If we can still play, why do we stop posting in the winter?

Course and slope rating represent the difficulty of a course played under normal or mid-season playing conditions. The unpredictability of off-season conditions - a lack of foliage, lessened green speeds, reduced bounce and roll - can greatly affect a course's difficulty. The course conditions during winter months are inconsistent with the way a course was rated; posting these scores could affect a player's index.

A handicap index is defined as "potential scoring ability on a course of standard playing difficulty." Consider a player on a course that, during the winter, was extraordinarily easy because the tees were moved up and there was no rough. Such a course would no longer reflect conditions under which it was rated, so accepting even a few scores could change a player's index. The converse holds true for those facing quite difficult conditions, such as wet fairways or strong winter winds.

That's why many associations in areas where winter can be harsh set an inactive season, which often lasts from November to the middle of March. To provide consistency in posting of scores across a state or region, all clubs within the association's jurisdiction, whether member clubs of the association or not, must follow the inactive season.

Can I post rounds I've played anywhere else?

If you travel to St. George area, you may continue posting scores through the winter. If you travel out of the state to play, please check with a golf course staff member to see if you can post scores from rounds played at their course.

More resources and information can be found online at UGA.org, or by calling the UGA Office at 801-563-0400.