



WELCOME TO THE 2024 AGM

Itinerary:

10.45 – Presentations from:

James Luke- England Golf, Head of Handicapping and Course Rating

Richard Arnold – County Update

11:45 - AGM will commence.

12.25 – Retire to the bar!

12:45 (approx.) – Carvery Lunch





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Hampshire Golf AGM

James Luke:

Head of Handicapping and Course Rating



WORLD HANDICAP SYSTEM

R&A USGA

World Handicap System™



Let's get started



Welcome -
Introductions & Local Arrangements



Questions - Lots of opportunities



Terminology - Key words and phrases
may be used



Audience Expectations & 1-10 Rating



England Golf's WHS™ Team



James Luke
Head of Handicapping and Course
Rating



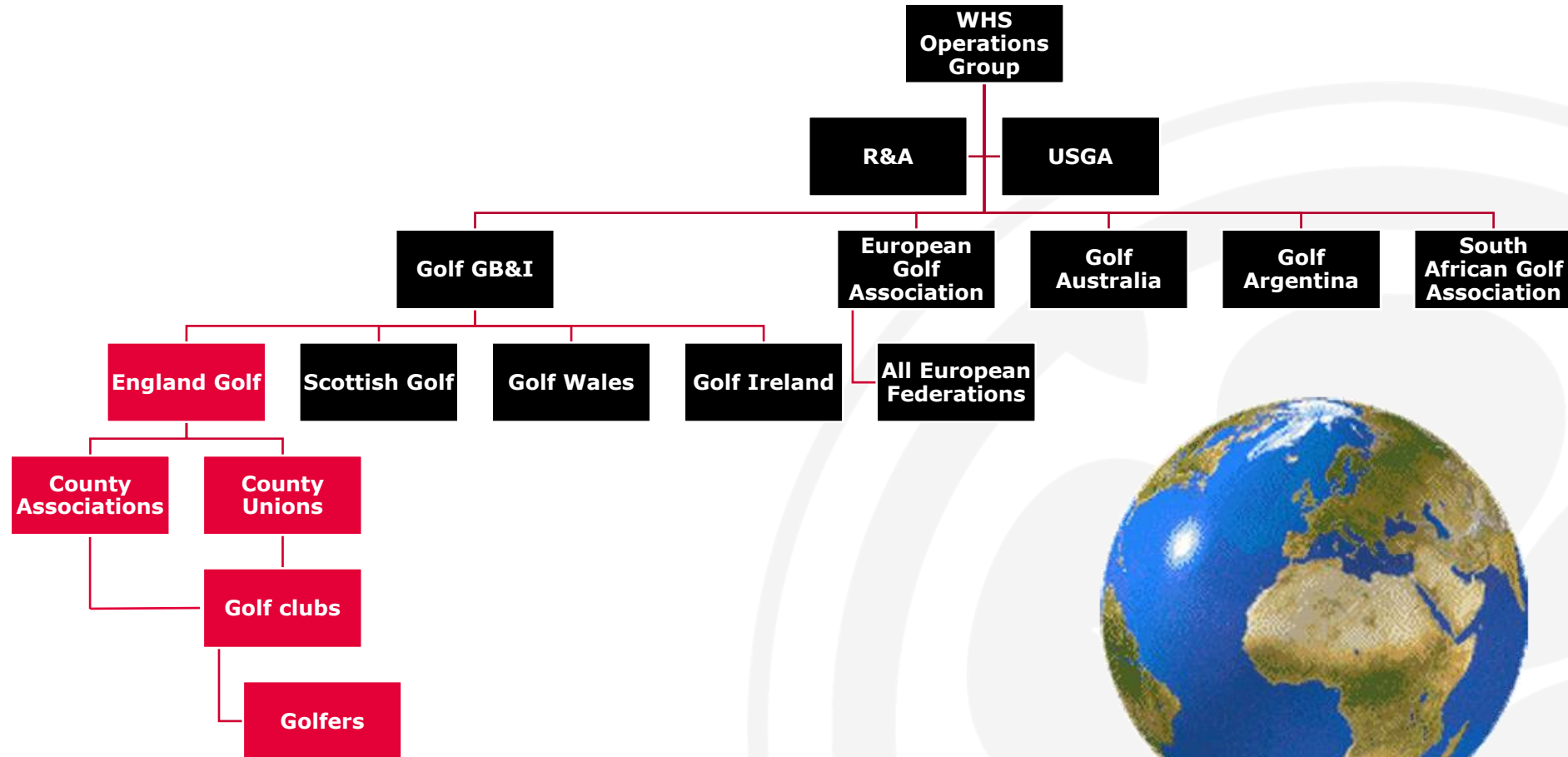
Jonathan Ward
Course Rating™ Co-ordinator



Mike Greener
WHS™ Handicapping Co-ordinator



WHS Global Structure



WHS™ in Numbers

Over 485,000
MyEG App
Users

9 million + scores
submitted 2023

1.4 million scores
effected by PCC in
2023
9.3% of all scores

Over 30%
increase of scores
being submitted
by MyEG year on
year

Average
Handicaps:
Men – 17.4
Women – 27.2

Average 18-hole
course length:
Men: 5861 yds
Women: 5353 yds

Average combined
score
(men/women) is
93



Average CR on an
Average length
Course for:
Men – 68.3
Women – 71.4

Comp Vs GP
Men – 58% Comp
42% GP
Women – 78% Comp
22% GP



Objectives

Provide underpinning knowledge, resources, materials & training to club handicap committees. Who directly support all their members on the subjects of WHS and course rating.



