Annual update 2016, Switzerland

Beginning of year dialogue

Find out more about the Beginning of year dialogue!

Changes from 1st of April 2016

The current version of the software already includes all the changes which became active starting with the 1st of April 2016!
Updating the Wiki-Links with the relevant documentation is work in progress; the links will become available on this page in a few days!

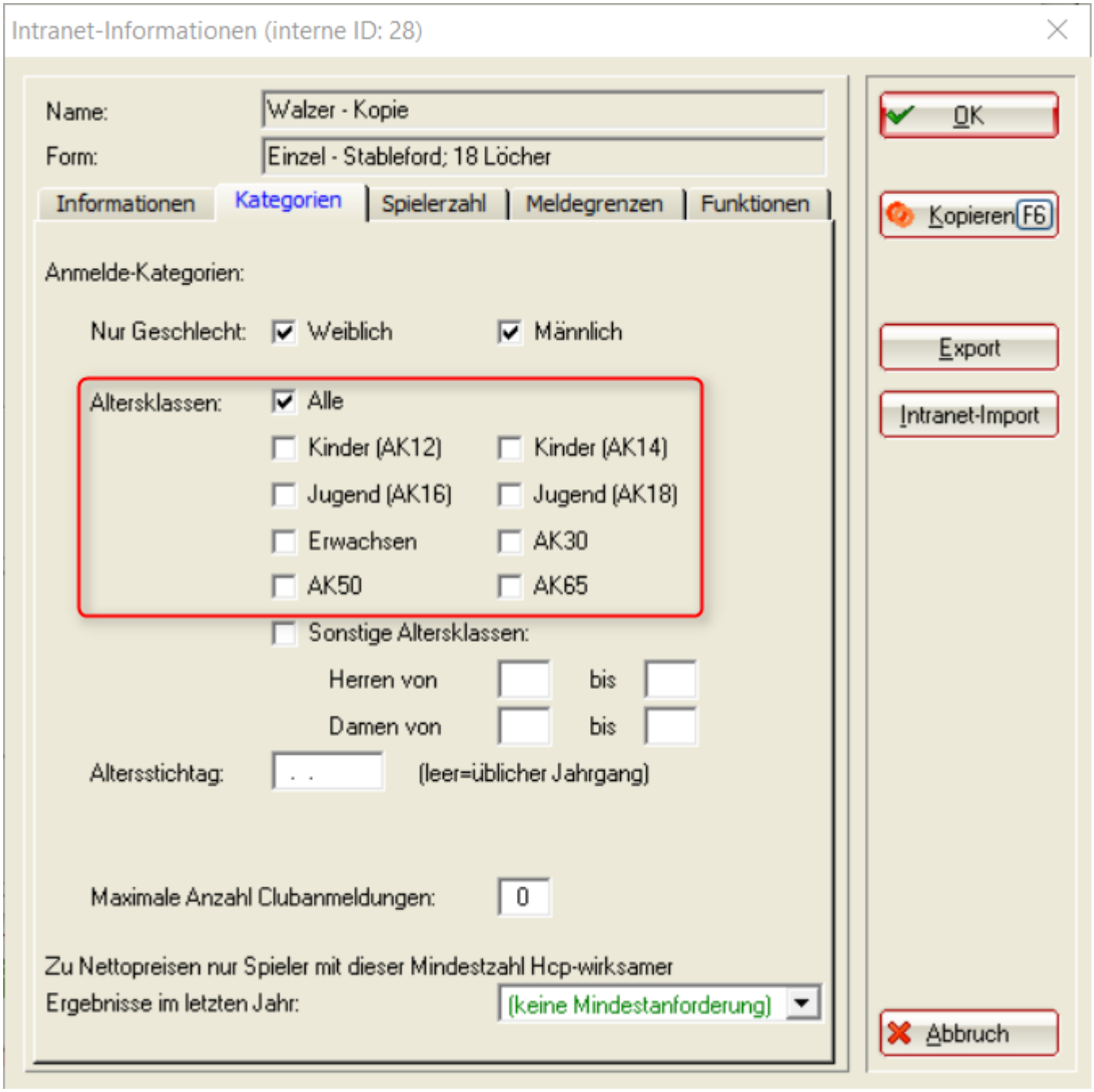
The deadline for all the clubs for changing the specifications was set together with the Golf association to the 1st of April 2016.

