



The Coach Approach

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President's Corner:

Spring Meeting Productive, All State Problems Looking for Solution

Hope you have "enjoyed" the long winter months!!

Our WHSGCA Board of Directors had our annual spring meeting on March 21, 1992 at Cherokee Country Club. I'm not sure if you remember that particular Saturday! I'll never forget it!

Many things stand out in my mind about that day.

1. State Boys Basketball Finals
2. Weather!
3. Productive Board Meeting
 - a. Officers and Committee Responsibilities
 - b. ALL STATE SELECTION
 - c. Spring Clinic

Many of you know Roger Weibe from Madison West. Not only have his golf teams in the past won State Golf Championships, but now he has the distinction of coaching a State Basketball Championship Team. I watched the entire game and couldn't believe how cool and calm Roger was throughout the entire game. As a former basketball coach, I'm sure I would have been going crazy!! He must have learned his tranquil personality from his many years of golf! Congratulations Roger on another great achievement!!

On the day of our board meeting, I left Appleton at 6:00 am and arrived at Cherokee CC at around 8:00 am. The drive was great as very little traffic was on the roads

and the skies were clear. After arriving in Madison, I talked with several people at Cherokee, and was informed that Madison was predicted to have 4 inches of snow that day!

Our meeting concluded at 2:30 pm. Walking to my car I was greeted with blizzard conditions of sleet, rain and snow. I could hardly get my car door open because of the ice accumulation. Needless to say, my return trip to Appleton was tedious. I'm not sure how long it took Dave Blake from Hayward and other Board members to travel back home but they certainly deserve a pat on the back for their efforts.

Our board meeting was very productive. Nineteen board members were present which speaks highly of their commitment to our association. Those not attending had great excuses except for Tom Conrad who was playing golf in sunny Gulf Shores, Alabama!! We were all jealous.

The minutes of the board meeting are in this newsletter. Please read them to keep informed about our various activities.

I would like to bring to your attention several key items we discussed at length at our meeting.

In the last year, we had several resignations from our Board of Directors. We have selected the following new board

members. These coaches bring additional expertise to our Board of Directors.

1. Tim Hansen, Notre Dame Academy, WISAA
2. Ken Kessenich, Pius XI High School, WISAA
3. Kent Wichmann, Johnson Creek High School, District 9
4. Bob Lehninger, Wisconsin Lutheran High School, WISAA
5. Ted Devine, Ashwaubenon High School, District 11

At our board meeting, officer and committee assignments were reviewed. Page 2 contains a complete list of assignments and officers for your information. Feel free to call any board member to express your concerns and offer suggestions.

I was not able to attend our Spring Clinic this year. I was attending a LPGA semi-

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1992 Golf Foundation of Wisconsin/ Wisconsin PGA Junior Golf Tour Schedule

June 19 Fox Valley GC, Kaukauna	GC, Hawthorne Hills GC
June 24 Riveredge CC, Marshfield	July 6 Pro/Junior Quit-Quit-Oc GC, Elkhart Lake
June 30 Monroe CC, Monroe (Boys Only)	Jl 6-11 Western Junior Champion- ship, Chicago GC, Wheaton, IL (Boys)
July 2 Dretzka Park GC, Milwaukee	July 7 State Amateur Qualifying, Thal Acres CC, Lake Lawn Lodge
July 16 Reedsburg CC, Reedsburg	Jl 7-10 Wilson-Geneva National Jr Championship, Geneva National GC, Lake Geneva
July 17 Hillmoor CC, Lake Geneva	July 13 Milwaukee Sentinel Junior, Currie Park GC (14-under), Wauwatosa
July 20 Northbrook CC, Luxemborg (Boys Only)	July 14 Milwaukee Sentinel Junior, Currie Park (15-18), Wauwatosa
July 23 Sheboygan TOWN and GC, Sheboygan	Jl 20-23 State Amateur, Meadowbrook CC, Racine
Aug 7 Oakwood Park GC, Franklin	Jl 20-24 66th National Jr Invitational, Blackhawk CC, Madison (Girls)
	Jl 28-Ag 1 USGA Jr Boys Champion- ship, Wollaston GC, Wilton MA
	Aug 3-5 WSGA State Junior Champi- onship, Rock River Hill GC, Horicon
	Aug 12-13 Junior Invitational, Lake Arrowhead GC, Nekoosa
	Aug 25-28 National Junior Champion- ship, PGA National GC, Palm Beach Gardens, FL

1992 Junior Golf Schedule

Jun 15-16 PGA Jr Championship and Qualifying, Yahara Hills GC, Madison
June 23 Junior Open, WI Elks Assoc, Riveredge CC, Marshfield
June 26 Badger State Games, Yahara Hills GC, Madison
June 26 Optimist Jr Qualifying, Royal Scot CC, New Franken
June 29 USGA Jr Amateur Sectional Qualifying, Maple Bluff, Madison
Jn 30-Jl 2 Junior Girls Championship, University Ridge GC, Verona
July 6 State Amateur Qualifying, Sparta GC, Sun Prairie GC, Hickory Hills CC, Willow Run

