following:

1. Levels the playing field – allows golfers of differing abilities to play a fair and competitive round or competition with other golfers of differing skills and gender and from different tees. No other online program can accomplish what the GHIN system can.
2. Legitimizes competitions across all USGA GHIN member courses across the world. Where ever a golfer travels to play golf at a USGA licensed golf facility – your GHIN number travels with you and you can fairly compete within the guidelines of the State and National GHIN system.
3. Your GHIN membership provides for the promotion of your local club, has given over \$60,000 in grants to Junior Golf across the state.
4. The USGA asks all golfers to do their part and play fairly under the Rules of Golf – Your GHIN is an essential component to fair competition.

GOT GHIN?

Golf Courses with the most Single Digit Handicaps:

CLUB NAME	Golfer Count
KINGS WALK	172
OXBOW COUNTRY CLUB	150
RIVERWOOD MENS GOLF ASSN	130
MAPLE RIVER GOLF COURSE	117
FARGO COUNTRY CLUB	114
EDGEWOOD GOLF CLUB	108
ROSE CREEK	100
HAWKTREE GC	97
GRAND FORKS COUNTRY CLUB	77
APPLE CREEK COUNTRY CLUB	75
VARDON GOLF CLUB	73
SOURIS VALLEY GOLF COURSE	72
HEART RIVER GOLF CLUB	53
LINKS OF N. D.	50
PRAIRIE WEST GOLF COURSE	50
OSGOOD GOLF COURSE	40
JAMESTOWN COUNTRY CLUB	34
BOIS DE SIOUX GOLF CLUB	30
CROSS ROADS GOLF COURSE	27
ROLLA GOLF COURSE	21
EAGLE RIDGE GOLF CLUB	21
TOM O'LEARY	20
MINOT AFB GOLF COURSE	19
LEONARD COUNTRY CLUB	13
COTTONWOOD GOLF COURSE	13
BEULAH MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE	12
WATFORD CITY GOLF CLUB	12

GOOSE RIVER GOLF CLUB	11
MEDICINE HOLE	10
HILLCREST MEN'S ASSN	10
RUGBY COUNTRY CLUB	10
HAZEN GOLF CLUB - 18	10

North Dakota Golf Association – Player of the Year and Senior Player of the Year

The North Dakota Golf Association Player Point System shows points allotted in the table below. Points are awarded in a two-year period. The first year of the two is divided in half and year two points are given full credit to award 3 NDGA Players, the top 2 spots by most points and the 3rd is an NDGA Board Selection, the opportunity to represent North Dakota at the USGA State Team Championship. The NDGA provides a stipend to cover most of the expenses for players to travel to this prestigious event.

**North Dakota Golf Association
"Player of the Year" Point Allocations**

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9-12th	13-16th
Championship										
Two Man Scramble	60	40	30	25	20	15	10	5		
Four Ball	120	100	80	70	60	50	40	30	20	10
Stroke Play	200	175	150	130	110	85	60	45	30	20
Match Play	200	175	150	150	100	100	100	100	50	50
Consolation	75	50								
Three Man Best Ball	60	40	30	25	20	15	10	5		
	Local	Sectional								
US Open	50	100								
US Senior Open		100								
US Junior Amateur		40								
USGA 4-Ball		60								
USGA Mid Amateur		60								
USGA Amateur		60								
USGA Senior Am		60								
Nat'l USGA	200	150	100	100	80	80	80	80		

Player of the Year – 2015 – Point Totals

PLAYER OF THE YEAR 2015

BILL CARLSON

	Name	Scramble	4-Ball	Stroke	Match	3-Man	US Am	Nat'l 4-Ball	2015 Pts
1	Bill Carlson		120	130	150	40	60		500
2	Greg Melhus		60	200	50	40		60	410
3	Jake Deforest			175	100				275
4	Rick Kuhn	35	13.33	150		30			228.33
5	Justin Redding				200	22.5			222.5
6	Jacob Dehne			63.3	150				213.3
7	Duane Wages		90		50	60			200
8	Mitch Fifer				175				175
9	Lukas Davison		60	63.3		40			163.3
10	Nick Schaefer		90			60			150
11	Connor Holland		120	23.3					143.3
12	Mike Huber	35	60			30			125
13	Jason Vedadi		20		100				120
14	Jeff O'Brien	12.5			100				112.5
15	Jeremy Zarr		60		50				110
16	Riley Johnson			110					110
17	Jordan Kelly				100				100
18	Bryce Bohl		90						90
19	R. Skarperud		90						90
20	Tyler Reisenauer	60				22.5			82.5
21	D. Buen		60			22.5			82.5
22	Matt Norby		20			60			80
23	Ryan Ames			63.3					63.3
24	Jack Elliot		60						60
25	Zared Lefor	60							60
26	Brandon Wilkens				50				50
27	Carter Arendt				50				50
28	Dan Montgomery				50				50
29	Spencer Hilde				50				50
30	Eric Aldinger				50				50
31	Jeff Lamp		13.33			30			43.33
32	Nick Myhre		13.33	30					43.33
33	Coy Papachek		13.33	23.3					36.63
34	Trent Olson		35						35