All clubs must have the PC CADDIE Version 2016 before this date. The changes were programmed in such a way that they will be activated on the 1st of April 2016, independent on whether the club has downloaded the updates in February or in March!
Information from the ASG: EGA Handicap System

Competitions

Age groups AG50 and AG30

The age groups AG50 (previously AG55) and AG30 (previously AG35) are now available for the online registration settings.



Tournament registration - Age groups deadline

Another new feature is the possibility to enter Flexible age-depending deadline for the tournament registration!

Tournament registration - Minimum number of rounds results

- The ***Handicap status active/inactive*** is completely eliminated.
- Starting with 2016, you can specify in the tournament registration ***the minimum number of results golfers must have in their master sheet*** in order to be entitled to the net prices. Read more under:Tournament online

- ***The number of played rounds is not transmitted via the intranet (for privacy reasons), in the Intranet guest players checking***. For competitions, the guest are automatically considered Non competitive, net. After the guest submits his master sheet, his results should be converted to Hole by hole results, which would allow the guest to also be offered the net prices.

Course checking during score card printing

Players and courses will be automatically checked at the latest when printing of scorecards.

Entering the results - Improved display

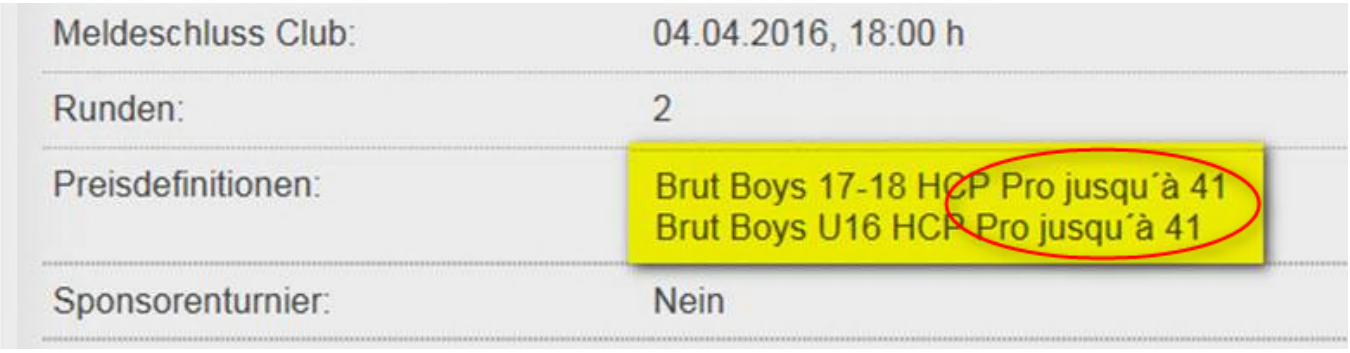
The Results input window has been extended. You directly see the slope and tee CR value for the player, and you can enter penalty strokes for the round.

Results - Penalty strokes for the round

When the tournament directors assign penalty strokes for the round (which are not to be added to the result of a single hole), you'll be able to specify this in the extra field Penalty strokes for the round

Prize classification with the EGA specifications class 6

Competitions that were created before the conversion of the EGA HCP system, or competitions copied from older ones, should be checked on the Internet in terms of prize classification indicators. When the prize looks like the one illustrated in the following screenshot (HCP up to 41 instead of HCP up to –), it is necessary that you ***edit the Prize categories in PC CADDIE for each affected tournament***, and then upload everything on the Internet again (the handicap limit 41 comes from the original tournament, when the handicap system was up to HCP 36, and therefore cannot be automatically changed):



Prize categories - Special awards

There are several possibilities to configure the Prize categories, which can also be done automatically using the **Wizard**. In addition to „Nearest to the Pin“; „Longest Drive Women“ „Longest Drive Men“

you can also define, for example, „Hit the Green“ or „Nearest to the Line“. Check out our online documentation: Defining prizes using the Wizard

CR-balancing for results list

Meticulous settings are needed for CR-balancing in gross. Study the CR-balancing options.

