



Birdie Lesson Guide Week of May 11, 2020 (ltr)

This week we are going to look at an official score card and discover what all those numbers mean.

For the activity you will need a pair of dice (or cards Ace-6 and 7,8,9,10,J,Q). If you do not have either of these, write the individual numbers on separate pieces of paper and turn over or fold so you are unable to see them. You will need the picture of the scorecard attached to this lesson, a notepad or paper and pencil.

Inspect the scorecard first. The first photo is of the front nine, the second photo is the back nine.

- In the upper left corner you will find **the Course Rating** and the **slope rating**.
 - Red, White and Blue are the tee markers the measurements are taken from
 - These numbers are measured by the difficulty of each hole for the “average” golfer and used with your handicap as an equalizer to make the game challenging for all
- **Back:** To the right of this block is the number 511. That is the total yardage of the hole from the **Back Tees** or the **Blues**
- **Middle:** To the right of this block is the number 511. That is the total yardage of the hole from the **Middle Tees** or the **Whites**
- **Forward:** To the right of this block is the number 417. That is the total yardage of the hole from the **Forward Tees** or the **Reds**
- **Moving to the far right you will see a large number. That is the total yardage for those 9-holes.**

The Tees you choose to play are based on your abilities as a golfer, beginner, senior, junior, female, amateur, professional

- **PAR:** This is the number of shots that an expert golfer should take to complete the hole
 - A Par 5 means that if you expect to two-putt, it should take the expert 3 shots to get to the green
 - A Par 4 means that if you expect to two-putt, it should take the expert 2 shots to get to the green
 - A Par 3 means that if you expect to two-putt, it should take the expert 1 shot to get to the green
- Moving to the far right of the card from PAR is the total number of all holes on the front nine

This is based on the length and difficulty of the hole. As you learned at the PAR Level, it is always a good idea to establish your own Personal Par for each hole based on your skill level. This makes the game more fun, less frustrating and a great way to measure your progress.

- Handicap: In the box to the right of “Handicap” you will see the number 3.
 - This is the level of difficulty of this hole, meaning it is the 3rd most difficult hole on the course
 - Now, look across that line and tell us what those numbers have in common.
 - Once you have established a handicap, you will use your “strokes” on the holes based on the most difficult to the least difficult.
 - If I had a 20 handicap, it would mean that I get one stroke on each hole and two strokes on the two most difficult holes if I’m playing an 18-hole round. If I am playing 9 holes, I would cut my handicap in half (10), and would get a stroke on each hole plus an extra stroke on the most difficult hole on that nine.

This makes the game of golf more fun than many other sports in that golf allows you to level the playing field. An expert golfer can still enjoy his/her round and competition with a less experienced golfer when using handicaps. Ex: the expert makes PAR on the most difficult hole, the less experienced player double bogies the hole, but with the handicap strokes they tie the hole.

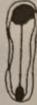
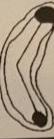
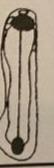
There are four blank spaces, in pairs. This is where you put your name, your partners name and the lower spots are for your opponents.

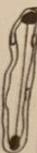
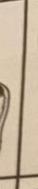
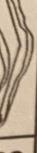
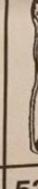
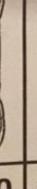
- Notice the **+0**: this is for keeping score of the match between two teams. It could be for match play format or stroke play
- **HOLE**: This is the number of the hole you are playing.
 - Remember, if you begin your round on a hole other than #1, write your score in the box for the hole you are actually playing

Finally, on the second card (back nine) you will see **Date, Scorer, Attest**

At the end of your round, you should (or must in a tournament) put the date the round was played. The scorer must sign the card and one of the other players must attest by signing the card only after the players have reviewed and agree on the score and totals.

Now, let’s play! Roll one die for par 3’s and two dice for 4’s and 5’s. Record the number you rolled under the first hole. Continue to complete each of the 18 holes. Add your score at the end to see if you are over par or under par. We will compare scores at our next virtual meeting. To make it more challenging, if you have a handicap, mark the holes you would get strokes on. At the end figure out your “net” score. (subtract the handicap strokes from your gross score.

	Ydge. Rating	Slope Rating										
Red	70.1	116										
White	69.8	115										
Blue	71.5	118										
BACK			511	*208LT *186RT	363	181LT	445	355	395	433	510	3401
MIDDLE			511	*161LT *129RT	363	181LT 145RT	371	338	371	402RT 389LT	469	3167
FORWARD			417	*161LT *129RT	337	181LT 145RT	244	267	290	302	376	2575
PAR			5	3	4	3	4	4	4	4	5	36
HANDICAP			3	15	9	17	7	5	11	1	13	
+ - 0												
HOLE			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	OUT

													
	388	391	380	190	509	215	530	399	402	3404	3401	6805	
	388	354	380	133	476	209	520	399	402	3261	3167	6428	
	323	312	304	133	394	167	435	305LT 351RT	311	2730	2575	5305	
	4	4	4	3	5	3	5	4	4	36	36	72	
INITIALS	2	10	8	18	14	16	6	4	12				
+ - 0													
HOLE	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	IN	OUT	Total	HCP

DATE: _____ SCORER: _____ ATTEST: _____

