

Latest Upgrades to GolfLeagueGenius and GolfEventGenius

Our Geniuses are constantly working on ways to improve and enhance Golf Genius products to provide users with the most efficient, fun and user-friendly experience. Many of these updates are suggestions from existing users!

Below are highlights of new features and additions that go into each monthly update. Click on the links for detailed information.

May 2014

- **Bracket (Elimination) Tournaments:** Added extensive support for single player bracket tournaments
- **Round Robin Enhancements:** If teams have more than 2 members, we will automatically create multiple matches between teams
- **Half Shots in 9 Hole Matches:** Now support a "half stroke" system
- **Improved (Much Faster) Photo Upload:** Can now drag a group of files to the photo upload window, or select group of files and click open in the file manager to start an upload of a set of photos
- **Hole Location Sheets:** Can now print hole location sheets. User can store green depth with each course
- **Course Analytics:** Added a portal app to track average performance by day. This is a great way to see how the course plays in various weather conditions, and how tees compare.
- **Primary and Secondary Logos:** User can now load and specify a primary logo and a secondary logo; the same logo can be both primary and secondary
- **Open Registration:** User can now easily create a web form that golfers can access to register for a league or event. When a person registers, they are added to the player roster
- **Golf Genius Payment System - GG Payments:** A league or event manager can create invoices payable by members. The invoices can be mailed to members, with a button that will take the member to our payment processing system. Users can also simply go to golfgenius.com, click "Pay invoice", enter an invoice number, and again be routed to our payment processing system

April 2014

- Improved Support for Playing Front or Back 9 of an 18 hole Course
- Improved Support for Round Robin Flighted Events: Flights do not all play in the same rounds. For example, some flights play three matches on Thursday and two on Friday, and other flights play two matches on Thursday and three on Friday. For each flight, simply check which flights to be played.
- Instead of the typical 1 point to win, 1/2 point to tie, some events use 1 point to win, and -1 point for loss of hole.
- Tee sheets are needed by flight instead of by round - show the teams/players in the flight, then for each round, show the matches to be played.
- Members can now "pass through" from your website to the member portal
- Added a useful tool to create a player tip sheet and to optionally email to all golfers before the round
- Added live chat so that we can answer more questions while users are on our site

- Added the ability to create flights from a custom field
- Increased dots on scorecards by two thirds
- Performance improvements: most of these are "behind the scenes", but user will see a few items in the web pages, such as manage round player roster when the total roster is greater than 60 players

February 2014

- How do your golfers know a GGID with which to sign in? There is now a "Send GGID to golfers" action on the league/event menu. Manager can insert a message, and we will include the GGID
- New options for advanced balls. Example: "A player at gross plus best net of B, C and D players on the front 9 and best gross plus two best nets on the back"
- Improvements to match play. Example: User is playing flighted match play over 5 rounds, and some flights only have 5 teams instead of 6. You'd like the teams in these "short flights" to play against "old man par" in one round
- The Golf Genius mobile app will soon be available for the Windows phone. The app provides real-time score entry and display a real-time leaderboard for all tournaments being played
- Added a wizard to assist in league and event setup. When user creates a new league or event, they can choose to use the wizard or not
- Moved most of the actions for printing documents from the Round Menu to a new Print Center menu accessed from the Round menu
- Improvement to GHIN and Golfnet Handicap Index Retrieval. We now check the last name as stored on GHIN/Golfnet to the last name in the player roster. If they are not the same, we highlight this for further investigation. If someone provides a GHIN number that is incorrect, but still a valid GHIN number, we'll catch it and alert you.
- User can now restrict the multiple tee ratings adjustment (USGA Rule 3-5) to a course and not the entire field; there is a checkbox in the league/event profile to control this
- We now distinguish between a golfer with an index of "0" and a scratch golfer with no index entered (blank). A 0 index will be adjusted when necessary according to rule 3-5. A scratch golfer (one with no index) will have a 0 course handicap on every tee, even when rule 3-5 is in effect.
- For those who deal with "+" handicaps, we've made it easier to specify that a handicap index is +. Just enter a P as the first character in the spreadsheet column or on add or edit golfers - P0.3 is a +.3 handicap
- When user uploads a roster from a spreadsheet and use a column to denote which players should be in the same foursome, we will order the players in the foursome (left to right) as they are listed on the spreadsheet
- In our round robin scheduler, we now organize the first round by seed (lowest team handicap plays highest, etc.) and then build out the remaining rounds based on that
- Logos and banners are now stored such that when users creates a new league or event, the banners and logos from users other leagues/events will be there for you
- Added a very neat "test drive" feature to demonstrate various types of leagues and events; go to golfgenius.com, click "free test drive"