Foreign guests on results list

Starting with 2016, the differences between the handicap systems of various countries are o extensive that the ***foreign golfers' handicap cannot longer be displayed on the Results list***.
In particular, there are contries that still use a CBA, while other countries have completed abolished this adjustment. As such, the CBA values are no longer transmitted via the international interface (Intranet between countries).
In some countries the handicap classes 4 and 5 are no longer increased, while in other only the handicap class 5 is no longer increased. Because of these differences, the results of the golfers with a foreign home-club are seldom transmitted via the Intranet (if it is even possible between the two countries); the handicap, however, depends on the home-club.

Tournament completion

Handicap qualifying changes allowed

- Starting with 1.4.2016, it is possible to Change the Handicap qualifying after the tournament finishes, even if the results are already available.

Tournament completion logging

- Each Change of the "Handicap qualifying", made for a competition has to be documented and transmitted via the Intranet to the Golf Associations.

The Aggregate game type

- The Aggregate - handicap qualifying game type is now available as an Additional game-type option. The advantage is that now you have direct access to the handicap via the start-list, scorecards and results list.
- Setting the team ranking for pairs is still made individually, since, according to the regulations, the two players who are added together for the aggregate score are not allowed to play together in a game.

9 holes competitions, handicap class 2

The 9 holes handicap qualifying competitions are now allowed for the handicap class 2 (4,5 to 11,4),

and they are considered as such in PC CADDIE as well. The handicap class 1 can only be achieved in an 18 holes competition.

Match play processing

Match plays and their results can now be managed directly with PC CADDIE, and thir results can be transmitted in Intranet.
Read our Example of a single-match play and try it out!

Several rounds of several clubs - Tournament master

If one club transfers the tournament to a second club after the first round, and the second club imports the tournament and hosts the second round, this second club becomes the Tournament master in terms of the INTRANET.
If the fist club wants to re-transmit the data over the intranet after the importing was completed, they will receive a „warning“ that the 2nd club is the „master“ and they should at least be informed.

EDS - Extra Day Score

Allowable combinations of EDS and sweepstakes per day

- Only a 9-hole EDS per day is permitted in Switzerland (regardless of the ASG-course).
- PC CADDIE gives a warning if an EDS game was already played on a course, before the results of a player for a 9-holes sweepstake are entered: Entering the results
- PC CADDIE also gives a warning when a 9-hole EDS score card is printed for a golfer who has already played in the same place a 9 holes EDS on the same day. Find out more information about the EDS-Checking functions.

EDS and HCP class 6

- Until now, the marker had to have a handicap up to 36.0. Because the EGA-handicap has extended to 54, the marker can also have now a handicap up to 54 (if not otherwise stipulated by the club in the EDS-specifications). This change was also implemented in the EDS-Checking functions.
- Likewise, the handicap 36.0 doesn't need to be earned in the tournament, as there is no course handicap (37-54) anymore. The EGA handicap can be reached with Handicap 54.

EDS also with penalty strokes for the round

- The penalty stokes for the round can also be entered using the EDS Result input functionality.

EDS Result input with read-out function

- You can use the EDS-Results reading after entering the results.

Handicap system

The Handicap status "active/inactive" is omitted

The Handicap Status „active/inactive“ has been eliminated. PC CADDIE does no longer display this as of 1 April 2016th

CBA Changes

The adjustment of the buffer zones (CBA - Computed Buffer Adjustment) at the end of a tournament will be calculated only for the handicap classes 1 to 3. The minimum number of persons in a tournament from which the CBA is applied is 10 people for the CBA relevant categories (1 to 3).
The algorithm for the CBA-calculation has been refined and the reduction -3 and -4 deleted.