Differences to Remember

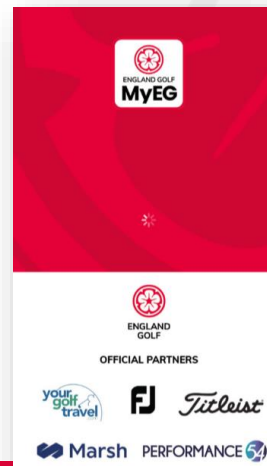
- WHS™ Rules of Handicapping
- Rules of Golf (including any Local Rules)
- Terms of Competition (Event)
- Course Rating™ Standards
- Players Have Responsibilities Too:
Appendix A of the WHS™ Rules
- WHS embraces digital technology



Recent Improvements to the Digital technology

Interoperability

- ✓ All active and operational within GB&I
 - ✓ General Play rounds can be submitted through the My EG App
- ✓ Further parts of the world will be added in due course as the USGA and R&A complete their global project



WHS™ Rules of Handicapping

- Changes published as of 1st Jan 2024 taking effect here in GB&I as of 1st April 2024
- Will include additional GB&I guidance detail
- Digital copies only to download via England Golf website





CR-Par & Impact

Will be aligned with the majority of global associations

The calculation of a Course Handicap™ is changing to include the difference between the Course Rating™ of a tee set being played and its (scorecard) Par. Thus, returning a player's "play to handicap score" back to Nett Par (36 points) regardless of the Par on the scorecard, with no change to any Handicap Index®

$$\text{HI} \times (\text{Slope} / 113) + (\text{CR} - \text{Par}) = \text{Course Handicap}$$

Some golfers may see a change in their Course Handicap™

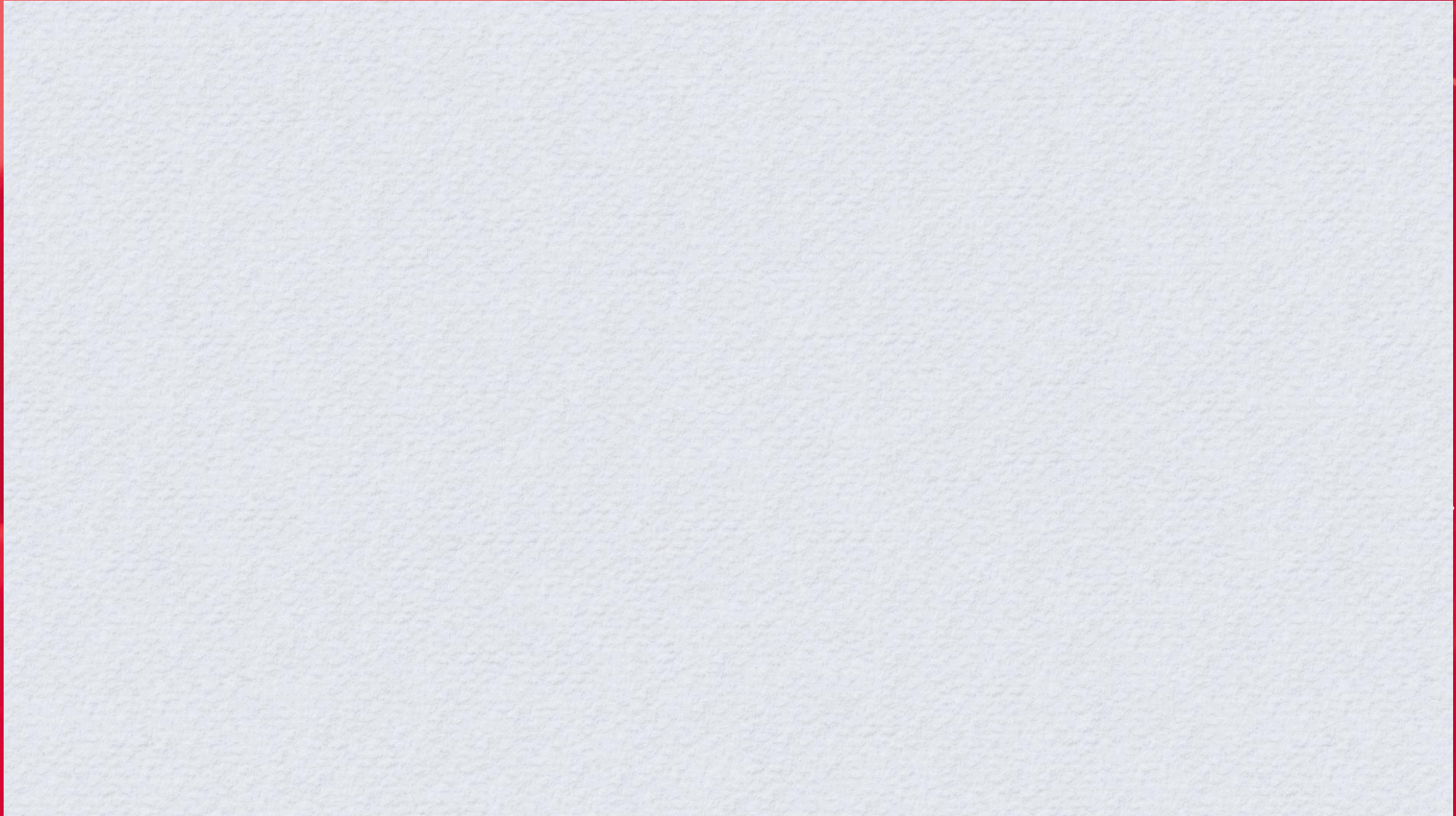
As of the 1st April 2024 all current Course Handicap™ tables are obsolete





