

BAGG NEWSLETTER

January Edition

New Format

A new format, Modified Stableford was introduced for a BAGG tournament. We've received a lot of positive comments regarding this and are glad that members enjoyed this format.

New Scoring Method

New method of scoring was also introduced for BAGG tournaments; where one player keeps score for another player in the group and their own for cross checking later on. This distributes the scoring burden such that no one person is stuck with keeping score for everyone. Going forward this will be the scoring method for all 2017 tournaments.

New "Pro-grade" Scorecards

Yet another benefit of being an NCGA member - we used TPP (Tournament Pairing Program) software from NCGA to create scorecards printed on scorecard quality paper. These are the same scorecards used in NCGA tournaments. This along with scoring method will provide good experience for BAGG members to participate in NCGA tournaments with familiarity of scorecards and scoring methodology.



"The Opener"

We concluded "The Opener" tournament at Santa Teresa. Congratulations to Yasser Khan for winning this comprehensively. His gross birdie at Hole #2 earned him 8 points that created a lead that was not easy to overcome for others - although many tried!

Simplified Rules Document:

Our goal is to reduce the rules document published for each tournament to a simple 1-page document that only provides information regarding the tournament such as location, times, check-in information and uses as few modifications as possible to standard USGA rules. We're not there yet (since our last rules document was a 2-pager :) but hopefully we'll get there soon.

Thanks to the Rules Committee for creating this concise Rules

Date: 1/28/2017 Group: 6
Starting Time: 12:22 pm

"The Opener"
Santa Teresa Golf Club
Modified Stableford



	End of 9th:									
HOLES	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	OUT
Black	402	492	343	368	151	396	162	400	420	3134
Par	4	5	4	4	3	4	3	4	4	35
Handicap	1	13	15	11	17	5	9	3	7	
Abid Ali <small>(Gross Score)</small>	•••	•••	•••	•••	•••	•••	•••	•••	•••	

										End of 18th:				TOTAL	HCP	NET
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	IN	OUT	TOTAL	HCP	NET			
368	479	393	395	171	350	192	529	407	3284	6418						
4	5	4	4	3	4	3	5	4	36	71						
10	16	8	4	18	14	12	6	2								
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Abid Ali - Signature _____

Marker's - Signature _____

Marker's Gross _____

Notes: _____

BAGG Player of the Year Points System

Point system for POY have been updated to be more in line with FedEx Cup. All point allocations follow closely the FedEx Cup points, with very slight modifications. For the curious, FedEx Cup points somewhat follow a power curve of Points = Position $1 \text{ Points}^{\wedge} (\text{Position} * -0.85)$, with various points hand-tweaked to ensure no 2 positions have the same number of points.

We debated a points reseed for the Tour Championship tournament similar to FedEx cup but decided against it and made Tour Championship another major. This means a player can win BAGG POY trophy without playing the last tournament, if they have sufficiently high accumulated points for the previous tournaments.

BAGG Handicap Categories

We've updated the BAGG's Handicap Categories to bring back some BAGG classics. The new categories for BAGG are:

Elites: Handicap ≤ 9
 TBDs*: $9 < \text{Handicap} \leq 18$
 PiGs: $18 < \text{Handicap} \leq 27$
 LOFTies: Handicap > 27

* TBDs: New category introduced signifying players who's talents are TBD - whether or not they'll rise to Elite-dom or go back to PiGgy-land :)

Document and for continuing to work on improving this and the BAGG Handbook.

Learnings:

This tournament also provided a good learning opportunity for us to improve further in the future. Members have probably already started seeing these learnings being applied to the next tournament.

February - Looking Ahead:

"BAGG Doubles" Tournament: Registration for BAGG Doubles tournament is now open. Please visit www.bagg.rocks/signup to register for this tournament. Pairings will drawn on **Valentine's Day** at Shan Cupertino and will be completely random. Any player may be paired with another player. Deadline to sign-up for this tournament is **February 13th**. Format for this tournament will be 6/6/6 (Alternate / Best Ball / Scramble). We'll be playing in San Juan Oaks using Golfmoose coupons we purchased last year. Once deadline has passed, any unused coupons will be available for members to play practice rounds.