35	Tim Skarperud		35					35
36	Chad Skarperud		35					35
37	Brock Ellingson		35					35
38	Ryan Schmidt	35						35
39	Drew Knutson	35						35
40	Alex Gustafson	12.5	13.33			5		30.83

Senior Player of the Year – 2015 – Point Totals

<i>Senior Points Allocation</i>								
Championship	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th
Senior Scramble	45	30	22.5	18.75	15	11.25	7.5	3.37
Senior Stroke Play	100	80	60	50	40	30	20	10
Senior Four Ball	60	40	30	25	20	15	10	5
Senior Nicklaus	100	80	60	60	40	40	40	40
Senior Palmer	80	60	45	45	30	30	30	30
Senior Hogan	60	40	30	30	20	20	20	20

RANDY WESTBY – MINOT, ND

SENIOR PLAYER OF THE YEAR

PLAYER	STROKE	4-BALL	NICKLAUS	PALMER	HOGAN	SCRAMBLE	2015 POINTS
RANDY WESTBY	80	25	40			30	175
GREGG SCHAEFER	55		100				155
JAY MYHRE	55	25	40			30	150
RICK TENTIS		60	60				120
DOUG TAYLOR	30			80			110
MARK OHLHAUSER		60				45	105
MIKE PODOLAK	100						100
JOHN STROMSTAD		35		60			95
DAVE BARGE			80				80
GREG BJERKE			60				60
ROBERT STILES					60		60
GUY OTTESON	3.33	35				18.75	57.08
TODD BAUMGARTNER		35				18.75	53.75
RICK SAMSON	30		20				50
PAUL SCHABLE		1				45	46
DOYLE RADKE				45			45
MIKE HOWELL				45			45
KENT SPRIGGS			40				40
GUY STRANDEMO			40				40
RAY SCHLOSSER					40		40

2015 North Dakota Golf Association Championship Summary

State Senior Scramble and State Scramble

Bully Pulpit Golf Course – Medora, ND

Senior Scramble Championship Results – 40 Players

NDGA Senior 2-Man Scramble Championship

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Gross Results

Bully Pulpit Golf Course

My Leaderboard								
Fav	SC	Pos.	Team	Today	Hole	Total	R1	Total
Track your favorite players by adding them to "My Leaderboard."								

Full Leaderboard								
Fav	SC	Pos.	Team	Today	Hole	Total	R1	Total
+	+	1	Paul Schable / Mark Ohlhauser	-10	F	-10	62	62
+	+	2	Jay Myhre / Randy Westby	-8	F	-8	64	64
+	+	3	Duane Siverson / Craig Stein	-7	F	-7	65	65
+	+	4	Todd Baumgartner / Guy Otteson	-6	F	-6	66	66
+	+	5	Gary Malkowski / Dana Rivinius	-5	F	-5	67	67
+	+	6	Mr Pat Grosulak / Gerald Borho	-4	F	-4	68	68
+	+	7	Dennis Simenson / David Buchanan	-3	F	-3	69	69
+	+	8	Steve Hall / Don YellowBird	-3	F	-3	69	69
+	+	9	Dave Kuschel / Ken Kruse	-1	F	-1	71	71
+	+	10	Ray Bruels / Curtis Honeyman	-1	F	-1	71	71
+	+	11	Graydon Ash / Joseph Miller	Even	F	Even	72	72
+	+	12	Floyd Burckhard / Terry Burud	+1	F	+1	73	73
+	+	13	Rory Alton / Henry Rieniets	+2	F	+2	74	74
+	+	14	Kevin Coughlin / Dwight Hinkel	+3	F	+3	75	75
+	+	15	Al Breuer / Carl Bye	+5	F	+5	77	77
+	+	16	Vern Brew / Chad Kourajian	+5	F	+5	77	77
+	+	17	Mike Kelly SR / Mr. Roger Clay	+6	F	+6	78	78
+	+	18	Larry Myers / Bill Fielhaber	+7	F	+7	79	79
+	+	19	Erv Barta / Mick Tjaden	+21	F	+21	93	93
+	+	20	Rocky Hubrig / Myron Irwin			WD	36	WD

State Scramble Championship Results – 152 Players

NDGA 2-Man Scramble Championship

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Gross Results

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Flight:

Bully Pulpit Golf Course

My Leaderboard

Fav	SC	Pos.	Team	Today	Hole	Total	R1	R2	Total
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Track your favorite players by adding them to "My Leaderboard."

