

## Scratch Golf Group History

### A Little History:

Once upon a time, about 2005, a small group of low handicappers' (3-6 players) got together informally and decided to form a group that played and competed without any handicaps, hence, the name – Scratch Golf Group.

In those days, we were all younger and played from the Blue tees. The group attracted several of the better players in Sun City Grand and grew to about 3-4 foursomes and the game format continued to evolve, but everything was scratch.

Here is a score card of a “Dream Team” back in those days of playing scratch:

HOLE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	OUT	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	IN	TOT	HCP	NET	
Championship	402	382	152	552	425	211	509	384	398	3415	N	412	592	398	363	217	439	435	206	529	3591	7306		
Grand	373	352	143	506	376	173	474	355	351	3103	I	377	524	347	338	191	391	386	170	479	3203	6306		
Vintage	312	330	116	489	351	152	409	325	330	2814	T	351	494	323	314	166	365	360	153	451	2977	5791		
Forward	303	292	91	456	319	128	391	303	284	2567	A	324	467	277	295	141	349	335	112	416	2716	5283		
Handicap	5	11	15	7	9	17	13	1	3		L	8	2	10	14	18	4	6	16	12				
Leah Chapman	3	4	2	4	4	3	4	3	3	30		5	5	4	4	3	4	3	4	4	36	66		
Dave Sapke	3	5	3	4	4	3	5	5	4	36		4	4	4	5	3	4	3	4	4	35	71		
Larry Crider	5	4	2	5	4	4	4	3	4	35		3	5	3	5	5	5	4	3	5	38	73		
Rick Ulrich	4	4	3	4	4	2	5	5	4	35		4	6	3	4	3	4	4	3	5	36	71		
Par	4	4	3	5	4	3	5	4	4	36		4	5	4	4	3	4	4	3	5	36	72		
Score	-2	-2	-4	-7	-7	-8	-10	-12	-13			-14	-15	-17	-17	-17	-17	-19	-19	-21		-23		
QTR PT			1	1	1		1	1					1				1			1	2			
Ladies' Handicap	7	13	17	3	11	15	5	1	9			4	2	10	8	18	14	12	16	6				
Scorer: <i>Leah Chapman</i>											© Golf ScoreCards, Inc. 800910 1-800-838-1287										Attest:		Date: 12/3/10	

New members joined the scratch group and we had close to 5 foursomes at one time. That was a real mess trying to manage that many players.

I initiated a Scratch Ryder Cup match with PebbleCreek low handicap golfers and we played a yearly 2-day event the 1<sup>st</sup> week of April – one day at SCG and one day

at PebbleCreek. We could only take 12 golfers and I had a down-selection based on low handicap with some weighting to those that played more than 1 day / week in my group. The Scratch group won the Ryder Cup matches easily three years from 2009-12. After our last match, PebbleCreek wasn't very interested in playing anymore.

One of the scorecards from the 2010 matches from SCG vs PebbleCreek:

TaylorMade			
Pebble Creek vs SC Grand 4/17/10			
NAME	Front 9	Back 9	TOTAL
YANG / FARADNAUGH	1	1	2
BARNARD / STRALEY			
CHAPMAN / J JOHNSON	1	1	2
TIGER / CARLYLE			
JOPKE / REFFEL		1	1
SCHAFER / KRAZMAN	1		1
EDMUNDS / PALMER		1	1
BOHNKE / VOLM	1		1
NELSON / BERNYMER	1		1
BLEAU / WOLFF		1	1
HOLT / LUX			
MAINE / GALLUP	1	1	2
PROS	5	4	7
SC GRAND	5	2	5
PEBBLE CREEK			
MAXFLI ROSSA			

  

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DOWNES / CHAPMAN	1		1
BARNARD / GALLUP		1	1
FARADNAUGH / JOHNSON	1	1	2
TIGER / BLEAU			
JOPKE / REFFEL	1	1	2
SCHAFER / WOLFF			
EDMUNDS / B JOHNSON	1	1	2
BOHNKE / MAINE			
NELSON / BERNYMER	1	½	1½
KRAZMAN / VOLM		½	½
HOLT / LUX	1	1	2
CARLYLE / STRALEY			
PROS	6	4½	10½
SC GRAND	0	1½	1½
PEBBLE CREEK			
MAXFLI ROSSA			

We were feeling pretty good about our Ryder Cup wins, so I also initiated a SCG Ryder Cup tournament against our local Pros in early April each year from 2012-14. The Scratch Group amateurs won the 1<sup>st</sup> two years and the Pros won the last year. The Pros really looked forward to the matches. Some of our golfers that were not selected for the Ryder Cups during those years decided to move on and started their own group.

As we all aged, the Blue Tees become too long for some of our players, so I created a set of Blue-White Combo tees that we started using. Holes over 400 yards, we played the White tees. Par threes over 200 yards, we played the White

tees. I gave my modified combo score cards to Jeff Hochman, our Golf Director, and he liked the idea and created combo tees from all the sets of tees that are on today's score cards.

Over the years, we have migrated to the Blue-White tees, to the White tees, to the White-Gold tees and the Gold tees. I think the Red tees are around the corner for some of the players.

We have had lots of players come and go from the Scratch Group. Players have left the Scratch Group for several reasons – moved, health, formed their own group, etc.