January 2014

- Product announcement! Introducing www.GolfEventGenius.com
- Visit new website representing our suite of products www.GolfGenius.com
- User can now sign-in with a user id/password or a GGID (Golf Genius ID) [Learn More](#)

- User can now set points and/purse for matches won/tied and holes won/tied
- Before user needs to tell system when a tournament starts and when it is complete, and this is done on the event menu. We have also added a "Not Started" state
- Gave user fine grained control on the ordering of pages on the TV Display
- User can limit the number of entities on leaderboard results to be displayed on the TV leaderboard, results displayed in iframes on other sites, and on the league website
- User has much better control over columns displayed under player roster
- Under the "Add Players" function, user can now very easily specify what divisions this player is to be in
- On the tournament summary page, there is now a feature to estimate points and purse for all tournaments, so user can see the big picture of what is at stake
- More scorecard printing formats including 9-hole scorecards, and can specify teams on spreadsheet also
- Visit www.GolfLeagueGenius.com and click on Features, user will now see a very complete description of our product capabilities

December 2013

- User can now upload a spreadsheet multiple times.
- Added custom field option in scheduling pairings. ex: foursome column in spreadsheet will now show up under scheduling pairings.
- Added option to show or hide purse/points in multi-event tournaments on leaderboard.
- User can now print PDF of player analytics.
- Now provide clear visual cues when moving a block of foursomes within the tee sheet.
- Now easier to set up a shotgun with multiple foursomes on the same hole.
- User can now include event results in season statistics under league profile.
- Added the ability to have user scored tournaments by team.
- Now automatically fill in the positions for you by sorting the players based on purse and then points after clicking "Recalculate Positions".

October 2013

- Added the ability for user to set a status for players who do not complete an event. From scorecard entry, user can now set player status by clicking on a player name.
- When using real-time score entry with iPhones or Androids, user will be able to see the exact state of foursomes on the course at all times. The number of holes completed on score entry is now updated every few seconds.
- Added an optional comments field for user scored tournaments. This then displays on the leaderboard.
- User can now export results to a spreadsheet. As announced previously, we also have a command to export the event as a spreadsheet.
- Look out for the small information icon where user can hover and get more information.
- Changed scorecard font to a standard Arial. We also made a number of other tweaks, including showing a player's quota when playing quota format.
- Improvements to the logo/banner upload page to improve usability. We've also increased the maximum height of banners.
- More improvements to most improved player app on portal.

- When user clicks to see hole-by-hole scores on a leaderboard, the scores are now color coded for par, birdie, etc.
- Enhanced photo upload.
- When using a Handicap Server to maintain league-only handicaps, there is now a portal app to show details of scores used to compute handicap index.
- In real-time leaderboards, we now show start time and hole for players who have not yet teed off.

September 2013

- Launched an iPad app for GolfLeagueGenius.com and it is now available in the app store. The app provides for very rapid score entry, access to our real time leadeboard, photo upload to GolfLeagueGenius.com and a number of other functions.
- Now provide the option to use the 9 hole rating/slope or to use the full 18 hole rating/slope to stroke the entire card and then use the appropriate 9 holes.
- Added an app to the member portal for most improved player. We calculate this using the USGA recommendation.
- Re-implemented the Enter Scores Page to make it much faster.
- Added a new option to tee sheet formatting, so we now have the current "horizontal format" as well as a new "vertical format".
- Now support posting scores to Golfnet. We store the scores with a league ID, and very soon we will be able to retrieve an index based just on league scores.
- Added tournament options when playing by team so that you can have team vs. team competitions (best 3 balls of team) even when the pairings are organized by team.
- Now provide the ability for you to control how display names ("handles") are formatted. This is controlled in the league profile.
- For those of you who integrate our tournament results into your web site via iframes, we now provide many options to select which tournament to display and whether or not to include a banner.
- Added a new tab to the event spreadsheet download. This tab provides first name, last name, starting hole and time. It is useful printing locker room labels and bag tags.

August 2013

- Support for front and back rating and slope for 18 hole courses, and explicit support for 9 hole courses
- Support for 9 hole indexes
- Guest can be added by golfers when they respond to an event invitation or register via the member portal
- Can now create "All-Season" divisions, flights and teams under the golfers menu, but you can also create event-level divisions flights and teams
- Added some options to customize the team standings app on the member portal
- You can now enter Stableford score for just 9 or 18 holes
- We now provide for an optional maximum course handicap in addition to maximum index
- Extended advanced formatting of scorecard to cases where there are four players on the card
- Can now add collage pages to the TV Display and will be shown in rotation