Load master data sheet from the Intranet

The loading of the master data sheet from the Intranet for new members has been extended. The list of entries is redisplayed before loading them into the final master sheet..

Master data sheet from 1.4.16

The Master sheet's format has also been updated starting with the 1st of April 2016. For example, the columns „ND“ and „SGD“ are new. These values are used for AHR's calculation (Annual Handicap Review).

EGA handicap class 6

The EGA handicap system has been extended. The EGA handicap class 6 (handicap 37-54) is new.

The initial obtaining of an EGA handicap

A player must present at least one Stableford result (EDS or sweepstakes) for 9 or 18 holes in order to obtain an EGA handicap.
EGA Handicap System for Switzerland

Annual Handicap Review - AHR

The annual handicap review (AHR) is maintained with revised evaluations and regulations.

- Here is explained how to handle an Intra-annual handicap review for the EGA handicap classes 1 to 5.
- Instructions for the ***Annual handicap review*** for the 2016 season can be found « here.

Step by step instructions for switching to the Handicap System 2016

Most Swiss clubs have already made the extension to EGA handicap class 6 at the turn of the year 2015/2016, so that they were able to order the members' cards.
The following information is relevant for clubs that haven't already made the switch:

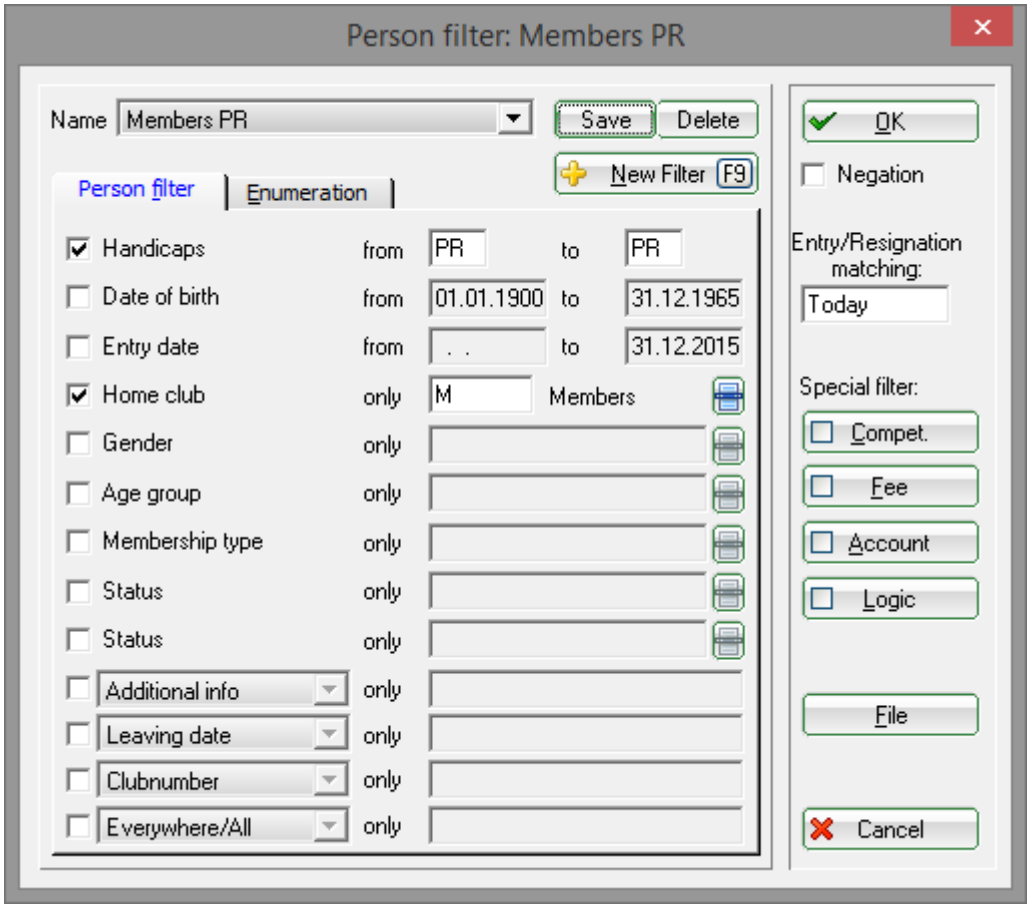
The new handicap class 6