In 2018-19, there were too many players in the group, and I had to downsize based on number of days played during the week with the scratch group and single digit handicappers. The Scratch Group had too much success in attracting players – we had too many players on Monday and Friday for that season. I can only book 5 foursomes (20 players) in Chelsea that can play together. Priority is given to those that play more than 1 day a week in my group.

A similar condition exists in 2021. Lots of great players in the Scratch Group and more people wanting to join. There were 31 players in January 2021.

Thanks.

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PS:

Here are a couple more scoring Records for the group.



Total Number of Birdies in one day.

Total Daily Birdies		
Date	# Birdies	Course
27-Nov-17	34	GFS
4-Dec-17	31	GFS
<b>15-Dec-17</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>DS</b>
2-Oct-19	32	GFS
16-Oct-19	31	GFS
17-May-22	32	CIM

Four Man Team – 1G + 1N + Birdies

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	OUT	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	IN	TOT	HCP	NET	
Blue	362	411	543	181	402	531	370	223	375	3398	402	388	517	226	407	315	426	220	540	3441	6839			
Blue/White	362	397	543	161	402	531	370	197	375	3338	402	388	517	195	358	315	385	204	540	3304	6642			
White	350	397	526	161	399	495	343	197	341	3209	387	360	488	195	358	309	385	204	506	3192	6401			
White/Gold	350	364	478	141	371	495	343	160	341	3043	347	335	488	155	337	309	349	178	506	3004	6047			
Gold	309	364	478	141	371	471	329	160	312	2935	347	335	447	155	337	275	349	178	473	2896	5831			
Gold/Red	270	327	478	141	332	471	329	135	312	2795	313	335	447	155	294	275	302	143	473	2737	5532			
Men's Handicap	7	9	1	17	5	3	11	15	13		14	8	12	16	2	4	10	18	6					
Tom Martin <sup>4</sup>	5	4	(4)	3	(3)	(4)	4	4	35		4	4	6	3	4	4	5	(2)	5	37	72	68		
Craig Stevens <sup>8</sup>	5	(3)	7	4	4	(4)	4	3	(3)	37		5	4	5	3	5	5	5	5	5	42	79	71	
Gary Hinley <sup>3</sup>	4	(3)	(4)	(2)	(3)	6	4	3	(3)	32		(3)	(3)	6	3	4	4	4	3	5	35	67	64	
Bret Baker <sup>9</sup>	6	4	5	4	6	6	4	3	4	42		4	4	(4)	3	(3)	(3)	5	3	(4)	33	75	66	
Par	4	4	5	3	4	5	4	3	4	36		4	4	5	3	4	4	4	3	5	36	72		
Team	0	-3	-6	-7	-10	-13	-13	-15				-16	-18	-19	-19	-21	-23	-22	-23	-25				
All Pars		1/4				1/4	1/4					1/4	1/4						1/4					
Red	270	327	435	127	332	440	279	135	278	2623	313	291	430	133	294	247	302	143	438	2591	5214			
Red/Orange	270	271	324	127	289	343	279	135	278	2316	261	291	335	133	294	247	228	85	365	2239	4555			
Orange	228	271	324	124	289	343	224	130	220	2153	261	213	335	108	230	181	228	85	365	2006	4159			
Ladies' Handicap	11	7	3	15	5	1	9	17	13		10	8	2	18	12	6	14	16	4					
Scorer: 1G+1N+Birdies											© Golf ScoreCards, Inc. 1/2019 1-800-238-7267										Attest:	Date: 10/16/19		

### Three Man Team – 1N + Birdies

HOLES	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	OUT	IN	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	IN	TOT	HCP	NET	
Championship	377	355	516	166	439	574	199	404	350	3380	341	406	422	531	416	156	388	221	548	3429	6809				
Palm	338	332	499	150	400	558	175	383	326	3161	325	380	382	501	395	135	370	192	527	3207	6368				
Vintage	320	317	473	135	377	532	167	364	296	2981	299	359	369	473	371	125	359	159	507	3021	6002				
Men's Handicap	9	13	7	17	11	3	15	5	7		18	2	12	6	4	14	8	16	10						
Kovnk 4	4	3	3	4	3	3	4	4	3	3	5	4	4	6	3	4	4	5	4	5	4	40	73	4	69
Johnson 4	4	5	4	3	4	3	4	3	4	3	4	4	5	4	3	3	3	3	5	3	5	35	71	6	65
Jankowski 8	4	5	4	4	4	4	2	3	3	3	4	5	5	4	3	3	3	4	3	6	3	75	8	67	
Baxter 9	4	4	5	4	5	6	3	4	5	4	4	4	5	7	5	3	5	4	4	4	11	73	9	74	
Par	4	4	5	3	4	5	3	4	4	36	4	4	4	5	4	3	4	3	5	36	72				
		1/3	1 4/5	-	1 1/2	4 1/2	1 1/2	2 1/2	1 1/2		-	1 1/2	-	3 3/5	-	3 1/5	-	-	-	-					
		1 1/2	5 1/2		7	11 1/2	12 1/2	15	16 1/2	16 1/2		17 1/2	20 1/2	24		27 1/2									
Forward	293	273	417	115	345	455	100	327	270	2595	260	322	330	431	325	110	300	123	453	2654	5249				
Executive	215	207	357	90	200	291	99	242	204	1905	197	225	237	333	200	110	240	95	346	1983	3888				
Ladies' Handicap	11	13	5	7	9	3	15	1	17		12	2	14	4	10	18	6	16	8						
Scorer:											Attest:										Date: 10/27/12				