WGCA Officers & Committee Assignments

Past President: Lee Kaczmarek
 President: Mary Beth Nienhaus
 1st VP: Joe Harlow
 2nd VP: Don Marx
 3rd VP: Steve Hird
 Treasurer: T.J. Dieck

Committees:

1. Newsletter: Kaz
Secure Articles for Newsletter: Steve Stevens
2. Spring Clinic: Steve Hird, Kaz, Don Marx
3. Summer Clinic: Tom Conrad
Assisted by: Singh Grewal (Scoreboard, Etc)
4. Rules: Chuck Menzel, Kaz
5. Finance: Singh Grewal, Don Marx
6. All State: Ernie Niemann
Girls Rep: Don Marx
Boys Rep: Chuck Menzel
Coaches: Steve Hird

7. Special Projects: Ted Devine, Tim Hansen, Kent Wickmann

8. Membership Services: Jim Noltner, Dave Blake, M.B. Nienhaus

9. Membership: Joe Harlow

10. Awards: Dick and Kris McKichan
Plaques: T.J. Dieck

11. Fund Raising: Kaz (GMO Tickets)
Distribution: Bob Lehninger. Al Forsythe

12. Public Relations: Ken Kessenich

13. WIAA Report: Mary Beth Nienhaus

14. Nomination Committee: Mary Beth Nienhaus,
Kaz, T.J. Dieck, Dave Blake.

Lighten Up!

There are many misconceptions in the game of golf.

Having taught golf for many years, I feel one of the areas golfers don't understand is hand pressure when holding (gripping) the club. The word "gripping" in itself tends to give people the wrong impression right away.

Many beginners in particular, because they are somewhat insecure during initial learning stages, tend to grip the club extremely hard. Beginner golfers believe that the harder they hold onto the club, the more control and better shot result they will experience.

Almost the opposite will occur! A tightly gripped club will actually cause tension throughout the arms and shoulders and will result in a restricted motion. Clubhead speed will definitely be reduced.

Many analogies have been suggested in order for golfers to have a lighter grip. Some say, "Hold onto the club like you are holding a little bird, Don't let the bird fly away, but don't SQUEEZE IT TO DEATH!" Most golfers have a death clutch grip and KILL the bird!

Sam Snead has a great comment: "If a lot of people gripped a knife and fork like they do a golf club, they'd starve to death."

A firm grip is required so a golfer will not have the club slip in their hands. A lighter, more sensitive grip will result in less tension through the upper body, more body motion will result which can generate more clubhead speed. You will be surprised at the LONGER SHOT RESULTS you will achieve!

LIGHTEN UP FOR BETTER SHOT RESULTS!

Mary Beth Nienhaus

ENTRY FORM

**SIXTH ANNUAL WISCONSIN HIGH SCHOOL GOLF COACHES ASSOCIATION
GOLF TOURNAMENT, CLINIC, AND ANNUAL MEETING**

MONDAY, JUNE 22, 1992.

NAME _____ SCHOOL _____
 SCHOOL ADDRESS _____ CITY/ZIP _____
 HOME ADDRESS _____ SCHOOL PHONE _____
 CITY AND ZIP _____ HOME PHONE _____
 HANDICAP OR AVERAGE 18-HOLE SCORE: _____

YOUR ENTRY MUST INCLUDE:

\$59.00 FEE FOR GOLF, CART, PRIZES, CLINIC & LUNCH

ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY MAY 27, 1992 AND ARE LIMITED TO THE FIRST 100 GOLFERS.

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: WISCONSIN HIGH SCHOOL GOLF COACHES ASSOCIATION.

PLEASE RETURN TO: WISCONSIN HIGH SCHOOL GOLF COACHES ASSOCIATION
 C/O TOM CONRAD
 10660 DANA LANE
 SCHOFIELD, WISCONSIN 54476

PROGRAM:

June 22:

8:00 - 8:30 Rolls and coffee

8:30 - 10:00 Annual meeting WHSGCA.

10:05 - 11:00 Clinic (Golf Practice Area)

11:05 - 12:00 Lunch (Lake Arrowhead Club House)

12:00 - 2:50 Tee Times -

ENTRY FEE: \$59-00 includes coffee, rolls, clinic, lunch, golf, cart, and prizes.

RESERVATIONS: Entries to this event are limited to the FIRST 100 MEMBERS OF THE WISCONSIN HIGH SCHOOL GOLF COACHES ASSOCIATION who complete and return the entry blank, together with the \$59.00 and entry fee.

RESERVATIONS MUST BE POST-MARKED NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY, MAY 27, 1992.