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CR-Par & Impact video



Standardisation of Par (Appendix F)

Where appropriate, standardisation of Par and SI values across all tees for each gender is recommended, once the Par for the main/master tee sets have been established in accordance with the following lengths.

Par	Men	Women
3	Up to 260 yards (240 metres)	Up to 220 yards (200 metres)
4	240 to 490 yards (220 to 450 metres)	200 to 420 yards (180 to 380 metres)
5	450 to 710 yards (410 to 650 metres)	370 to 600 yards (340 to 550 metres)
6	670 yards and up (610 metres and up)	570 yards and up (520 metres and up)





New Minimum Length of Golf Course



In response to requests from around the world, the updated WHS will include a new minimum length of a golf course to be eligible for a Course and Slope Rating.

This supports one of our key principles: For the WHS to be as inclusive and accessible as possible.



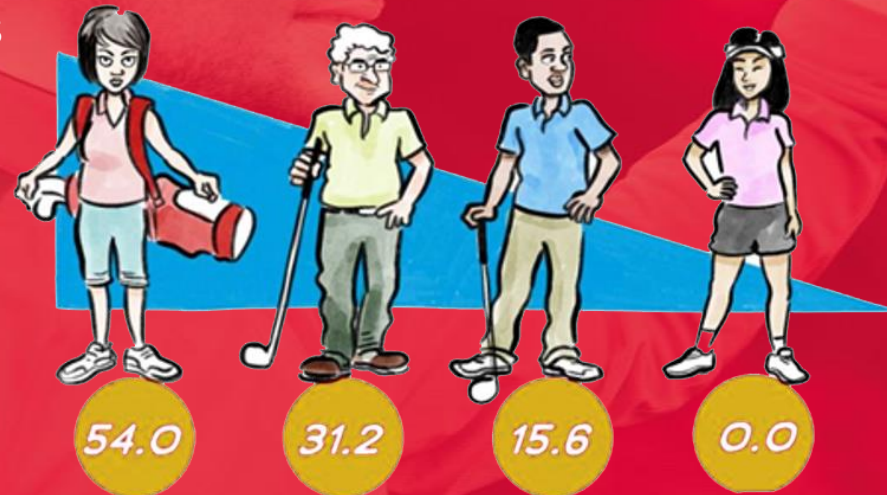
THE NEW LIMITS ARE:

- 1500 yards [1370 metres] for an 18-hole golf course
- 750 yards [685 metres] for a 9-hole golf course

Associations will factor this change into their Course Rating schedules going forward.

Rounding

- Currently for competition purposes a course handicap is rounded to the nearest integer (whole number) and then used to calculate a playing handicap
- Under the new 2024 WHS rules, machine precision will be used for playing handicap calculations
- This change will not impact a course handicap used for general play purposes or formats of competition play with a 100% allowance



4 Ball Better Ball Scores

- Based on feedback from Clubs and Counties, Better Ball scores will be acceptable for handicap purposes
- Only 18-hole competition scores - (Mandatory for acceptable scores)
- Individual / General Play score returns are **NOT** allowed when playing 4BBB





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4 Ball Better Ball Scores

Four-Ball Scores

Four-Ball formats are not an 'authorized format of play' in this country, which means these scores do not normally count towards your Handicap Index. HOWEVER, in certain circumstances a player's individual score from a competition will be used.