Full Leaderboard									
Fav	SC	Pos.	Team	Today	Hole	Total	R1	R2	Total
+	+	1	Reisenauer, Tyler / Lefor, Zared	-4	F	-14	62	68	130
+	+	2	Kuhn, Rick / Huber, Mike	-6	F	-13	65	66	131
+	+	3	Schmidt, Ryan / Knutson, Drew	-2	F	-13	61	70	131
+	+	4	Zarr, Steve / Lakoduk, Nick	-3	F	-12	63	69	132
+	+	5	Kennedy, Mr. Mason Joel / Jandro, Kyle	-5	F	-11	66	67	133
+	+	6	Wallender, Paul / Ohlhauser, Mark	-2	F	-10	64	70	134
+	+	7	Gustafson, Alex / O'Brien, Jeff	-2	F	-10	64	70	134
+	+	8	Cavanagh, Taylor / Braaten, Ben	+1	F	-9	62	73	135
+	+	9	Myhre, Nick / Myhre, Jay	Even	F	-7	65	72	137
+	+	10	Wedul, Jeff / Olney, Jody	-2	F	-7	67	70	137
+	+	11	Kelly, Jordan / Kelly, Mike	Even	F	-7	65	72	137
+	+	12	Zarr, Jeremy / Langhans, Paul	-5	F	-6	71	67	138
+	+	13	Dire, Parker / Palczewski, Bo	-1	F	-6	67	71	138
+	+	14	Souther, Shawn / Homiston, Jason	-2	F	-6	68	70	138
+	+	15	Bakkum, Matt / Delzer, Jon	+2	F	-6	64	74	138
+	+	16	Beckman, Scott / Carr, Andy	+2	F	-6	64	74	138
+	+	17	Volesky, Tom / Griesel, Joe	Even	F	-5	67	72	139
+	+	18	Dvorak, Kavin / Varty, Nate	-1	F	-5	68	71	139
+	+	19	Bates, Aj / Opheim, Trevor	+3	F	-5	64	75	139
+	+	20	Pennington, Cody / Stutheit, Jacob	-2	F	-4	70	70	140

State Senior Best Ball – State Mid Am 4-Ball, and 4-Ball Championship

Riverwood Golf Course – Bismarck, ND

Senior 4-Ball Championship Results – 56 Players

NDGA Senior 4-Ball Championship

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Gross Results

Riverwood Golf Course

My Leaderboard								
Fav	SC	Pos.	Team	Today	Hole	Total	R1	Total
Track your favorite players by adding them to "My Leaderboard."								

Full Leaderboard									
Fav	SC	Pos.	Team	Today	Hole	Total	R1	Total	
+	+	1	Tentis, Richard / Ohlhauser, Mark Tentis, Richard Ohlhauser, Mark	-4	F	-4	68	68	
+	+	2	Baumgartner, Todd / Otteson, Guy Baumgartner, Todd Otteson, Guy	-3	F	-3	69	69	
+	+	3	Aasen, Keith / Stromstad, John Aasen, Keith Stromstad, John	-3	F	-3	69	69	
+	+	4	Myhre, Jay / Westby, Randy Myhre, Jay Westby, Randy	-2	F	-2	70	70	
+	+	5	Jespersen, Brian / Vedvick, Charles Jespersen, Brian Vedvick, Charles	-1	F	-1	71	71	
+	+	6	Siverson, Duane / Stein, Craig Siverson, Duane Stein, Craig	Even	F	Even	72	72	
+	+	7	Huseby, Jack / Wallender, Brian Huseby, Jack Wallender, Brian	+1	F	+1	73	73	
+	+	8	Dressler, Ed / Scott, Tracy Dressler, Ed Scott, Tracy	+2	F	+2	74	74	

4-Ball Results – Open and Mid-Am Divisions - 156 Players

Riverwood Golf Course – Bismarck, ND – OPEN DIVISION RESULTS

NDGA State 4-Ball Championship (Open & Mid-Am)

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Gross Results

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Riverwood Golf Course

My Leaderboard									
Fav	SC	Pos.	Team	Today	Hole	Total	R1	R2	Total
Track your favorite players by adding them to "My Leaderboard."									

Full Leaderboard										
Fav	SC	Pos.	Team	Today	Hole	Total	R1	R2	Total	
+	+	1	Holland / Carlson Carlson, Bill Holland, Connor	-7	F	-14	65	65	130	
+	+	2	Wages / Schaefer Schaefer, Nick Wages III, Duane	-7	F	-12	67	65	132	
+	+	3	Bohl / Skarperud Bohl, Bryce Skarperud, Ryan	-6	F	-12	66	66	132	
+	+	4	Elliott / Davison Elliott, Jack Davison, Lukas	-4	F	-10	66	68	134	
+	+	5	Zarr / Buen Buen, David Zarr, Jeremy	-3	F	-10	65	69	134	
+	+	6	Huber / Melhus Huber, Mike Melhus, Greg	-3	F	-10	65	69	134	
+	+	7	Olson / Ellingson Ellingson, Brock Olson, Trenton	-7	F	-9	70	65	135	

