



SCORECARDS: 6 - COMPETITIVE GOLF:

4-BALL BETTER BALL

David Weston, the former secretary of Enmore Park GC, writes the last, in a series of six, the correct way to mark a scorecard - Competitive golf: 4-Ball Better Ball.

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For the benefit of the PLAYER and those members of the Competitions Committee or Professional Staff who have to check that Cards in all types of competitions, it is important that they have been correctly marked and submitted. This sequence of illustrations has been devised to try to ensure that all Competitive Cards fulfil the requirements of the Rules of Golf.

In those Competitions where a computer is in use, the computer will total the Medal score, calculate the Stableford score or work out the Bogey/Par result.

The two most common errors are:

- a) Something other than, or in addition to, the GROSS SCORE is included in the box for the Player, or the gross score is absent.
- b) The Markers Gross score is not in the column provided, but is elsewhere on the Card.

The following 6 examples are given. For each there is an explanation sheet and an example of a card.

- 1) Individual Medal (*library doc: 1066*)
- 2) Individual Stableford (Ladies & Gents for differing Stroke indices) (*library doc: 1071*)
- 3) Individual Par/Bogey (*library doc: 1078*)
- 4) Bowmaker (3-Ball Team) (*library doc: 1084*)
- 5) Pro-Am 4-Ball Team (*library doc: 1088*)
- 6) 4 Ball Better Ball Pairs.

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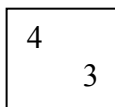
This is pairs competition, with the better net score of the pair to count on each hole.

In this type of competition, each player is playing for points on each hole:

3 under par	5
2 under par	4
1 under par	3
Par	2
1 over par	1

The obligations of the committee (Rule 33) and the player (Rule 6) are exactly the same as they are for Medal golf. It is strictly the responsibility of the committee to work out the Stableford points. Both the marker and player should check the net points total for each hole and the round.

Incorrectly marked cards which are received regularly contain both the gross and net scores in the player columns A and B, or the gross score and the points.



The above is incorrect and may be taken as a score of 43 for the hole. No points would be given for a hole marked in this way.

Columns A and B should contain only the gross score for the hole as in Medal play.

Prior to starting the player should put a mark or cross at the side of each hole at which he/she is entitled to a stroke and 2 marks or crosses at each hole where there is an entitlement of 2 shots. Some players prefer to circle or double circle the square. This enables the marker to calculate the points for the hole and record it in the column provided.

If you cannot score a point on a hole, please pick up.

At the completion of the round, the points score for each 9 holes should be calculated and written in the boxes provided. Addition of the points for each 9 holes will give the total over 18 holes for the team. This should be written in the box provided and then the card signed by the marker and one of the players as being correct.

Some markers will use columns C and D for their pairings score, others will split column D to keep a separation between the two pairs. Either is correct.

The following is an example of how to correctly mark a card.

COMPETITION INVITATION DAY										DATE: 14-07-05		Pinch indicator which tee used			
TIME	2-35	LENGTH	1120p	Green Field	PLAYER(S) : ABCID	Hand	Match	PAR	GGG	71	71				
AC B. FARNHILL			20	15 ⁰	N. HOWKER	17	13	PAR	888	71	70				
M J. NOLAN			5	4	A. EASTWOOD	12	9	PAR	655	74	73				
Hole	Pinch	Name	White Yards	Yellow Yards	Par	Stroke Index	Score			Handicap	Pinch	Score Index			
1	5	Judith	385	378	4	10	5			2	383	5	12		
2	3	Church	146	142	3	16		3		2	124	3	18		
3	4	Castle	369	362	4	6	4			3	345	4	6		
4		Lapwing	337	311	1	14		4		2	305	4	10		
5	5	Hartree	411	401	4	2		5		2	349		9		
6	6	Roughmoor	491	479	5	18		5		2	407	6	14		
7	3	Kingfisher	178	170	3	1		3		3	188	3	8		
8	5	The Barn	385	358	4	8		5		2	284	4	16		
9	5	The Pond	408	376	4	12		5		2	355	4	4		
17	3/4 A. OUT		3111	2977	35					20	2712	35			
WHITE DISKS ON FAIRWAY ARE 150 YDS FROM CENTRE OF GREEN PLEASE AVOID SLOW PLAY AT ALL TIMES															
10	5	The Oaks	437	430	4	1		5		2	428	5	3		
11	5	Dunligh	471	456	4	7		5		2	425	5	13		
12	3	Pheasant	218	202	3	3		2		4	182	3	11		
13	5	Quailocks	375	364	4	11		5		2	348	4	1		
14	5	The Lake	352	341	4	15		5		2	338	4	7		
15	2	Henn	168	157	3	9		3		3	141	3	15		
16	5	Wind Down	488	477	5	5		5		2	443	5	5		
17	4	Quarry Copse	320	313	4	17		4		2	289	4	9		
18	5	The Tor	498	491	5	13		5		3	421	5	17		
21	IN		3028	3241	38					22	3000	38			
Tees with															
Tees lost			OUT		3111	2977	35			20	2712	35			
Result			TOTAL		6494	6219	71			42	5718	74			
PLEASE REPLACE DIVOTS REPAIR PITCHMARKS										HANDICAP NETT		42		GOLFING WHITE WITH PINCH	
Mentor's Signature: N. Howker										Player's Signature: J. Nolan					

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