This is the quietest time of year for golf and handicap matters but I know that many of our clubs are busy cleansing their Central Database of Handicaps in readiness for World Handicapping.

I have received the final copy of the WHS manual and I understand that hard copies should be delivered to clubs sometime in March. All the formal Educational Seminars for Club Officials have been completed in our area and the next stage will be to start to impart this knowledge to clubs. Regional and County support will be available to clubs to deliver their sessions should they require it. Contact myself or the BB&O for further information.

Player's handicaps will be transitioned to a WHS Handicap Index around July this year. The information probably won't be made available to the player until nearer the switch over date of 1 November 2020. However, please encourage your players to submit as many qualifying scores as they can between now and the start of the new system. To obtain an accurate Handicap Index, the players need to have 20 scores in their playing record from July 2018. Players who do not have the required number of scores will have an adjusted Handicap Index. Acceptable scores are those from qualifying competitions and Supplementary Scores.

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