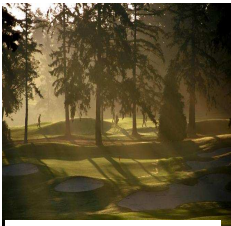


End of Season

SLOPE RATING, can two tees have the same?

Let's say the forward tee rating for men is 69.4 and the back tee rating for men is 71.1, yet the Slope Rating for both is 113. How is this possible?



The 4th green at Gorge Vale Golf Club, a perfect example.

Two important points to remember:

1. During the physical evaluation of a golf course, both the scratch and bogey golfer are taken into consideration, and;
2. Slope Rating is giving you enough strokes to "play down" to the Course Rating. The most important word in understanding Slope Rating is "relative".

Meaning: the number is only relative to its corresponding Course Rating.

Normally, the higher the Course Rating, the higher the Slope Rating. However, when Slope Rating remains constant from the middle to the back tees, it is usually the result of the location of the obstacles relative to the bogey golfer's shot patterns from the back tees.

This occurs most often on courses with many long par-4s. Remember we stated that slope rating is giving the player

enough strokes to 'play down to the rating'?

At times, a golfer playing from the back tees cannot hit the ball far enough to reach difficult obstacles (bunkers, water hazards, trees, heavy rough, OB, etc). Since that player probably won't get into too much trouble, he needs fewer handicap strokes to equal the Course Rating.

Excerpt from the OGA website—The Transition Zone

2011 Zone 5 Amateur Championship

The 2011 Zone 5 Amateur was held 30 and 31 May, at Royal Colwood Golf Club.

The competition was tight but Ben Griffin of Uplands Golf Club defeated the reigning champion, Brent Wilson of Gorge Vale Golf Club by the narrowest of margins—1 stroke.

The Zone 5 team to represent us at the British Columbia Amateur was made up of Ben Griffin, Brent Wilson, Dustin Pewarchuk, and Kevin Carrigan.

The conditions of the course were fantastic and all players raved at the opportunity to

play the championship on such a well conditioned course.

For 2012, the Zone 5 Amateur will again be held at Royal Colwood Golf Club.

Congratulations to all who participated and thank you to RCGC and our volunteers.

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Bruce Brown, the Zone 5 Men's Chair, presents Ben Griffin of Uplands Golf Club with the Leo Derman Trophy.



John Dunick, the Zone 5 Senior Chair, presents the Zone 5 Senior Championship trophy to Ray Henry of Bear Mountain Golf Club.

For the first time in anyone's memory—a playoff to determine the Willie Park Driver champion!

2011 Zone 5 Senior Men's Championship

The 2011 Zone 5 Senior Men's Championship was held 13 and 14 June at Olympic View Golf Club.

Like the Amateur, the competition was tight and Ray Henry of Bear Mountain Golf Club prevailed over Brian Murphy of Olympic View Golf Club.

The Zone 5 Team representing us at the British Columbia Senior Championship was made up of Ray Henry, Brian Murphy, Tim Howard (GVGC), and Art Carey. David Mears had qualified for the British Senior Amateur so Art as the next qualifier stepped up.

The conditions during the championship were very windy and the players found the course very challenging.

The venue for the 2012 Zone 5 Senior Men's Championship has not been finalized yet, but watch our website for upcoming news.

2011 Willie Park

For the first time in memory there was a playoff to determine the champion of the A Division of the Willie Park Interclub.

At the end of the competition, Uplands and Gorge Vale were tied with 53.5 points. Victoria Golf Club, the perennially champions were in third place with 51.5 points.

A playoff to determine

the champions was played at Royal Colwood Golf Club.

The competition again was very close—there was almost a requirement to have the two team captains playoff. Uplands prevailed by 1 point over Gorge Vale.

The class of the Willie Park "B" Division in 2011 was Bear Mountain Golf Club.

Ray Henry and his team

played very well and finished 11 points ahead of second place Olympic View.

Congratulations to all competitors, and all the clubs for the fantastic job of hosting these matches.

Following the rules of the competition, Cordova Bay will compete in the B Division, and Bear Mountain will compete in the A Division in 2012.

2011 Harry Young Memorial

Like the Willie Park A Division, the Harry Young Memorial Interclub was a very closely contested competition in 2011. There were only 6 points separating 1st

and 3rd.

Congratulations to Bear Mountain for winning in convincing fashion. They won all their home matches and only lost 3

of their away matches.

Congratulations to all competitors, and all the clubs for the splendid job of hosting these matches.