The EGA (European Golf Association) extended the Handicap system with the new handicap category 6 (EGA handicap 37 to 54).
The PC CADDIE update including this change is available for download from 1.12.2015. The new PC CADDIE Version 2015b allows migrating all your certified players to the EGA handicap system:

- to EGA handicap 54, if the master sheet contains no better results.
- to the best EGA handicap that you have achieved in an EDS round or in a tournament since 01.01.2014.
- all other members receive an EGA handicap entry that merely stipulates the existing handicap. This means it is no longer possible to manually enter results obtained before this date (for example, tournament results from competitions which took place abroad). A handicap change is possible only at a date following this entry.

Preparation

First of all, print out the List of members for control purposes, in alphabetical order and with the current handicap.
You can also print out a second list, only with the certified players.



(Note: A copy of the master sheet will be automatically saved during the conversion. As a precaution, you can also make a Fast backup).

1. Download the update

Download the PC CADDIE Update

Important before loading the update:

- Make the update on a single computer, and make sure PC CADDIE is not opened on any other stations!
- The handicap conversion must be performed only once on one computer!

2. AHR (Annual Handicap Review)

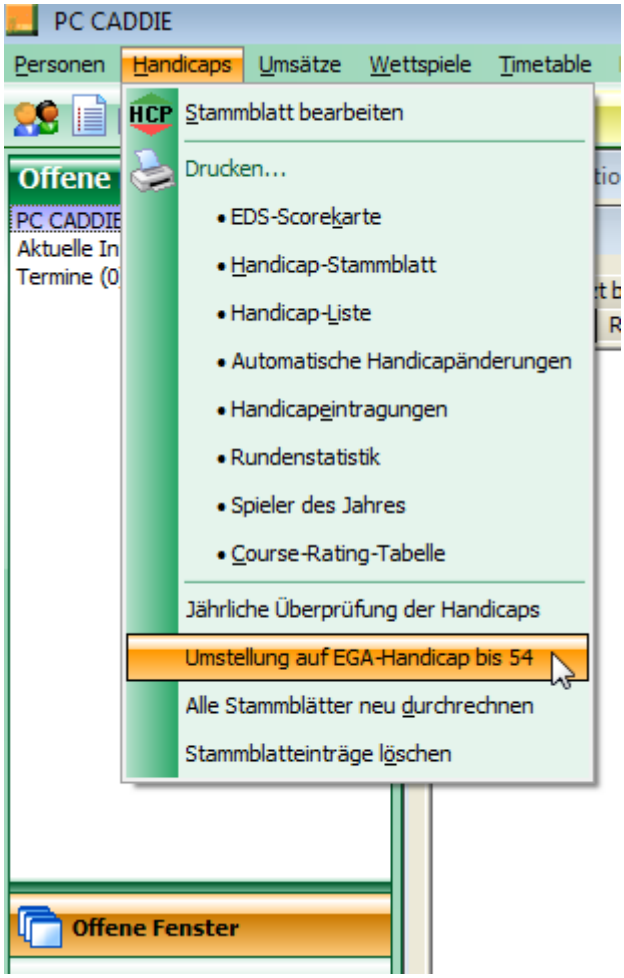
Annual handicap review

The AHR must be completed before ordering the ASG cards.