For a score to **count** the following **3 conditions** must be met:



The player's **individual score** must count towards the **team's score** on at least **9 holes**



The team's **net score** must be at **least 6 strokes better than par** (or at least **42 points in Stableford**)

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Out	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	In	Total
Par	4	4	4	5	3	5	3	4	4	36	4	3	4	4	5	4	3	5	4	36	72
Player A (7)				3		2	3	3				3	3	2			3				
Player B (14)	1	3	3		2				4		3					3		3	3		
	↓	↓	↓		↓				↓		↓					↓		↓	↓		
Team Score	1	3	3	3	2	2	3	3	4	21	3	3	3	2	0	3	3	3	3	26	47



The player's **individual score** must be **equal to or better than 36 Stableford points** as calculated below:

Calculation of Player's Individual Stableford Score

For the holes where the player's score **counted** towards the team score, they receive **those points**

Where their score did **not count** and their **partner** scored **2 or more points**, they receive **1.5 points**

If their partner scored **only 1 point**, they receive **only 1 point**. If their partner scored **0 points**, they receive **0 points**

Player A (7)				3		2	3	3				3	3	2	0		3				
Player B (14)	1	3	3		2			X	4		3				X	3		3	3		
Individual Score	1	3	3	1.5	2	1.5	1.5	1.5	4		3	1.5	1.5	1.5	0	3	1.5	3	3		37
Team Score	1	3	3	3	2	2	3	3	4	21	3	3	3	2	0	3	3	3	3	26	47

This will produce an **individual 18-hole Stableford score**, which is **rounded down to the nearest whole number**. The score is then **adjusted** for any difference in the **Course Handicap** and the **Playing Handicap** for the event:



Course Handicap: 17



Playing Handicap: 14



= 3

Player's **Individual score** for **handicap** purposes



37+3 = 40 Points

Expected Score

Combining an actual but incomplete score with a calculated score to create a complete score.

The calculation and algorithm used to calculate an expected score is not shared by the USGA and R&A due to property rights.



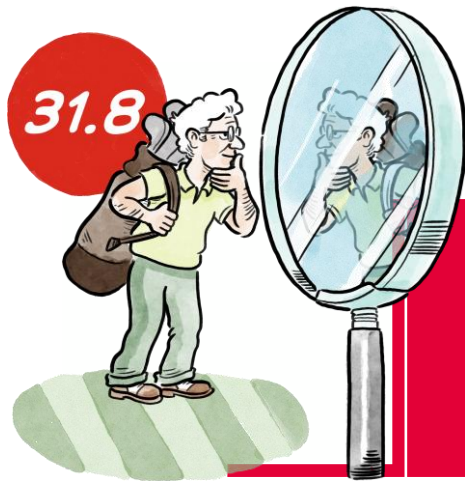
Is used to identify machine precision calculations



What is an Expected Score?

Under the 2024 Rules, an 18-hole Score Differential can be created for immediate use by **combining** the 9-hole Score Differential for the 9 holes played with the player's **expected score** over 9 holes.

Expected score will also be used when a golfer has not completed all 18 holes but has played the minimum number for an acceptable score.



'Definition of an 'Expected Score'

**Expected
Score**

The score a player is expected to achieve over a specified number of holes on a course of standard difficulty. It is calculated using the player's Handicap Index and attributes a numerical value against any hole or holes not played during a round.

Combining 9-hole Score with an Expected Score – Stableford Example Using CR-Par

Sunnyside Golf Club

Orange Tees Course Rating (Front 9): 36.0

9-hole Slope Rating: 125

Name of Player: Jane Smith

Course Handicap: **16**

Calculation 9-hole Score Differential

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Out
Par	4	4	5	4	3	5	4	4	3	36
S.I.	7	13	3	9	15	1	11	5	17	
Score	4	5	6	5	3	5	6	4	4	42
Pts.	3	2	2	2	3	3	1	3	2	21

(113 ÷ 9-hole
Slope Rating)

X

(9-hole par + 9-hole CH –
(points scored – 18) – 9-hole
Course Rating)

(113 ÷ 125)

(36 + 9 – (21 - 18) – 36.0)

