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Player Profile

Member Name: Matthew MacKay
Network ID: 428069
RCGA Handicap Factor®: +0.3

Home Club: Golf House Golf Club
Home Course: Glen Abbey Golf Club

Scores Posted This Year:

Scores Posted:	84
18 Hole Scores Posted:	69
Lowest Score:	69
Highest Score:	82
9 Hole Scores Posted:	15
Lowest Score:	32
Highest Score:	41
Scoring Average: (per 18 holes)	75.8
Adjusted Scores: (Last 20 Scores Posted)	0%

The statistics below are for Hole by Hole posted scores only.

Scoring Statistics

18 Hole Scoring Average	77.7
Avg Score for Holes 1-9	38.0
Avg Score for Holes 10-18	39.7
Holes In One	N/A
Eagles	1
Double Eagles	N/A
Birdies	14 of 144(10%)
Par	79 of 144(55%)
Bogeys	35 of 144(24%)
Double Bogeys	14 of 144(10%)
Triple Bogeys	1 of 144(1%)
Holes Above Bogey (10%)	
Holes Above Par (35%)	
Holes At Par (55%)	
Holes Below Par (10%)	

Fairways Hit (Regulation)

Total	63 of 111(57%)
Par 4	50 of 84(60%)
Par 5	13 of 27(48%)

Greens Hit (Regulation)

Total	76 of 144(53%)
Par 3	14 of 33(42%)
Par 4	44 of 84(52%)
Par 5	18 of 27(67%)

Putting Statistics

Total Putts 18	249
Avg Putts per Hole	1.73
0 putt	(0%)
1 putt	(33%)
2 putts	(62%)
3 putts	(6%)
4 or more putts	(0%)

Penalty Strokes

Total	0
Holes 1-9	0
Holes 10-18	0

I've been trying to figure out how my game stacks up against the best in the game.

I've always known my general scoring ability and have maintained an official RCGA Handicap Factor for many years through various RCGA member clubs, including this year with the Golf House Golf Club, which is in its inaugural year as a club established by staff at the RCGA.

The GHGC has over 40 members playing in regular club outings and we use the RCGA Network, Canada's internet-based handicap program, to maintain our Handicap Factors, communicate with each other about past or upcoming events and review each other's scoring records (no sandbaggers tolerated).

Actually, you can view the scoring records for any of over 225,000 members who are using the RCGA Network by going to www.rcganetwork.org and clicking "Handicap Verification." This function of peer review is an essential element of handicapping.

I've never been an overly analytical golfer, but after reading some stats in the sports pages of the newspaper, I started thinking

about what areas of my game need improving in order to see my Handicap Factor drop.

For example, Bubba Watson led the PGA Tour in driving distance as of this writing with an average of 315 yards per poke. I know I'm not as long as Bubba, but I wanted an idea of how far behind him I'd be.

What about the stat that perhaps reveals most about ball-striking ability – greens in regulation? Jeff Gove led the PGA Tour with 71

per cent of greens in regulation, which equates to approximately 13 per 18 holes. I thought I might be close to that, but wasn't quite sure as I'd never taken the time to find out.

Putting? I'm fully aware that putting is my Achilles heel, but how did it stack up to Fredrik Jacobson's 1.73 putts per round?

Now that the RCGA Network allows a member to track game statistics, I was able to find out. The RCGA Network is much more than just a handicap calculator – it also allows you to track statistics, including driving distance, greens in regulation, fairways hit, putts, sand saves, penalty strokes and up and downs.

Just log into your RCGA Network account and click "Enter Hole-by-Hole Score." Choose the date you played, the course and tee played, indicate that you want to track stats by clicking on the "Yes" button on the screen.

You will be given a menu of stats to choose from, just pick what you want to keep track of and then click "Go to Scorecard."

The scorecard for that course will appear (if it doesn't, e-mail support@rcganetwork.org and we'll add that course's scorecard to the

database), allowing you to type in what you scored on each hole and input any statistical information you have chosen to follow.

Whenever you want to see your statistical analysis, simply click "Game Tracker" and the screen will display comprehensive data, detailing the state of your game.

The other bonus of entering a hole-by-hole score is that Equitable Stroke Control (the maximum allowable score on a hole for handicap purposes) is done automatically for you because the RCGA Network recognizes what your Course Handicap is and makes necessary adjustments to your gross score.

So what is the state of my game? I've been posting all of my scores 'hole by hole' and tracking all my stats and what I've found supports my original theory – my putting needs work.

I average 1.73 putts per round, the same as the leader on the PGA Tour, but I only hit 53 per cent of greens in regulation which means my putting average should be much lower than it is. Because of the RCGA Network's Game Tracker function, I'm now spending more time on the practice green and less time banging drivers on the range.

There are nearly 750 clubs in Canada that use the RCGA Network as their handicap program. If your club is not using the RCGA Network and you'd like to have access to it, please have a club official call 1-800-263-0009, ext. 209, to inquire about getting your club on board.

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