3. Handicap system changeover

Start the extension to the handicap class 6 only on one computer, via the PC CADDIE menu
PC CADDIE

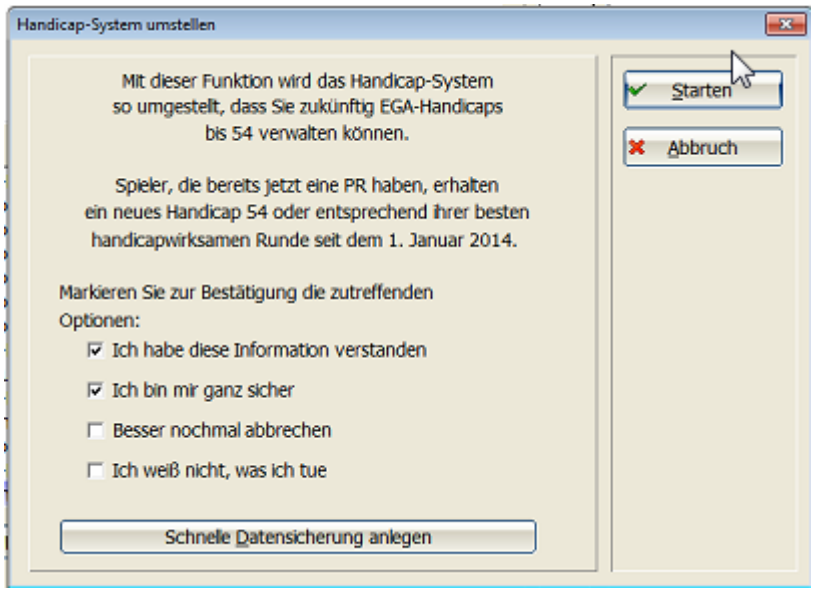
Handicaps/Conversion to EGA Handicap up to 54.



A safety query appears before the conversion starts.

Important before starting:

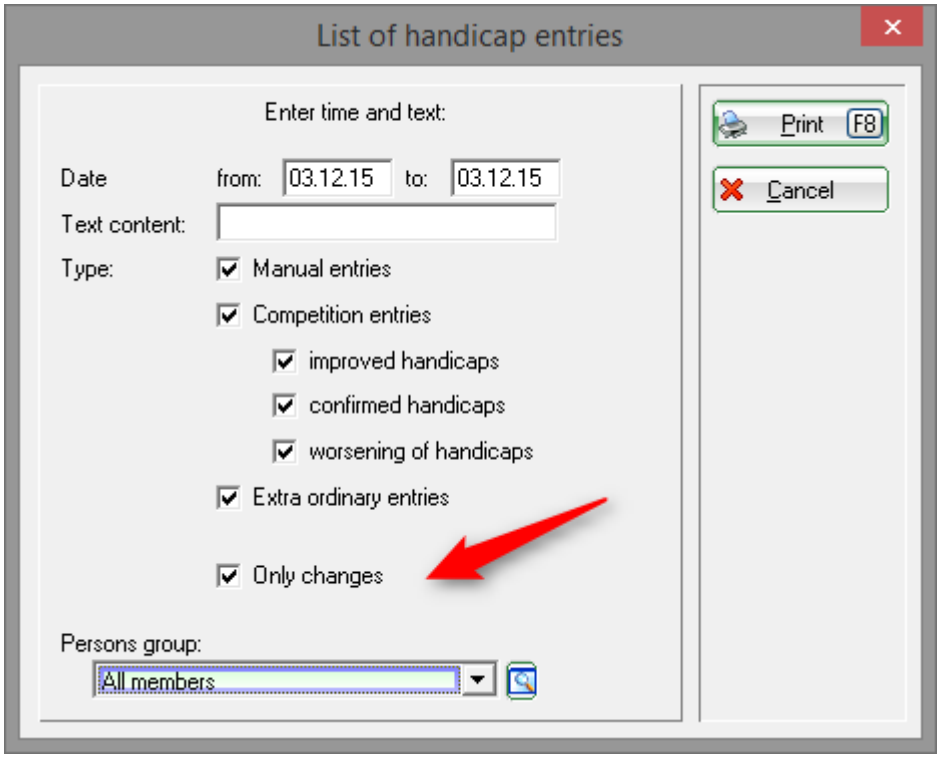
- Please make sure that you start the handicap conversion only on a single station. You may confirm the safety query only once!
- Always select „CANCEL“ if the safety query appears on additional stations.