Riverwood Golf Course – Bismarck, ND – MID-AM DIVISION RESULTS

Full Leaderboard										
Fav	SC	Pos.	Team	Today	Hole	Total	R1	R2	Total	
+	+	1	Kuhn / Lamp Kuhn, Rick Lamp, Jeff	-5	F	-6	71	67	138	
+	+	2	Anas / Barge Anas, Jon Barge, Dave	-3	F	-3	72	69	141	
+	+	3	Johnson / Bredemeier Johnson, Derrick Bredemeier, Matt	-2	F	-2	72	70	142	
+	+	4	Duchscher / Westby Duchscher, Keith Westby, Randy	Even	F	-1	71	72	143	
+	+	5	Haley / Nelson Haley, Darren Nelson, David	+1	F	Even	71	73	144	
+	+	6	Bohl / Stromstad Bohl, Perry Stromstad, John	-2	F	+1	75	70	145	

Girls Junior Championship - 12 Players Total

Riverwood Golf Course – Bismarck, ND

NDGA State Junior Championship

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Gross Results

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Flight:

Riverwood Golf Course

My Leaderboard									
Fav	SC	Pos.	Player	Today	Hole	Total	R1	R2	Total
Track your favorite players by adding them to "My Leaderboard."									

Full Leaderboard									
Fav	SC	Pos.	Player	Today	Hole	Total	R1	R2	Total
		1	Bennion, Sierra	+5	F	+11	78	77	155
		2	Kasper, Katie	+11	F	+17	78	83	161
		3	Fleming, Lauren Ann	+18	F	+26	80	90	170
		4	Bergan, Kylie	+23	F	+33	82	95	177
		5	Argent, Paige	+21	F	+40	91	93	184
		6	Leier, Bethany	+31	F	+65	106	103	209

Course Legend: - Riverwood Golf Course

State Boys Junior Championship – 28 Players Total

Riverwood Golf Course – Bismarck, ND

NDGA State Junior Championship

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Gross Results

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Riverwood Golf Course

My Leaderboard									
Fav	SC	Pos.	Player	Today	Hole	Total	R1	R2	Total
Track your favorite players by adding them to "My Leaderboard."									

Full Leaderboard									
Fav	SC	Pos.	Player	Today	Hole	Total	R1	R2	Total
+	+	1	Traynor, Patrick Alexander	+3	F	+5	74	75	149
+	+	2	Bergh, Brook	+1	F	+9	80	73	153
+	+	3	Fifer, Mitch	+5	F	+10	77	77	154
+	+	4	Johnson, Cole	+2	F	+14	84	74	158
+	+	5	Wagner, Joey	+10	F	+15	77	82	159
+	+	T6	Clancy, Ryan	+5	F	+16	83	77	160
+	+	T6	Reynolds, Cody	+8	F	+16	80	80	160
+	+	8	Nelson, Cole	+4	F	+17	85	76	161
+	+	T9	Preston, Jake	+10	F	+23	85	82	167
+	+	T9	Klein, Carter	+11	F	+23	84	83	167
+	+	T11	Gillis, Seth	+10	F	+24	86	82	168
+	+	T11	Vanraden, Adam	+13	F	+24	83	85	168
+	+	T11	Herbel, Cole	+14	F	+24	82	86	168
+	+	14	Ward, Jackson	+12	F	+25	85	84	169
+	+	T15	Jahner, Willy	+9	F	+26	89	81	170
+	+	T15	Mansfield, Aidan Alec	+14	F	+26	84	86	170
+	+	T15	Wolf, Keaton	+17	F	+26	81	89	170
+	+	18	Olson, Brandon	+16	F	+28	84	88	172
+	+	19	Ewoniuk, Jayden	+18	F	+34	88	90	178
+	+	20	Evanoff, Easton	+29	F	+43	86	101	187
+	+	21	Kaiser, David	+23	F	+46	95	95	190

State Senior Stroke Play Championship 18 Total Players

Oxbow Country Club – Oxbow, ND

NDGA State Stroke Play Championship (Open, Mid-Am & Sr)

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Gross Results

Please Select a Flight Below

Flight:

Oxbow Country Club

My Leaderboard										
Fav	SC	Pos.	Player	Today	Hole	Total	R1	R2	R3	Total
Track your favorite players by adding them to "My Leaderboard."										

Full Leaderboard										
Fav	SC	Pos.	Player	Today	Hole	Total	R1	R2	R3	Total
		1	Podolak, Mike	8:12 am	Tee: 1	+4	72		76	148
		2	Westby, Randy	8:04 am	Tee: 1	+8	76		76	152
		T3	Myhre, Jay	7:48 am	Tee: 1	+9	79		74	153
		T3	Schaefer, Gregg	8:04 am	Tee: 1	+9	77		76	153
		T5	Taylor, Doug	7:56 am	Tee: 1	+12	78		78	156
		T5	Duchscher, Keith	8:12 am	Tee: 1	+12	74		82	156
		T5	Samson, Rick	8:12 am	Tee: 1	+12	75		81	156
		T8	Schneibel, Randel	8:04 am	Tee: 1	+17	78		83	161
		T8	Nelson, Clint	7:56 am	Tee: 1	+17	78		83	161
		T8	Otteson, Guy	7:48 am	Tee: 1	+17	82		79	161
		11	Newman, Russ	7:40 am	Tee: 1	+18	83		79	162
		12	Howell, Mike	7:32 am	Tee: 1	+21	87		78	165

State Stroke Play Championship – 60 Players

Oxbow Country Club – Oxbow, ND

OPEN DIVISION CHAMPIONSHIP

Oxbow Country Club

My Leaderboard										
Fav	SC	Pos.	Player	Today	Hole	Total	R1	R2	R3	Total
Track your favorite players by adding them to "My Leaderboard."										

