

Kidd Perfects Official  
State Handicap Sheet

**WILLIE KIDD**, pro at Interlachen CC (Minneapolis district) has developed a handicap system that has been adopted by the Minnesota State Golf association.

Kidd's system is kept on loose-leaf sheets. At the top of each sheet the name, average score and handicap of the player is written. On each sheet are boxes for the player's handicaps for April to October inclusive. The monthly handicaps are compiled from printed box scores in forms like the representative scoring record reproduced here:

## JULY

Ave. Score 80 Hdcp. 6

	SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.	Ave.
1st	85		80		84	82		83 7
2nd		79	x	79	81		83	81 7
3rd	77			x	79	80	76	78 5
4th		81		80	77	x	81	80 6
5th								
			89	75		86		83

Instructions for operating the system are:

Players start with handicap arrived at from his previous season's record or from most recent scores.

Handicap to be determined by using 90% of difference between average scores and par of the course.

All scores to be posted each week in place provided on chart within a 5 stroke range of average; scores of 6 or 7 strokes more or less than previous average to be posted in lower column, all scores over or under the 7 stroke range to be disregarded.

The average of all scores within the 5 stroke range to be computed each Friday, thereby establishing a handicap for the following week. At the end of each month all average scores to be averaged with that of the previous month, arriving at an average for the succeeding month.

The player then starts each month with an average score and handicap computed on his average of all scores posted during the previous month.

More than 2 scores per week are required to change previous week's handicap.

For example the chart shows posted

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scores and dates when made, also how averages and handicaps are computed.

In match play competition handicaps to be used should be computed by taking 75% of the difference between competing players' handicaps.

### Can't Make Bent Slant Uphill, Monteith Tells Diegel

AT THE inaugural of that interesting event, the Inverness International Fourball Invitation, Leo Diegel and other famed pros discussed the possibility of bent stolon grain running uphill so players would not have to contend with the treacherous downhill grain in putting.

John Monteith, jr., technical head of the USGA Green Section comments:

"In order to force grass to grow in one direction it is necessary to keep constantly brushing it in that direction. Much less effort would result in eradicating all of the grain so there would be a much more desirable putting surface. I think one of the principal problems is to eliminate the grasses on putting greens that tend to grain decidedly. Many of the grasses that they use at Inverness are of this desirable type.

"Strains like the Washington and metropolitan, if properly raked and brushed, can be kept from producing an undesirable downhill grain. One of the jobs that pros have is to change the attitude of mind toward these grasses and develop a habit of acknowledging that the different bent grasses vary in this characteristic.

"One of the most commonly planted strains, the Virginia, cannot be kept in good condition by any treatment. On the other hand strains like the Washington can be kept from producing a troublesome grain.

"Recently I had George Jacobus at Arlington and he was very much puzzled at the appearance of our Washington bent where we had no grain. When he saw the velvet bent and learned that it was planted with the stolon method he looked even more puzzled for he had the profession's idea that the word 'stolon' was synonymous with putting difficulties."

**B**EFORE the season opens see that your sand traps have facilities for convenient exit. Frequently, players scramble up banks to get out of traps and make good maintenance impossible.

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