= 5.42

First 9-hole score
differential

5.42

+

Expected 9-hole score
differential



9.52

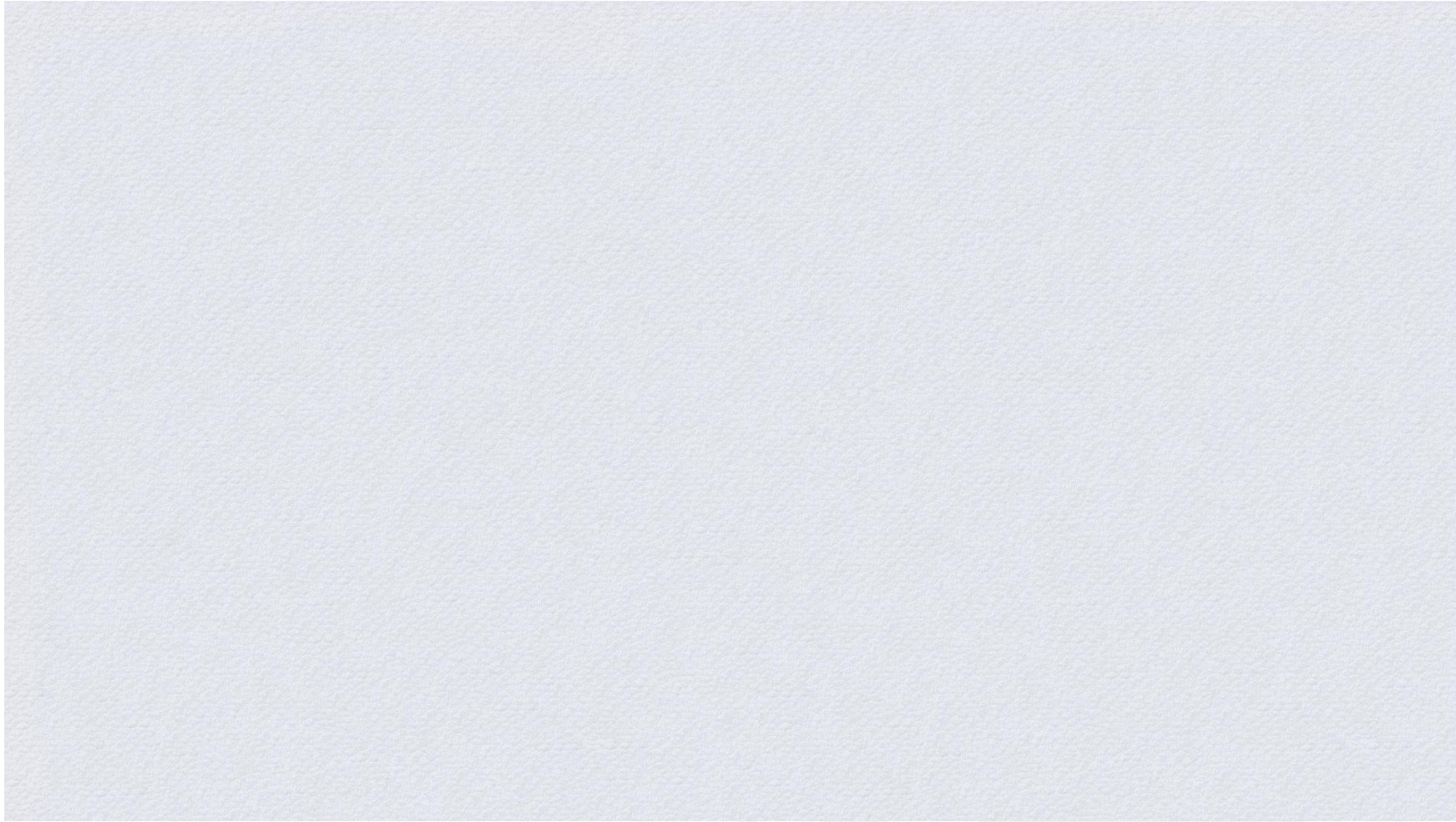
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Equivalent 18-hole
score differential

14.9



What is an Expected Score video





When a Hole is Not Played – Remember its not the choice of the golfer not to start a hole (Rule 3.2b)

An expected score will also be used when a hole has not been played.

A score from a round or when one or more holes have not been played may only be used for handicap purposes if, among other things:

- the round has been played over at least the minimum number of holes required for either a 9-hole or an 18-hole score to be acceptable, and
- the reason for not completing the round was valid.

The 2024 Rules include stronger guidance on what is a valid or invalid reason for not completing a round.

Terms of Competition

- Terms of Competition are set by the Committee in charge of the Competition, not England Golf.
- Terms should be robust and available for all participants to read
- All terms should be reviewed annually
- England Golf 2023 pilot – Findings will be published via a formal paper





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The WHS Portal

- There are different levels of access at Club level. All access is managed and administered by the Super Admin user at each club
- Clubs & Counties **MUST** ensure logins for users are unique, up to date, and **MUST NOT** be shared.
- All Handicap Index® records **MUST** be managed via the WHS™ portal
- Membership records **MUST** be accurate for integrity and reconciled for affiliation purposes
- Utilise the reporting functions!