Full Leaderboard										
Fav	SC	Pos.	Player	Today	Hole	Total	R1	R2	R3	Total
+	+	1	Melhus, Greg	-3	F	-4	70	69	73	212
+	+	2	DeForest, Jake	Even	F	-3	73	72	68	213
+	+	3	Kuhn, Rick	+2	F	-2	69	74	71	214
+	+	4	Carlson, Bill	+3	F	Even	72	75	69	216
+	+	5	Johnson, Riley	-1	F	+1	74	71	72	217
+	+	6	Ames, Ryan	-1	F	+2	74	71	73	218
+	+	7	Dehne, Jacob	Even	F	+2	79	72	67	218
+	+	8	Davison, Lukas	+2	F	+2	71	74	73	218
+	+	9	Myhre, Nick	+6	F	+3	71	78	70	219
+	+	10	Meyer, Grady	+2	F	+4	77	74	69	220
+	+	11	Merriman, Eric	+4	F	+7	73	76	74	223
+	+	T12	Holland, Connor	+3	F	+8	75	75	74	224
+	+	T12	Schwehr, Trenton	+4	F	+8	76	76	72	224
+	+	14	Papachek, Coy	+4	F	+8	76	76	72	224
+	+	15	Heppner, Seth	+3	F	+9	75	75	75	225
+	+	16	Johnson, Lucas	+1	F	+12	78	73	77	228
+	+	17	Saylor, Daniel J	+3	F	+13	80	75	74	229
+	+	18	Ketterling, Caleb	+5	F	+14	80	77	73	230
+	+	19	McClintock, Jack	+8	F	+14	74	80	76	230
+	+	20	Kennedy, Ty	+6	F	+14	74	78	78	230
+	+	21	Klein, Grayson	+3	F	+15	78	75	78	231
+	+	22	Wages III, Duane	+4	F	+15	79	76	76	231
+	+	23	Vedadi, Jason	+3	F	+16	76	75	81	232
+	+	24	Elliott, Jack	+10	F	+16	73	82	77	232
+	+	25	Redding, Justin	+7	F	+17	76	79	78	233

2015 State Match Play Championship and Mid-Am Match Play Championship

Vardon Club – Minot, ND - 56 Players

STATE MATCH PLAY 2016		
Round of 32		
#1 Bill Carlson	def	#32 Cody Reynolds
#17 Carter Arendt	def	#16 Matt Hiller
#8 Jeremy Zarr	def	#25 Craig Gaube
#9 Jordan Kelly	def	#24 Brandon Olson
#29 Mitch Fifer	def	#4 David Buen
#13 Duane Wages III	def	#20 Caleb Ketterling
#5 Jason Vedadi	def	#28 Bryce Bohl
#12 Spencer Hilde	def	#21 Andy Kincaid
#2 Justin Redding	def	#31 Cole Johnson
#15 Dan Montgomery	def	#18 Trenton Schwehr
#26 Jeff O'Brien	def	#7 Nick Myhre
#10 Brandon Wilkens	def	#23 Benji Miller
#30 Eric Aldinger	def	#3 Jack McClintock
#14 Jacob Dehne	def	#19 Ben Bergquist
#6 Jake Deforest	def	#27 Braxton Heupel
#22 Greg Melhus	def	#11 Eric Merriman

Round of 16		
#1 Bill Carlson	def	#17 Carter Arendt
#9 Jordan Kelly	def	#8 Jeremy Zarr
#29 Mitch Fifer	def	#13 Duane Wages III
#5 Jason Vedadi	def	#12 Spencer Hilde
#2 Justin Redding	def	#15 Dan Montgomery
#26 Jeff O'Brien	def	#10 Brandon Wilkens
#14 Jacob Dehne	def	#30 Eric Aldinger
#6 Jake Deforest	def	#22 Greg Melhus

2015 State Match Play Championship

Vardon Club – Minot, ND

Quarterfinals		
#1 Bill Carlson	def	#9 Jordan Kelly
#29 Mitch Fifer	def	#5 Jason Vedadi
#2 Justin Redding	def	#26 Jeff O'Brien
#14 Jacob Dehne	def	#6 Jake Deforest
Semifinals		
#29 Mitch Fifer	def	#1 Bill Carlson
#2 Justin Redding	def	#14 Jacob Dehne
Finals		
#2 Justin Redding	def	#29 Mitch Fifer

