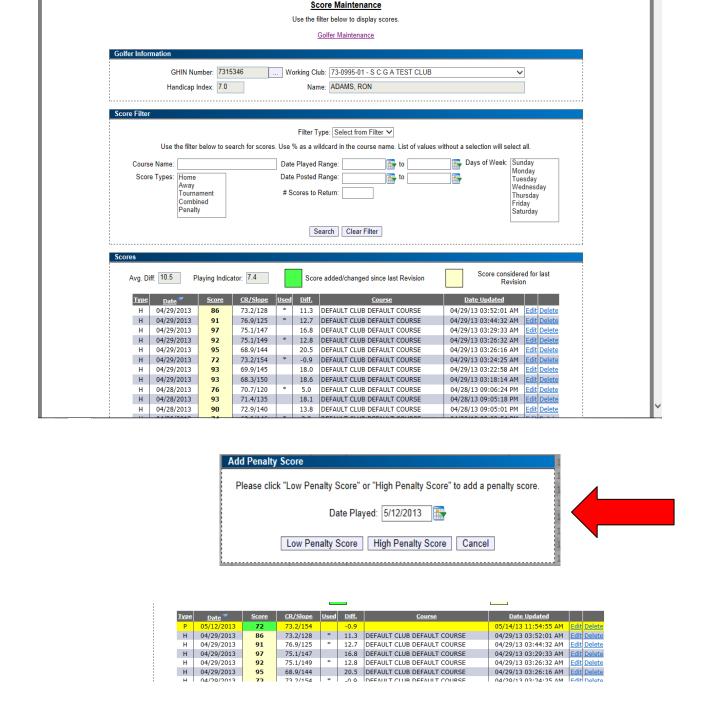
If you find it necessary to issue a penalty round for one of your members for failing to post an acceptable score, it can easily be accomplished through the club official's tool – GHP Online Club. From the Score Maintenance page, to add a **Penalty Score** click on the **Add Penalty Score** button at the bottom of the score file, select the date for the penalty round and select either a Low Penalty Score or a High Penalty Score. Penalty score will be confirmed in date order.



The system will apply the penalty to the date selected, which should be the date associated with the

missing round. The low penalty will replicate the lowest differential in the score file of 20 and is the most common choice by handicap committees in issuing penalty scores. The high penalty will replicate the highest differential in the score file of 20. This choice is often used in connection with players who appear to desire a "vanity" handicap and choose not to post their poor scores or who believe that a poor score not posted will have no impact on the calculation of a Handicap Index®. This might not be the case, as a poor score may be knocking out the oldest score, one that might be one of the better differentials. An individual might not be enamored with having a "vanity" player as a partner in a blind draw event. Additionally, a player with a "vanity" handicap might be taking the place in a tournament that should belong to someone with a legitimate, but higher Handicap Index than the vanity player.

If a committee wants to post the score on behalf of the player and issue a penalty score for failure to post, the committee has that right. If it wants the penalty to potentially replicate the committee posted score (maybe the unposted score was really good), it should post the score first and then the penalty score.

Remember to have your written procedures regarding issuing a penalty completed and available to the membership. All members should be aware of when and how penalties are issued.