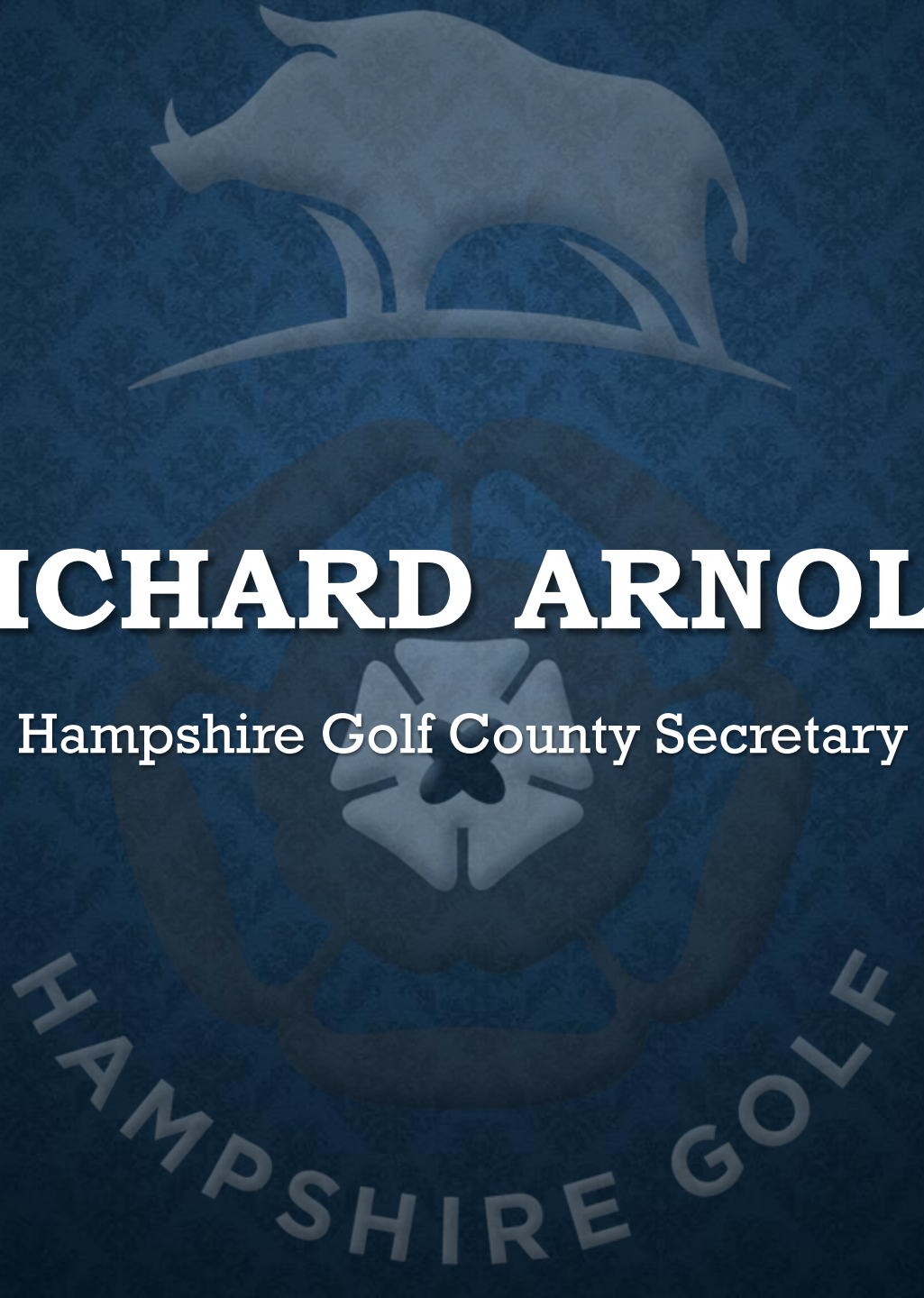
WHS™ Portal Reports - Course/Playing Handicap™ Tables



Thank You

Resources available on England Golf website





RICHARD ARNOLD

Hampshire Golf County Secretary



RAISING COUNTY PROFILE

County Office

- Office benefitted from the refit
- Staff helping build the future

Tournaments

- Introduction of Golf Genius to elevate the competitive experience on and off the golf course
- Increased branding & signage
- County Scorecards
- Live Scoreboards
- More progressive use of social media



COUNTY CARD

- The County Card App roll-out successful.
- Digital and accessible via IG, considering Golf Genius
- Process: was made easy with the cooperation of the clubs – Thank you.
- Result: 78 clubs. 66 with access. 12 in process.
- Ongoing, needs affiliation fees paid on time, WHS cleansed to reflect affiliation numbers & the offering of County Card rate for others
- Hard Cards are available for those without smart phones.
- Remember the advantages for clubs.
 - Selling point for membership or retention.
 - Confidence golfers visiting are golfers/handicaps
 - Generally 20-50% discount. Average around 25%
 - No more dreaded cards from me!

