

Golf Handicapper

Version

This is version 4.0

Well I finally got V4.0 to the point where it can be released. This version includes several new features including provisions for recording driving distance and sand shots, autotab for easier score and course entry, additional statistics and more. Actually, I can't remember all of the new stuff I put in it, but that will make it more fun for you when you find one.

For those of you who have been waiting for this version, I am sorry it took so long. I have been extraordinarily busy. I hope it was worth the wait.

I have decided to make this version a "no charge" upgrade. So if you have a registered version (ie: V3.1a or V3.1) you can simply install this over the top of your old version and it will work. After Golf Handicapper has been installed, it will ask you if you want to convert your data files to the V4.0 format. If you answer yes, your files will be converted and your old files will be saved as HC_SCR.OLD, HC_CRS.OLD and HC_GLF.OLD. If you ever have a problem, you can always go back to these files to retrieve your old data.

V4.0 uses a Windows .INI file to keep track of default values. Your old default values will not be carried over to this version, therefore you might want to go to the options menu first thing to see if you need to change any of the default values.

I hope you like this. As always, write if you have a problem, question or comment. I will respond as quickly as possible.

Registration

Golf Handicapper is a program to keep track of your golf scores and calculate certain statistics including your handicap.

If you have registered Golf Handicapper, thank you for your support.

Unregistered copies are limited in that you will only be able to save **10 scores**. When you send your registration fee, you will receive a diskette with the latest version of Golf Handicapper capable of saving unlimited scores.

To register you must send **\$25** plus **\$1.50** shipping and handling for US orders or **\$2.50** shipping and handling for foreign orders to:

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You may send checks, money orders or cash.

About Golf Handicapper

Do you want to improve your golf game? You probably have an intuitive feel for which part of your game needs work. With Golf Handicapper, you can do some scientific analysis to confirm your strengths and weaknesses. I have tried to make this

program useful, intuitive and fun. I have had a lot of fun writing it and have been surprised at how much time I can waste looking at statistics. I won't guarantee that your golf game will improve but I will assure you that you will have a good time analyzing your game and comparing statistics with your golf buddies.

If you manage a league, Golf Handicapper will make it a lot easier. It can keep track of as many players, courses and scores as you have disk space for. It will give you tabular and graphical representation of statistics and you can print all of the reports you view on the screen. You can analyze all or some of your scores.

Register today and start tracking scores. Before you know it you'll be hooked.

Some of the features are:

- unlimited number of golfers, courses and scores
 - USGA handicapping algorithm uses course rating and course slope
 - option to use 9 hole scores for trend analysis, statistics and handicap calculation
 - 1994 Equitable Stroke Control (ESC) adjustments with the touch of a button
 - ability to keep track of scores, putts and fairways hit by hole (course slope optional)
 - summary statistics by golfer, all golfers or specific rounds
 - detailed analysis by golfer, all golfers or specific rounds
 - course analysis
 - course analysis by specific rounds
 - trend analysis capable of plotting up to 100 scores. Statistics plotted include:
 - Score
 - Greens in regulation
 - Percent greens in regulation
 - Fairways hit
 - Percent fairways hit
 - Total Putts
 - Average Putts
 - Handicap
 - trend analysis shown with 3d or 2d bar graphs
 - list handicap scores
 - scoring indicators
 - hole analysis that breaks down scores and putts per hole in a bar graph
 - ability to print all statistics including graphs
 - a multi-golfer print option allows you to automatically generate reports for more than one golfer
 - options file so that settings can be saved from session to session
 - 3d look to all controls
- and more...

Requirements Windows V3.1.

Setup

- 1) Go into Windows
- 2) From the program manager, choose the **FILE** menu
- 3) From the file menu, choose the **RUN** option
- 4) In the requester box type **A:\SETUP.EXE**.
- 5) Hit **RETURN**. The setup program will prompt you for the location you wish to install the program in and will then install it for you.

Notes on how to use Golf Handicapper

Note - Version 4.0 of Golf Handicapper includes a help file. Look there for

important information about the program and it's usage.

A word about how to use Golf Handicapper. The premise is this: You set up 1 or more golfers on the golfer screen. Then enter the course information for 1 or more golf courses on the courses screen. Once you have done this you are able to enter scores. This is when things get interesting. For every hole you play, you can enter your score, the number of putts it took you to hole it and whether or not you hit the fairway on your tee shot. It's important to enter your putts if you want to get "greens in regulation" statistics. If you enter fairways, you can get total fairways and percent fairways statistics. To enter fairways you enter a "Y" if you hit it, an "N" if you didn't hit it and leave it blank if it is a par 3 or you didn't record whether or not you hit it on your score card. Golf Handicapper will ignore the fairways field if you leave it blank. After you have entered some scores, you can go to the statistics screen and have some fun!

Slope and

Rating: These two terms tend to cause confusion. Rating (or Course Rating) is a number that you must supply for a course in order to have any of your scores for that course considered in your handicap calculation. The Rating for a course must be between 50 and 100. Typically a Rating for a course is somewhere close to it's par value but not always. Slope is another value that was more recently devised to account for the relative difficulty of any given course. This number is not always specified on a score card since not all courses have adopted the Slope method yet. When Slope is specified, it should be between 75 and 150. If slope is not specified, the average Slope (113) is assumed (This is consistent with the USGA handicapping algorithm).

Score cards: In order to make the best possible use of this program, it's important to start capturing some information while on the golf course. In addition to your score you should start keeping track of the number of putts you take on each hole and whether or not you hit the fairway on your drive. I write scores on my score card as follows:

42Y

200 S - means I scored a 4, 2 putted, hit the fairway with a 200 yard drive and was in the sand.

62N

150 - means I scored a 6, 2 putted and didn't hit the fairway with a 150 yard drive

31 - means I scored a 3 and 1 putted

10 - means I'm buying rounds for everyone in the clubhouse

Always remember to write the date on your score card so that you can enter the date in Golf Handicapper and make the score unique.

Handicaps: You must have at least 5 scores in order to establish a handicap according to the USGA formula. The formula for calculating handicaps is fairly lengthy and I won't attempt to explain it here.

Putting average: Two types of putting averages are calculated by Golf Handicapper. "Average putts" for all holes is for us mere mortals that don't hit the green all that often in regulation but still want to know how well we are putting. "Average putts per greenie" are for those god-like golfers that hit the green in regulation enough to care what there putting

average is for only those greens that the hit in regulation. This is the number that the pros are most interested in.

Greens in Regulation:

Greens in regulation are calculated using the score entered and the putts entered for each hole. For a par 4, the difference between the score and the putts must be less than or equal to 2 for a Green in Regulation to be counted. For a par 5, the difference must be 3 or less and for a par 3 the difference must be 1. A green in regulation is sometimes referred to as a "Greenie" or by the letters "GIR"

I have made every effort to make this program as intuitive as possible. I hope that it is easy for you to use. If you have problems, I would like to hear about it. Drop me a note at the above address or send e-mail. I will try to be diligent in responding.

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Have fun,

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