IBM Handles Handicaps for Four Cleveland Clubs

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Bill Wehnes, member of the Canterbury CC in Cleveland, has worked out a handicap computing system with the Electronic Tabulating Co. of that city and four Cleveland area clubs are now using the service. A charge of $1.25 per member per season is made for computations on a once-a-month basis while those clubs that want handicaps brought up to date every two weeks pay $2.25 per member.

Here is how the system works: The member fills in an IBM card after each round and turns it over to the handicap chmn. All cards are sent to the computing firm at the end of the week. The IBM machines - puncher, verifier, sorter, collator, accounting machine and summary punch - handle the routine. One hundred names can be listed on a summary sheet, five of which are sent to each club for posting.

The card filled out by the member has blanks for inserting his name, club name, date, score and a permanent index number that is assigned to him for identification.

Based on 15 Scores

The summary sheet, based on 15 scores, if available, shows the averages of 10 low scores and five high scores. It also shows the name and number of the member and his current handicap rating.

According to Wehnes, the IBM system of computing handicaps works best if all clubs in an area agree to a standardized form for both players' cards and club summaries, and if all information is delivered to the computing firm on a day agreed upon.

One Cleveland club handicap chmn. says that the computing system's advantages are that it is accurate and uniform and takes a lot of pressure off the committee. Some clubs, however, have declined to use the electronic method because retired members like to handle the handicapping.

CMAA Retired Status

Thirty members of the Club Managers Assn. of America have requested transfer to the newly created "Retired" status. Men who are 65 years of age or older, who have been CMAA members for 15 years or longer and who are retired from active business pursuits, are entitled to transfer to this category and pay half-rate dues.