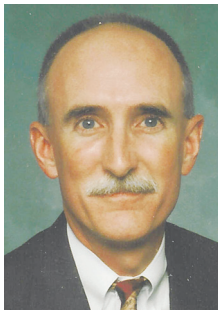


My LGA portal unveiled

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Beginning no later than January 2012, the LGA will unveil its new "My LGA" information portal.

The "My LGA" portal will be prominently displayed on the LGA's website homepage at www.LGAgolf.org. The portal, available to all LGA members that participate in the LGA Handicap Network (LHN), is where members will go to post a score, register for a Championship, register for a seminar, etc.....anything a member needs to do relative to the LGA may be done via the "My LGA" portal. Members will be pleased to know that they will only need one username and one secure password to perform any task associated with the LGA. For those individuals that have previously posted scores online, their username and password will remain the same when initially logging into the system. For those never having posted a score online, their initial username will be their current 8-digit LGA Handicap Network number (that's the number listed on one's handicap revision card available at the LGA Handicap Network kiosk at your club. Their initial password will be their last name. The first time one logs onto the "My LGA" portal, however, the system will force the individual to change their username and password. The LGA is encouraging its members to use their email address as their username as all email addresses are unique.



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REVAMPED WWW.LGAGOLF.ORG WEBSITE SOON

In addition to the "My LGA" portal mentioned above, the LGA is in the process of revamping its LGAgolf.org website. Working with its technology partner, GolfNet, LGA staff has been working for the last number of months to give LGAgolf.org a fresh look that will be more informative as well as more user-friendly. The plan, at present, is to transition to the 'new' LGAgolf.org the same week that the transition to the new GN21 handicapping system takes place for all LGA Member clubs in early December.

NEW USGA HANDICAP SYSTEM LICENSING PERIOD BEGINS JANUARY 2012

Over the past number of months, the LGA has been busy helping its member clubs become

re-licensed to provide approved USGA Handicap Indexes to their members. Every four years the USGA requires any club that desires re-licensing to provide verification that its Handicap Chairperson(s) can exhibit the requisite knowledge of the USGA Handicap System. The re-licensing process requires that each member club attend a USGA-approved Handicap System seminar and pass a quiz on the information presented.

The LGA has conducted seven such seminars so far during calendar year 2011 and has scheduled two more before Thanksgiving to give any clubs not having met that requirement another opportunity before time runs out. If you're not sure whether or not your club has met this requirement don't hesitate to pose that question to your club's staff. If your club has not met this requirement by January 1, 2012, the handicap index that is provided to you by your club will not be USGA approved.

LOUISIANA GOLF ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES 2012 CHAMPIONSHIPS SCHEDULE

The Louisiana Golf Association is pleased to announce its 2012 Championships Schedule.

The LGA will again host nine championships starting with the Club Team Championship in late-April and finishing with the Senior Four-Ball Championship in mid-September.

The season will be headlined by the 93rd Amateur Championship at TPC Louisiana in New Orleans. Site of the PGA Tour's annual Zurich Classic, the TPC Louisiana track is hosting this championship for the second time in six years, having also served as the Championship venue in 2007. The Pete Dye-design is also scheduled to host the 2013 LGA Junior Amateur and 2015 LGA Mid-Amateur.

Squire Creek Country Club in Choudrant, just east of Ruston, will be ready to challenge the best 25 years of age and older players in the 2012 Mid-Amateur Championship. Designed by Tom Fazio, Squire Creek has been ranked as either the No. 1 or No. 2 course in Louisiana by Golf Digest since the facility opened in the early 2000s.

The year will kick off in late-April with Koasati Pines in Kinder hosting the Club Team Championship. Having hosted the LGA's Amateur Championship in 2010 and its Four-Ball Championship last year, players should be familiar with this challenging, yet fun track. The extremely popular Ryder Cup event will pit six man teams from LGA member clubs against each

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