COUNTY WHS SUPPORT

County Advisor – Guy Merry

whs@hampshiregolf.co.uk

- Structure

- WHS Advisor - Responsible to County Secretary & Committee and Regional Handicap Advisor
- Club Handicap Committee – County – Regional - England
- County Handicap Panel Structure (min. of 3)
WHS Advisor, Secretary & President/Chairman



COUNTY WHS SUPPORT

- Services

- Deal with members/clubs individual issues and also visit clubs as requested
- Offer ongoing training and advice for Handicap Secretaries/Committees on Rules of Handicapping (incl. use of WHS platform), Rules of Golf/Terms of Competition
- Contact new clubs and offer a 'welcome' visit for Handicap Secs. & Committee
- Hosting WHS Seminars & Members events as appropriate

COURSE RATING TEAM

- Nicky Harden –Course Rating Manager
- courserating@hampshiregolf.co.uk
- Jackie Keay – Regional Manager
- Team of 25 volunteers
- 10-year roster of courses
- Office assistance now
- Trend towards mixed gender/ mixed ability tees and competitions

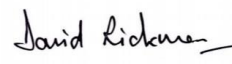
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Scratch - Actual Shots					Rough & Dip / Mounding					Rough & Dip / Mounding					Distance to Lateral (yds)					Distance to Lateral (yds)																			
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This is to certify that

Alan Drayton

attended and participated in a
R&A Level 1 Rules Seminar conducted by Hampshire Golf on
1st November 2022 at Weybrook Park Golf Club.


RICHARD ARNOLD
Secretary - Hampshire Golf


DAVID RICKMAN
Executive Director – Governance





Referees & Rules

- Supporting and Training 10 Qualified Referees
- Officiating Hampshire Events as well as at club level
- Aiding with individual club rulings, local rules and course markings
- Presenting at formal rules seminars
- Actively looking for more referees to go through level 1 and 2 process

Keeping our young players safe 2022/23

- Renewed England Safe Golf Accreditation
 - Safeguarding register up to date
 - Coaches and managers trained, and DBS checked
 - Policies reviewed, updated and published on website
- Established an open culture
 - Raising the profile of Safeguarding
 - Speaking to parents, players & coaches about their roles
 - Joint commitments signed to uphold our behaviours
- Developed good practice in safeguarding
 - Advising coaches on dealing with issues
 - Supporting managers to address behaviours
 - Listening to parents and players
 - Referring concerns when necessary

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Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility: Players, parents, coaches, managers



*Joanna Cook
County Welfare Officer*





JUNIOR GOLF

- Average of Juniors in Hampshire clubs is under 10
- Development is a priority for the County
- Greenjackets Club KO & Junior Championship (U10-U18)
- Extensive coaching programme
 - Top coaching: All areas, including course management
 - Education on Strength & conditioning, Nutrition & Mental
 - Working with Parents
- Code of Conduct for Hampshire culture.
- Structured process of selection
- Investment in Island Training opportunities
- U16/18 Trip Abroad to prepare and inspire squads
- SPOND as a communication platform.

FUTURE CHAMPIONS TOUR

BUILDING ON SUCCESS



- Our main ambition for the coming years
- Aimed at boys & girls aged 6-12.
- Promoting the game to communities, families....
- Giving a positive first experience with the game
- Two tours – One for players with handicaps, one for beginners/improvers
- Suitable length courses
- Increased volunteer base
- OOM Merit
- 13 events in the 2024 diary. Hoping for 20 in 2025
- Golfway kit for family
- Clear path to U12 Squad & Clubs
- Golf Foundation as they promote going into schools
- Welcome Kevin Caplehorn as Coordinator

Golfway





THE JUNIOR MISSION

TO IMPROVE PARTICIPATION, IDENTIFY THE MOST TALENTED YOUNG GOLFERS IN THE COUNTY AND GIVE THEM THE BEST POSSIBLE PLATFORM TO LEARN AND ACHIEVE THEIR GOALS.

TOURNAMENTS AND EVENTS

2024 Junior Order Of Merit...



- ✓ Liphook Junior Open- 4th April
- ✓ Corhampton Junior Open -8th April
- ✓ Romsey Junior Open- 12th May
- ✓ Hayling Junior Open- 28th May
- ✓ Waterlooville Junior Open- 30th May
- ✓ Hockley Junior Open- 26th July
- ✓ Brokenhurst Junior Open- 1st August
- ✓ Rowlands Junior Open- TBC
- ✓ Royal Guernsey Junior Open- TBC
- ✓ Stoneham Junior Open- 15th August
- ✓ Royal Winchester Junior Open- 20th August
- ✓ North Hants Junior Open- 27th August
- ✓ Army Junior Open- 29th August

- County Champs back to original format
- Seniors Championship – 2-day format
- County 7's – 62 clubs this year
- 10-year Roster being updated
- Considering handicap events
- Order of Merit developing:
 - Mens, Seniors & Juniors – increased in 2023
 - Increase in prize funds
 - Expanding with new venues and formats
 - Increasing participation for clubs
- Sponsorship Opportunity