July 2013

- Added real-time scoring and leaderboard display. While entering scores on the mobile app, real-time leaderboards are automatically refreshed on PC, ipads and phones. From phones, you can access the leaderboard via the free app, or by entering the url for your portal.
- Support nine hole courses and 9-hole tournaments. We now provide full support for 9-hole courses and front nine and back nine ratings and slopes.
- Simplification of divisions, flights and teams. Teams no longer need to be the same size to be used in creating pairings.
- Added Daily Digest emails. We will generate a daily email, and send it to league managers. We will alert you about the state of upcoming events, let you know who has registered or unregistered for events, alert you to new photo uploads and league talk comments, and old events that are still marked as in progress.
- More information on events for calendar app. You can add information about an event that players can view by clicking more info next to an event date.
- More skins formats. Several months ago, we added "Silk Skins" and now we have added Canadian Skins.
- When you see the "spinner" when, for example, you are creating a schedule or scoring a tournament, you will see a random "tip of the day" so that we can do a better job of making users aware of our features.
- There is now a round robin app for the portal that you can use to show round robin schedules if you create these sorts of schedules.
- In tee sheet setup, you can now optionally select a player attribute, such as affiliation, that will appear below the player's name on the tee sheet.
- We have added a "Golf Tips" section to the member portal. These videos from PGA pro Brian Crowell will help you and your golfers improve your game. You can send in questions or suggestions for future videos.

June 2013

- When you print scorecards for an event, you can select a tournament, and we will print the scorecard as appropriate for that specific tournament format.
- Also on printed scorecards, we now properly display pair or foursome handicap for 2-person or 4-person scramble and alternate shot event formats.
- More informative Tournament Results.
- Added create a round robin schedule for 2-person teams.
- Added support for Peoria handicapping.
- Added the ability for you and your members to comment on photos.

May 2013

- Added options when scheduling pairings by previous rounds/series. There is now the ability to have a cut list and reverse horseshoe pairings.
- Improvements made on managing event registrations. League Managers can now revert manual adjustments they have made or restore their original roster.
- Team names can now automatically be generated by GLG to cut the workload of a league manager while creating teams.
- Advanced control on where the league logo and banner is used.

- Pair v. All Pairs and Player v. All Players is now an option when playing match play. (Simply put, match of cards)
- Introductory release of our TV Display. A slideshow leaderboard can now be on display on a TV.

April 2013

- Spreadsheet download of playing history for all golfers.
- Automatic creation of blind draw teams.
- Ability to designate team captains so that they can set who from team is playing.
- Advanced formatting of scorecards when just one or 2 players per card.
- Added player profile fields for affiliation and gender.
- Significant performance improvements in calculating leaderboard.
- Fractional points and purse (e.g., 1.5 points in match play).

March 2013

- Ability to provide league handicaps through a partnership with handicapservers.com.
- Post scores to GHIN.
- “College Scoring” is a new tournament feature. GLG can count the best x scores for each team, where you specify x.
- For leagues that do not want to enter hole-by-hole scores, there is now the ability to just enter 9 or 18-hole totals.
- The order in which tournament results is displayed is now under control of the league manager.
- Polls feature in league talk.
- When scheduling based on prior event, you can now have GLG copy the foursomes exactly as they are in the prior event.
- For portals with a large number of sections, we now provide scrolling on the navigation bar.
- New user interface for managing division, flights and teams.
- New user interface for creating pairings.

February 2013

- Upon login, you are taken directly to the league you were last working on. “My leagues” on top right populates list of all leagues.
- Ability to archive leagues.
- Numbered scorecards. Now at the end of a shotgun, it’s a easy to pick up a scorecard and find it in the tee sheet list.
- Ability to print player standings in one simple listing. You choose the fields, sort on rank, place in columns and print. Have a look at the example in the release memo.
- Alternate shot and scramble formats conform to USGA standards for handicap purposes, and it’s very clear on scorecards where scores should be entered.

January 2013

- The player roster can be configured so that members on the member portal can send emails to other members.
- Edit pairings have been simplified when having players on multiple tees.
- Percent handicap added to tee sheet printing.
- No longer a limit of two events on the same date.

December 2012

- On the member portal, you can now create a page that is very specific about tournament results—down to the date level or even tournament level.
- Skins tournaments have been enhanced with options for minimum score to earn skin and validation of skin on next hole.
- There is now excellent support for managers emailing golfers, selecting golfers via checkboxes, or by including/excluding divisions. There is now also a sent mail folder.
- When registering for an event either via email response or from the member portal, a member can optionally include a note (e.g., “need to play early”).

November 2012

- Support for automatic tie breaking using the most common methods.
- Rework of the tournament library. You can save newly created tournaments in this library and even indicate that a tournament should be automatically included in every event.
- Multiple tee support has been enhanced so that you can control which tees get the ratings adjustment—always adjust forward tees, always adjust back tees, or adjust tee with fewest players.
- Easier to see different tees in edit pairings.
- Tee Sheet Settings action added to the Events menu. Here, you can add text that will appear at top of tee sheet.
- Enhanced Help menu.