

► Who's making a difference in Canadian golf?

You are. When you join your provincial association and the RCGA, your membership dollars benefit both golfers and the game by:

Inspiring a new generation of golfers

- Over 115,000 kids are introduced to golf each year through CN Future Links.

Making Canada proud

- Canada's national team athletes compete - and win - on the world stage.

- Fourteen national amateur championships allow the nation's best to shine.

- The CN Canadian Women's Open and RBC Canadian Open inspire fans and leave a lasting legacy in the host communities.

Making a difference in your community

- The RCGA Foundation awards scholarships and funds university and college golf programs.

- RCGA grants help provincial associations run "grow the game" initiatives like introducing kids to golf at school.

- Support of the Canadian Turfgrass Research Foundation helps improve course conditions and protect the environment.

- Golf For the Cure raises money and awareness in the fight against breast cancer.

- The Canadian Golf Hall of Fame and Museum preserves the rich history of Canadian golf.

Providing more affordable golf

- The RCGA Golf Card rewards loyalty with free rounds and more.

Preserving the integrity of the game

- Canada joins the USGA and R&A in shaping the Rules of Golf.

Improving your enjoyment of the game

- Official RCGA Course and Slope Ratings® provide maximum enjoyment for all golfers.

- Golfers connect, communicate and maintain an official Handicap Factor® online through the RCGA Network.

Keeping you informed

- Golf Canada magazine is delivered to members four times a year at no extra cost.

- E-golf Canada keeps members up to date with the latest golf news delivered electronically.

Helping shape a better future for golf

- To learn more visit rcga.org/resources

HANDICAP HELP

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Now in its third year of operation, the RCGA Network is Canada's most widely-used handicap program. Over 900 clubs now use the RCGA Network as their handicap calculator. More than 250,000 golfers from coast to coast also enjoy the ability to post scores online, track game stats and communicate with fellow members from their home or office. You may have recently noticed the new design of the network to make it more pleasing to the eye and intuitive to use.

We're always happy to answer your questions about handicapping and the RCGA Network. Here are some of your most common concerns:

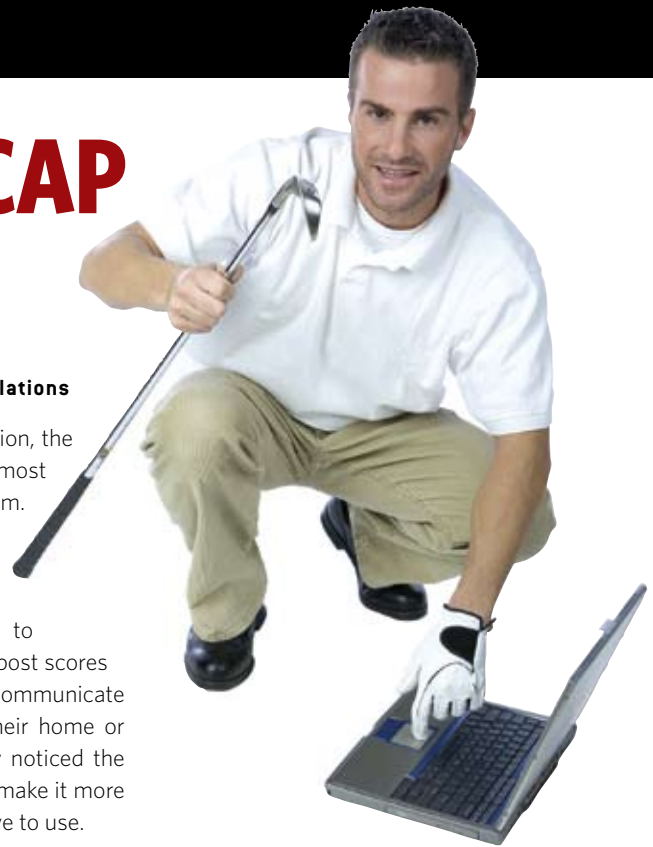
How do I access my RCGA Network account?

There are over 900 clubs using the RCGA Network, but if your club is one of those not using the network as their primary handicap program then you will not have access to an account. Ask your club manager about converting to the RCGA Network. It's a service provided to all RCGA clubs as a member benefit.

If your club does use the RCGA Network and you're unsure of your username/password please contact the administrator of the program at your club. They have the ability to look up your username and password for you.

I have changed clubs. How do I transfer my handicap record?

You can transfer a handicap record from one club to another with the click of a button. If you have recently changed clubs and require a transfer just go to the support links at rcganetwork.org and request your transfer. We can also merge accounts for those with memberships in more than one club. This allows a member to post a score only once with the score automatically be-



ing simultaneously posted to their other club's handicap records.

How come the course I just played is not in the course directory?

Every RCGA member course is listed in the RCGA Network as well as all courses in the United States. In total there are over 20,000 courses on the directory.

If you can't find a Canadian course in the directory it means that course is not an RCGA member course and therefore does not have valid course and slope ratings (even if they display ratings on the scorecard or website). Rounds played at courses without valid ratings are not eligible for handicap score posting.

Does it matter which internet browser I use?

The RCGA Network will work with most browsers but is optimized for use with Internet Explorer. You may notice some formatting issues when using browsers such as Firefox or Safari. Our developers are working to make the network fully compatible with all internet browsers for 2009.

How we can make the RCGA Network better for you?

Give us a call at 1-800-263-0009 x 209 or email mmackay@rcga.org