2015 State Mid-AM Match Play Championship

Quarterfinals		
#8 Paul Langhans	def	#1 Mike Fedorchak
#2 Rick Kuhn	def	#7 David Richard
#4 Jay Myhre	def	#5 Steve Fundingsland
#3 Randy Westby	def	#6 Perry Bohl
Semifinals		
#4 Jay Myhre	def	#8 Paul Langhans
#2 Rick Kuhn	def	#3 Randy Westby
Finals		
#4 Jay Myhre	def	#2 Rick Kuhn

State Senior Match Play Championship - 66 Players

Fargo Country Club – Fargo, ND

Nicklaus Division Bracket

NDGA Senior Match Play Championship - Nicklaus

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Select Matches Below

Matches:

Fargo Country Club

Final						
SC	Match					Hole
+	<u>1</u>	Schaefer, Gregg	◀		Barge, Dave	F

Semifinal						
SC	Match					Hole
+	<u>1</u>	Tentis, Richard		▶	Schaefer, Gregg	F
+	<u>2</u>	Barge, Dave	◀		Bjerke, Greg	F

Quarterfinal						
SC	Match					Hole
+	<u>1</u>	Myhre, Jay		▶	Tentis, Richard	F
+	<u>2</u>	Schaefer, Gregg	◀		Spriggs, Kent	F
+	<u>3</u>	Barge, Dave	◀		Westby, Randy	F
+	<u>4</u>	Strandemo, Guy		▶	Bjerke, Greg	F

Round of 16						
SC	Match					Hole
+	<u>1</u>	Myhre, Jay	◀		Lee, Rick	F
+	<u>2</u>	Newman, Russ		▶	Tentis, Richard	F
+	<u>3</u>	Duchscher, Keith		▶	Schaefer, Gregg	F
+	<u>4</u>	Spriggs, Kent	◀		Samson, Rick	F
+	<u>5</u>	Barge, Dave	◀		Erie, Curt	F
+	<u>6</u>	Westby, Randy	◀		Lynch, Tim	F
+	<u>7</u>	Strandemo, Guy	◀		Herrmann, Tim	F
+	<u>8</u>	Bjerke, Greg	◀		Fasteen, Bruce	F

Palmer Division Bracket

NDGA Senior Match Play Championship (Palmer-Hogan)

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Select Matches Below

Matches:

Fargo Country Club

Final						
SC	Match					Hole
	1	Stromstad, John	▶		Taylor, Doug	F

Semifinal						
SC	Match					Hole
	1	Radke, Doyle	▶		Stromstad, John	F
	2	Howell, Mike	▶		Taylor, Doug	F

Quarterfinal						
SC	Match					Hole
	1	Radke, Doyle	◀		Lips, Evan	F
	2	Stromstad, John	◀		YellowBird, Don	F
	3	Howell, Mike	◀		Burud, Terry	F
	4	Taylor, Doug	◀		Harrington, George	F

Hogan Division Bracket

NDGA Senior Match Play Championship (Palmer-Hogan)

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Select Matches Below

Matches:

Fargo Country Club

Final						
SC	Match					Hole
	1	Schlosser, Raymond	▶		Stiles, Robert	F

Semifinal						
SC	Match					Hole
	1	Schlosser, Raymond	◀		Melby, Rod	F
	2	Stiles, Robert	◀		Graff, Benny	F

Quarterfinal						
SC	Match					Hole
	1	Schlosser, Raymond	◀		Olien, Art	F
	2	Burkland, Darrell	▶		Melby, Rod	F
	3	Stiles, Robert	◀		Fisher, Jack	F
	4	Graff, Benny	◀		Inwin, Myron	F

State 3-Man Championship - 78 Players

The CrossRoads Golf Course – Carrington, ND

NDGA 3-Man Best Ball Championship

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Gross Results

Cross Roads Golf Course

My Leaderboard									
Fav	SC	Pos.	Team	Today	Hole	Total	R1	R2	Total
Track your favorite players by adding them to "My Leaderboard."									