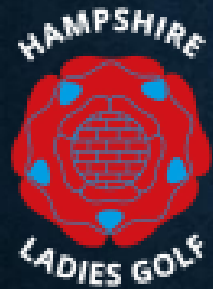
1ST TEAM & CHALLENGE

- Head Coach - Kevin Flynn. Assisted by Simon Andrews
- Part of a team overseeing the structure with a simple aim...to be the best country
- 2022 bottom of League. 2023 League winners and Final winners
- Colts is now Challenge League. Running one squad ensuring connection
- Development as players an individuals
- Implementation of:
 - Trackman
 - UpGame
 - Strength & Conditioning
 - Nutrition
 - Code of Conduct
- Amazing Adidas Support



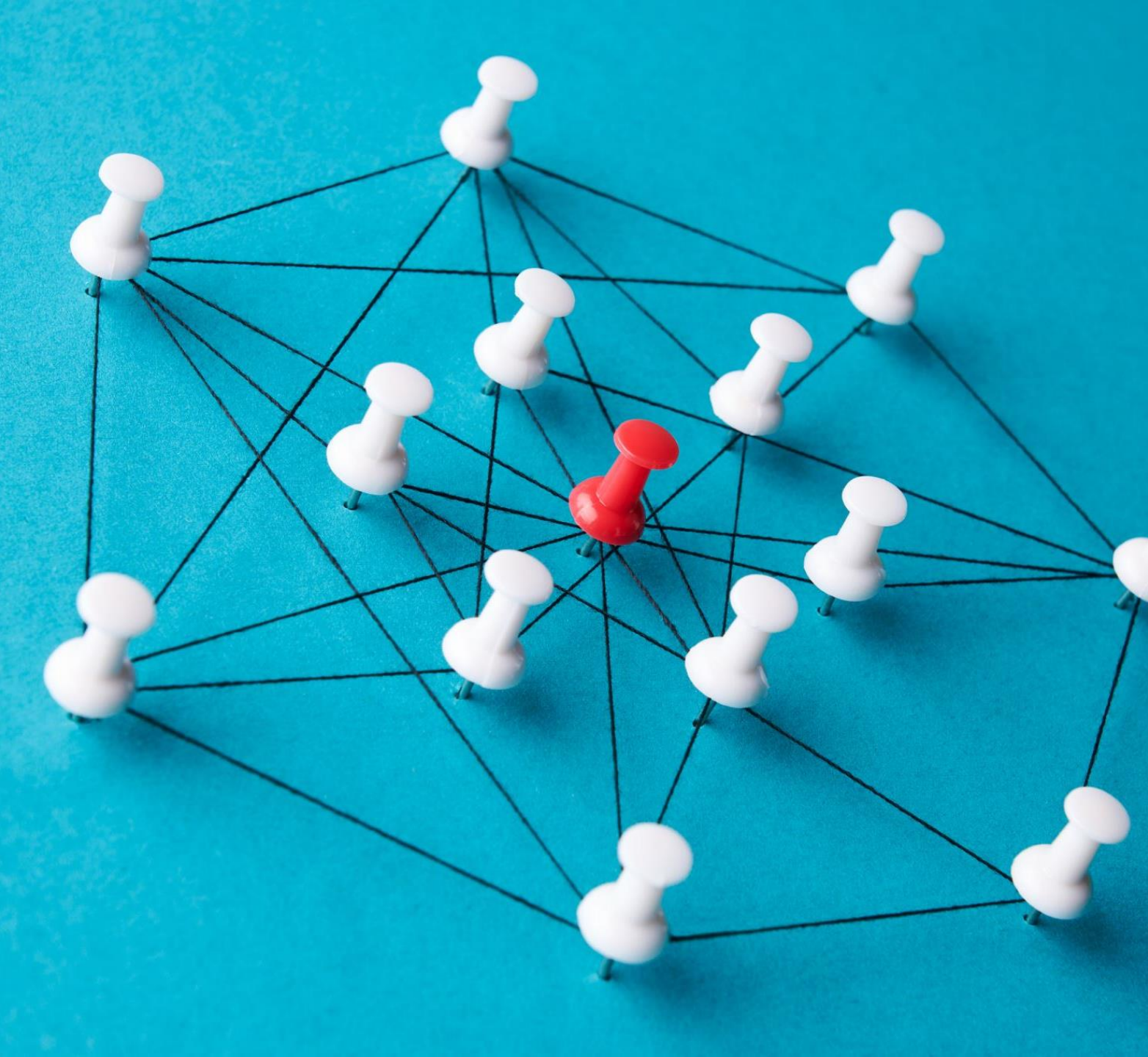
**2023 LEAGUE
WINNERS**

COUNTY UNIFICATION



HAMPSHIRE
LADIES GOLF





Moving Forward...

- Connection with Council for Mental Health and Cardio-Vascular Prevention
 - Promote awareness
 - Support
 - Training for clubs
- Using the benefits of Golf to aid the health and wellbeing of members of Hampshire clubs
- Beginning to explore the potential for Disabled County events

HERE TO SUPPORT YOU

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