

USGA Handicap Notice

Many of you may have recently received communication from the Florida State Golf Association (FSGA) or otherwise regarding the North Florida PGA's (NFPGA) recent alliance with the Golf Association of Florida.

The Villages currently (and has since 2001) offered GHIN handicaps issued by the USGA through the FSGA. The NFPGA through this alliance with the Golf Association of Florida is encouraging all PGA Professionals to switch their club's handicap services from GHIN and the FSGA to the Golf Association of Florida via a handicapping service called GolfNet.

One of the compelling reasons The Villages switched to GHIN many years ago is the fact that GHIN is by far the leading issuer of handicaps in the country and allows those belonging to multiple clubs (that offer GHIN), to have one handicap rather than separate one's at each club.

Additionally we believe it's important to support the USGA, the national body overseeing amateur golf in America. A portion of your handicap fee goes to the FSGA to support amateur and junior golf in Florida, and a portion to the USGA to support amateur and junior golf throughout the country. As this is news to us as well, we will investigate this opportunity for its merit and keep an eye on its development.

Currently, The Villages has no plans or intentions of switching handicapping services for the reasons outlined above. In light of the recent press releases by both the NFPGA and FSGA, we felt it prudent to communicate to you The Villages position on this matter.