The handicap system will be automatically extended to the EGA Handicap class 6 after you confirm the safety question.
And this is it, you finished! But just to be on the safe side, you should continue with the:

Control

After the conversion is completed, print the list of all Result entries since 01.12.2015 . Fill in the date (from 01.12.2015 to the current date) and check the box „Changes“. Check everithing.



Is everything done?
Then you can restart PC CADDIE on every other station, and the update will be automatically performed.

Members with modified handicap are automatically uploaded to the ASG-Intranet during the next Intranet calibration.

4. Order ASG license card 2016

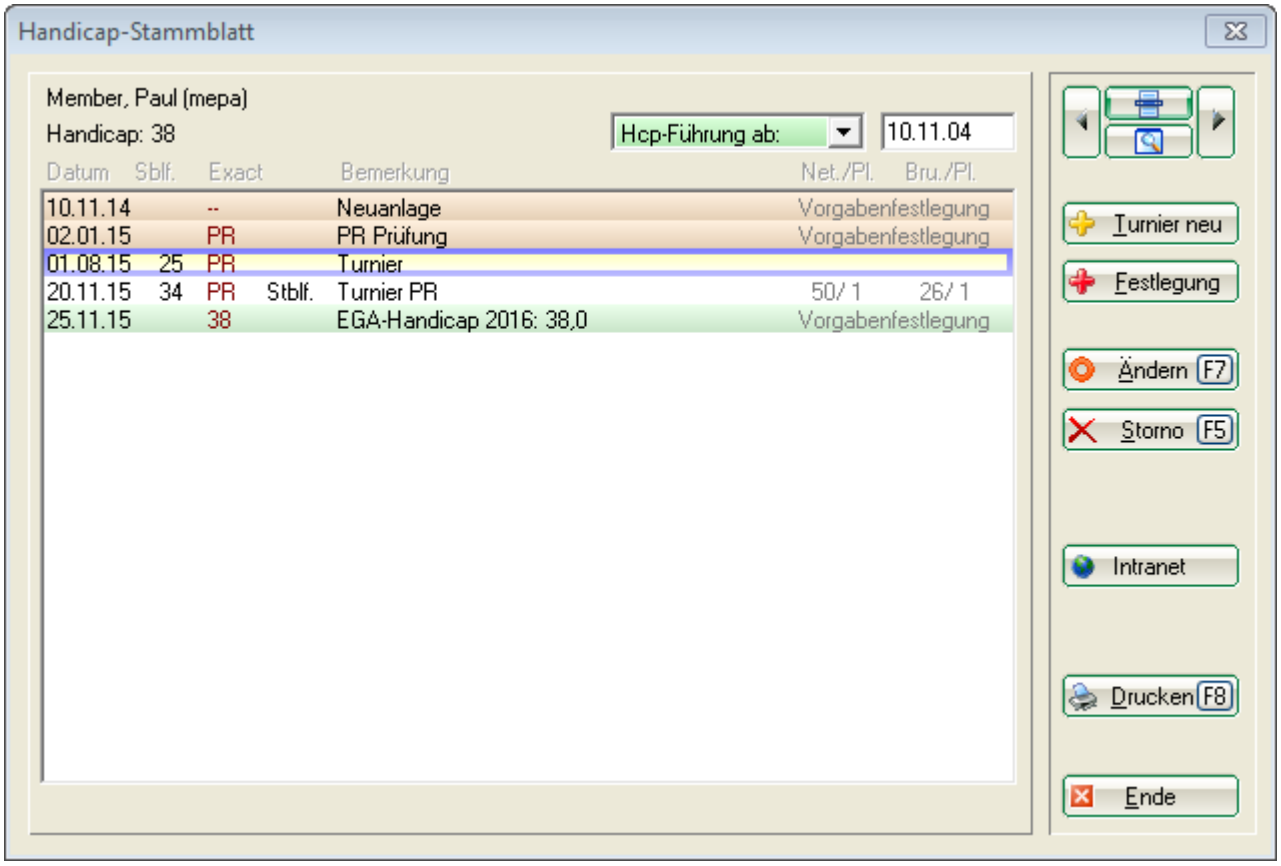
You can Order ASG cards for 2016 **after completing the steps 1 to 3**.