Full Leaderboard										
Fav	SC	Pos.	Team	Today	Hole	Total	R1	R2	Total	
+		1	Wages / Norby / Schaefer	-13	F	-27	130	131	261	
			Norby, Matt	-5	F	-8		67	133	
			Wages III, Duane	-2	F	-7		70	122	
			Schaefer, Nick	-4	17	-7				
+		2	Melhus / Davison / Carlson	-8	F	-25	127	136	263	
			Davison, Lukas	-1	17	-8	65			
			Melhus, Greg	-2	17	-7	67			
			Carlson, Bill	-3	17	-4	71			
+		3	Kuhn / Lamp / Huber	-6	F	-20	130	138	268	
			Kuhn, Rick	-1	F	-8	65	71	136	
			Huber, Mike	Even	17	+1	73			
			Lamp, Jeff	+3	F	+1	70	75	145	
+		4	Merck / Buen / Redding	-12	F	-18	138	132	270	
			Redding, Justin	-3	F	-3	72	69	141	
			Merck, Jason	Even	17	+2	74			
			Buen, David	Even	F	+2	74	72	146	
+		5	Reisenauer / Dire / Roness	-7	F	-18	133	137	270	
			Dire, Parker	-4	F	-8	68	68	136	
			Reisenauer, Tyler	+1	F	-4	67	73	140	
			Roness, Justin	Even	F	+2	74	72	146	
+		6	Baumgartner / Baumgartner / Hatzenbuhler	-2	F	-8	138	142	280	
			Hatzenbuhler, Jordan	-1	F	-2		71	138	
			Baumgartner, Matt	+4	16	+5	73			
			Baumgartner, Todd	+3	F	+8	77	75	152	
+		7	Lorenz / Olson / Trett	Even	F	-7	137	144	281	
			Trett, David	+2	17	Even				
			Olson, Aaron J.	+3	17	+3				
			Lorenz, Korey	+2	16	+4				
+		8	Poitra / Haley / Gustafson	-3	F	-6	141	141	282	
			Gustafson, Alex	Even	F	+1	73	72	145	
			Haley, Darren	+6	F	+6	72	78	150	
			Poitra, Duane	+6	F	+17		78	158	
+		9	Ohlhauser / Huseby / Tentis	-1	F	-3	142	143	285	
			Ohlhauser, Mark	Even	F	+1		72	141	
			Tentis, Richard	+1	F	+2		73	141	
			Huseby, Jack	+8	F	+12		80	146	
+		10	Baeth / Hanson / Palmer	+2	F	-2	140	146	286	
			Palmer, Chad	+3	F	+3	72	75	147	
			Hanson, Brandon	+6	F	+6	72	78	150	

2016 North Dakota Golf Association Tournament Schedule

2016 NORTH DAKOTA GOLF ASSOCIATION		
Event	Dates	Venue
NDGA SCRAMBLE CHAMPIONSHIP SENIORS	MAY 20, 2016	BULLY PULPIT GC, MEDORA
NDGA SCRAMBLE CHAMPIONSHIP - OPEN DIVISION	MAY 21-22, 2016	BULLY PULPIT GC, MEDORA
NDGA SENIOR BEST BALL CHAMPIONSHIP	JUNE 3, 2016	GRAND FORKS CC, GRAND FORKS
NDGA 4-BALL CHAMPIONSHIP	JUNE 4-5, 2016	GRAND FORKS CC, GRAND FORKS
NGA STATE JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP	JUNE 13-14, 2016	RIVERWOOD GC - BISMARCK
SENIOR STROKE PLAY STATE CHAMPIONSHIP	JULY 9-10, 2016	THE LINKS OF ND - RAY
NDGA STROKE PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP	JULY 9-10, 2016	THE LINKS OF ND - RAY
STATE 13-UNDER CHAMPIONSHIP	JULY 26, 2016	JACK HOEVEN WEE LINKS, MINOT
NDGA MID AMATEUR MATCH PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP	JULY 28-31, 2016	JAMESTOWN CC - JAMESTOWN
NDGA STATE MATCH PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP	JULY 28-31, 2016	JAMESTOWN CC - JAMESTOWN
STATE SENIORS CHAMPIONSHIP	AUGUST 18-21	RIVERWOOD GC - BISMARCK
STATE 3-MAN BEST BALL CHAMPIONSHIP	SEPTEMBER 17-18	THE CROSSROADS - CARRINGTON

We are continually looking for great venues to hold our championships. If you have a recommendation on a golf course that you would like to see host one of the NDGA Tournaments please use the contact form at www.ndgolf.org

All Ranges of handicap players are welcome to participate in NDGA Championships. Every event is handicapped and allows players who carry a Higher Index an opportunity to compete with like Handicap index players. The spirit of competition, high quality golf, and championship atmosphere are just a few of the reasons to have your group of players join us at the events listed above.

2015 North Dakota Golf Association Member Clubs

Membership of golf clubs, courses, and local associations is an important asset to golfers in all communities and at local courses. Member courses and associations receive following complimentary benefits:

- Promotion of member golf courses online and in print publications
- Opportunity to apply for Junior Golf Grants from the NDGA where over \$60,000 has been given to develop junior golf the past 8 years.
- Golf Course rating system – Every 10 years golf courses must be re-rated as the USGA makes changes to their formulas for Handicap Index, Slope and overall course rating.
- Opportunities for GHIN members of local associations to play in NDGA State Championships.
- Access to USGA Green Section Agronomists and information regarding soil specific, geographical location specific greens keeping methods.
- Networking with golf courses to provide best practices in golf course operations, tournament operations and maintaining USGA Amateur Status Guidelines.
- Complimentary access to ruling information from the Staff at the NDGA – the state’s authority on the Rules of Golf.
- Free access to GHIN Tournament Pairing Program and Online GHIN Tournament Pairing Program that is used to create, score and manage all of NDGA State Tournaments. This is available by contacting the NDGA at www.ndgolf.org
- Complimentary online score posting, access to eGolfer tools including game tracker through GHIN.com and the vast information from the USGA through local associations and golf courses.

