## **Men's Night Handicap Tracking**

At the start of the season, a player's Men's Night handicap from the previous season will be used. For new players, ½ of the player's RCGA handicap will be used at the start of the season. Each week the player receives his score card from the pro shop with his name, his team number and 9-hole handicap for the current week. A player's handicap will be updated after each round. His handicap will be adjusted up or down depending on the number of Gross points earned. Stableford points are awarded as follows:

Other (3 or more over par: -1

Double bogie (2 over par): 0

Bogie (1 over par): 1

Par: 2

Birdie (1 under par): 4

Eagle (2 under par): 5

Example: For a scratch player (zero handicap), a par round is considered 18 Stableford points for nine holes. This is based on 2 points earned per hole for nine holes. For a player with a higher handicap, Stableford points earned are then added to the player's 9-hole handicap. As an example, if you earn 12 Stableford points and have a 9-hole handicap of 7.5, your gross score is 12+7.5=19.5. This means that you scored better than par by 1.5 points (19.5 – 18). In this example, your handicap would remain the same according to the table below.

The table shows the point steps used by the software to adjust the handicap after each round. The first column compares Gross Score to 18 (Gross Score minus 18). The second column represents the Gross Score for the round (9-hole handicap + Stableford Score). The right-hand column represents the increment by which the handicap will be adjusted up or down. The handicap cannot go up or down by more than 1.0 in any given week.

| Relation to Par | Gross        | Adjustment to |
|-----------------|--------------|---------------|
| (18 points)     | Score        | Handicap      |
| +5.0 or more    | 23.0 or more | -1            |
| +2.5 to +4.5    | 20.5 to 22.5 | -0.5          |
| +2.0 to -2.5    | 20.0 to 15.5 | 0             |
| -3 to -5.5      | 15 to 12.5   | 0.5           |
| -6.0 or less    | 12.0 or less | 1             |

Once the handicap is adjusted, the new value will be used in the following week's game.