Junior on the ASG card

JUNIOR is automatically written on the card for players identified as juniors based on the ASG rules. In the PC CADDIE Version 2015b, this means every teenager younger than 18.

Example: master sheet conversion for a certified player

You can see the conversion to the new handicap after the update is completed.
Here is an example:
The best round score since 01.01.2014 was 34 Stableford points.
The result - as calculated by the previous handicap system - is: 36 for a certified player, the same as the HCP.
2 points are missing from the 34 Stableford points for playing the 36 handicap.
Thus, the player's new EGA handicap is 38 (36 plus 2).



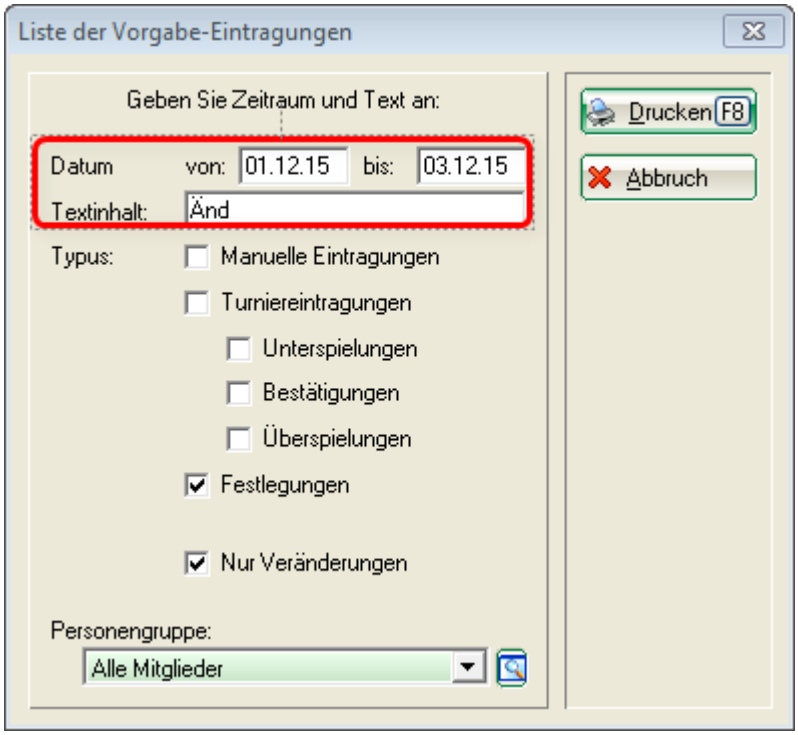
Information on the updates from 1st and 2nd of December

This information concerns only the Swiss clubs that have performed an update between the 1st of December 2015 and 10am on the 3rd of December 2015. We have already informed these clubs on the 3rd of December by phone or, when this was not possible, by email, about the need of performing one more update.
The concerned clubs were additionally informed (by phone or email) about the following check-list that needs to be printed!
We have twice determined, in exceptional cases, that some of the members' handicap was automatically rounded in the master sheet during the changeover to the new handicap system (for example, from 24,4 5o 24,0).

Therefore, please print again the following checklist:

Select ***Handicaps/Print… Handicap Record***

Enter the following settings: Date 01.12.15 to 03.12.15 and Text: Changes, as in the following screenshot.
The list will be empty if everything is ok. Please contact us at support@pccaddie.com if there are any members on the list, and we will correct the errors!



For the clubs that have already updated to using the handicap class 6 on 25.11.15 - please use the date 25.11.15 when printing the list!