If your course or association would like more information regarding rating, GHIN, TPP or any other issues – contact us at ndga2020@gmail.com

2016 North Dakota Golf Association Financial Statements



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2015 North Dakota Golf – Grants and Donations \$8600

Oxbow Country Club	\$2000	Junior golf and clinics run by John Dahl. Prizes, hats, gloves and golf balls awarded to participants.
Pheasant Country Golf Course - Kirby Robb	\$600	Junior golf instruction that includes 4 weeks of instruction and a tournament for all participants.
Dakota Junior Golf Association	\$2000	Junior golf trailer enhancements, Girls Golf Mentorship program assistance, and winter instruction for junior golfers at Golf Dome.
FCA-Fellowship of Christian Athletes	\$1000	Junior golf camp that runs for 4 days at Bully Pulpit Golf Course that is run by golf pros and Mark Ouradnik.
Bottineau Country Club	\$1000	2 Day golf camp for junior golfers to promote the game of golf for juniors in the Bottineau area.
NDWGA - North Dakota Women's Golf Association	\$3000	Assistance with tournament operations, junior golf scholarship and financial assistance for participants in the USGA State Women's Team National Golf Tournament

Myths about maintaining yearly GHIN Handicap:

"I DON'T NEED A HANDICAP, I..."

"...don't play tournaments, or I can't play because I work weekends."

"...am not good enough, my Handicap Index would be too high."

"...don't play enough to have a Handicap Index."

"...can average my own scores, so why should I pay the CGA to do it?"

"...want to wait until I play better before I get a Handicap Index."

"...don't play the same course all the time."

"...only compete against my friends and most of them don't have one."

"...can't afford a Handicap Index."

I....

"...don't play tournaments, or I can't play tournaments because I work weekends."

Many people are intimidated by the word "tournament" because it draws to mind the high-profile events such as the Colorado Open and the CGA Match Play Championship. The percentage of Golf Association members who play in these events is actually very small. There are hundreds of tournaments run every season by the Golf Associations of Colorado and individual clubs that include some relaxing and fun formats for individuals as well as teams. Many of these events are held during the week so weekends aren't a factor. You never know when your co-workers, friends, or in-laws might ask you to play in a corporate outing or a charity event, and a handicap gives you the option of saying "I'd love to!"

"...am not good enough, my Handicap Index would be too high."

Did you know that if you occasionally break 120 you would still have a Handicap Index under the maximum that can be issued? And golf clubs can even issue a local handicap that exceeds the maximum. Remember, one of the purposes of a Handicap Index is to "even the playing field" for golfers of all abilities to compete equitably. A Handicap Index replaces phrases like "not good enough" and "can't compete" with terms like "teammate" and "contributor". Imagine you are playing a team best-ball event and you manage to bogey a par 4 that all of your teammates bogey also. Let's say your high Handicap Index gives you two strokes on the hole, so your net score becomes a birdie. It's "high-fives" all around! You're a hero!

"...don't play enough to have a Handicap Index."

Do you play at least five times a year? Of course you do! Did you know that you only need five scores to have an official USGA Handicap Index calculated? Eventually, it will be based on the last twenty scores in your score history, but five is the minimum to get started.

"...can average my own scores, so why should I pay the CGA to do it?"

A Handicap Index is a tool that measures your potential golfing ability. It is not an average of your scores. If you average 90 on a short, less difficult course, and your friend averages 90 on a long, more difficult course (say, Links of North Dakota Golf Club), are you both equal in playing ability? Of course not. Your friend would likely average an 85 or less on your course, and you would likely average a 95 or higher on their course. A Handicap Index is accurate because it is based on your scores and the difficulty level of the courses you achieve them on. And don't forget that your Handicap Index is portable. Take it with you everywhere you play because it adjusts each course to your potential ability, rather than you trying to adjust your ability to each course!

"...want to wait until I play better to worry about getting a Handicap Index."

Actually this is the perfect time to get a Handicap Index. Imagine a man who decides to lose weight and goes on a diet. The first thing he would purchase is a scale in order to monitor his progress and help him in setting goals. The golfer's Handicap Index is the equivalent to the dieter's scale. Your Handicap Index is the only true gauge by which to measure your progress as your golfing ability improves. By using it to set and achieve short-term goals each time you play, you are working toward your long-term goal of improving, which is demonstrated by a decrease in your Handicap Index. When the dieter hops on the scale and sees his weight drop, he will feel the same sense of self-accomplishment that you will when you see your

"...don't play the same course all the time."

The USGA Handicap System is in place throughout Colorado (and the U.S.) so you can post scores from virtually every course in Colorado as well as from your "business" trips out-of-state. Your USGA Index is portable, so if you like to break up the monotony and play new courses, feel free!

"...only compete against my friends and most of them don't have one."

Well how fair is that? You could have the round of your life and finish last. If you and your friends have a Handicap Index you could level the playing field and make the competition a lot more interesting. Taking their "word for it" or playing them scratch could result in the loss of many games, wagers, beverages, etc.

"...can't afford a Handicap Index."

You can take advantage of the USGA Handicap System all season for what one day of golf might cost you. Not only is it affordable, it's a steal!