2011 Winter Buttons

For 2011 the format for the Winter Buttons (formally known as the City Buttons) was changed to two divisions much like the Willie Park Interclub.

The winner of the A Division was Glen Meadows by 1 point over Victoria Golf Club. The winner of the B Division was Royal Colwood who will play in the A Division this winter.

Olympic View will play in the B Division this winter. Congratulations to all the competitors and thank you to all the Clubs that hosted the matches.

2011 Senior Buttons

From April to October, 132 matches were played amongst the 18 hole clubs in Zone 5 by Seniors!

Golf Club, Terry Campbell and Dave McCall, recorded 9.5 points and finished first to earn the Buttons.

Clubs that hosted the matches.

After all these matches, the team from Uplands

Congratulations to all the competitors and thank you to all the

2011 Senior Interclub

From April to October, each 18 hole club had 6 different seniors play 22 matches. This accounted for approximately 540 different seniors playing home 'n away matches throughout the Zone.

After all these matches, the gang from Bear Mountain has secured the Feather Ball trophy.

This competition differs from the Senior Buttons because handicaps are used. The seniors from Bear Mountain amassed

a total of 81 points. Each match has a total of 6 points available.

Congratulations to all the competitors and thank you to all the Clubs that hosted the matches.

2011 Provincials & Nationals

This year the Zone was represented at the British Columbia Mid-Am, Amateur, and Senior Championship. Our team of Ben Griffin, Brent Wilson, Dustin Pearchuk, and Kevin Cargan won the Zone Championship at the

Amateur. The Zone also had players compete at the National Amateur, Mid-Amateur and Senior Championships. Cory Renfrew, Craig Doell, Jarred Callbeck and Parker Lilly all made the cut at the Canadian Amateur with Cory fin-

ishing 3rd. Brent Wilson, Cory Renfrew, Ben Griffin, Matt Tindale, Bryan Scott and Paul Hansen all made the cut at the Canadian Mid-Am with Cory and Brent finishing 2nd and 3rd respectively. Well done to all!

Did you know that over 540 seniors compete for their individual clubs in 44 matches to decide the Senior Interclub!



2011 Vancouver Island Open

This year would have marked the 60th year of running the Vancouver Island Open.

Since 2006 the tournament has been held at Westin Bear Mountain Golf Resort and Spa.

The first three years the tournament was held in the spring as a season opener, due to weather problems, the tournament was moved to the fall and acted as the season closer.

Over those first four years, sponsorship to the tournament dwindled and subscription dropped to a low of 40 players last years.

This prompted the Executive Committee and the Tournament Committee to consider a change to the format; changing the tournament to a two-man team best ball, two-man best net ball qualifying and match play. There were two divisions Open and Handicap

with space for 25 teams in each. The Executive Committee also secured Title sponsors, a Gold level sponsor, four Silver level sponsors and several Bronze level sponsors. Unfortunately only 19 teams registered by the cut-off date. For the integrity of the tournament and to be responsible to our sponsor, we decided to cancel the tournament for 2011.

After conversations with players that had registered for this year's tournament, it has been decided to return the tournament to the spring timeframe and move the tournament from Bear Mountain. It was also decided to reduce the tournament from 2 complete weekends to 1, and remove the Match Play component so the tournament would be a 36 hole stroke play

tournament in the format of 2 man best ball. There will be an Open Division, Amateur Net Division, and a Senior Division. There won't be any restrictions or caps on division subscription and there will be a banquet following the tournament to present trophies.

The Executive Committee would like to thank Stew Young of the Alpine Group, Pier Bistro, and the Fountain Diner; Mike Pearce and Chris Gill of the Condo Group; Mike Gibbins of Victoria Municipal Maintenance Corp; Ron Cheeke of the Loghouse Pub and Liquor Store; Bob Saunders of Saunders Subaru; Allan Gossman of The Island Golfer; Jeff Nahnybida of Hendry Swinton McKenzie Insurance, Vic Lum of Wellburn's Market, Jordan Ray of Westin Bear Mountain Golf Resort & Spa, Robin Hutchinson, Jim Cook for their generosity and understanding.

Standby for an announcement regarding the 2012 Vancouver Island Open.

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Zone 5 Men's Awards Night

October 15, 2011

Gorge Vale Golf Club

Cocktails—6:00 pm

Dinner & Awards—6:30 pm

See your Willie Park, Harry Young, Winter Buttons, Senior Interclub, and Senior Buttons Coordinators for details

\$30 per diner

12 diners per club

We're on the web at
www.bcgazone5.org