WISCONSIN HIGH SCHOOL GOLF COACHES ASSOCIATION SPRING MEETING

DATE: MARCH 21, 1992
SITE: CHEROKEE COUNTRY CLUB -
MADISON

MEMBERS PRESENT: MARY BETH NIENHAUS, CHUCK MENZEL, ERNIE NIEMAN, DAVE BLAKE, TED DEVINE, T.J. DIECK, AL FORSYTHE, SINGH GREWAL, TIM HANSEN, JOE HARLOW, GENE HAAS, STEVE HIRD, LEE KACZMAREK, KEN KESSENICH, BOB LEHNINGER, DON MARX, JIM NOLTER, STEVE STEPHENS, KENT WICHMANN

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mary Beth Nienhaus at 9:05 A.M.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Minutes from the fall meeting were distributed, reviewed, and discussed. Motion was made by Al Forsythe seconded by Steve Hird that the minutes be approved as written. MOTION CARRIED

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer's report was distributed, reviewed, and discussed. Motion was made by Singh Grewal seconded by Ernie Nieman that the treasurer's report be accepted. MOTION CARRIED.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mary Beth Nienhaus related new envelopes and letterhead stationary were printed and available to all board members.

She also stated that there are members waiting to serve on the board in some capacity.

A concern for the selection of all-state teams was expressed by one of the members in a correspondence to Lee Kaczmarek. Kaz went on to explain the qualifications for nominating a player to an all-state team. Mary Beth then read a letter she sent to a concerned coach explaining why one of his players was left off the all-state team.

Kaz related some problems existed

especially with the coaches failing to adhere to the requirements of nominating players to a team. Some of them include: Coach not belonging to the Association, coaches failing to nominate qualified individuals, and coaches failing to meet deadlines for nominating their players.

Discussion was held on how to alleviate some of the problems.

A motion was made by Ernie Niemann, seconded by Al Forsythe that all board members keep track of players in their districts who have a possibility of being nominated for all-state honors, notify the coach of this and of his status in relation to the WWSGCA (Member or Non-Member). MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Dave Blake, seconded by Joe Harlow that all results of tournaments (Conference meets, Invites, Regionals, and Sectionals) be sent to the district representatives and that these in turn will be sent to chairman of the all-state nominating committee. MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Lee Kaczmarek, seconded by Steve Stephens that the nomination deadline be moved to the first day following the state competition. MOTION CARRIED.

Darby Schnarr was selected to participate in the National High School Golf Coaches Association All-American Prep Championship in Middlefield, Connecticut on June 22-24.

Lee Kaczmarek also related changes in the district representation plan.

Board members were also voted to the following positions:

1ST VICE PRESIDENT -Joe Harlow
2ND VICE PRESIDENT -Don Marx
3RD VICE PRESIDENT -Steve Hird

Committee assignments were made to fill vacancies on various committees.

WSGA REPORT

Gene Haas related a problem of conflicting dates with the WIAA State Tournament and the Wisconsin State Match Play Tournament. They are trying to resolve this conflict so Rules officials can be present at both sites.

The WSGA is also exploring the possibility of having the WIAA Champion (Division 1) and the WISAA Champion playing against each other at the Golf Foundation Tournament. Kaz will contact the WIAA in regards to the legality of this competition.

Mary Beth thanked Gene and his organization for their assistance in the state tournaments and at the coach's clinics.

Board Profiles

Mary Beth Nienhaus; PRESIDENT

Current Employment: Appleton Public Schools, Physical Education

Girls Varsity Golf Coach- 15 years

Post Season Record:

4 State Championships

12 State Appearances

11 Conference Champions

Member LPGA Teaching Division
LPGA Coach of the Year, 1987

Hobbies: All Sports, Woodworking.

What I'd do if I won the lottery: Buy a Golf Course!

Board Profile

Chuck Menzel, Green Bay Schools-
Math

Men's Coach- 15 years, Women's 10 years

Post Season Record:

3rd at State- 1978, 5th- 1985

4 Individual Champs

Coaching Tip: "In golf, there are no medals for bravery. If you get in deep, deep trouble, take the easiest route back to safety. You'll come out with a bogey, but avoid the "snowman."

Best Golfers Need Nomination to All State Team

President's Corner, from Page 1

nar at Cog Hill, IL that weekend. I would like to thank Kaz for filling in for me. I know he did his usual excellent job.

Another thank you goes to Tony Coleman, WI PGA Director and his fellow PGA friends. They are truly dedicated individuals to give of their time and expertise! many positive comments were received for their excellent job with the error/correction sessions. Many of the coaches that attended were able to view a golf professional actually giving a lesson. From the many years I have been in the LPGA teaching division, I am always eager to observe others giving lessons. Sharing ideas is the name of the game.

Perhaps, the only negative aspect was the small number of coaches attending the clinic. Most conspicuously missing were the many coaches from the Milwaukee area.

I feel our biggest concern facing our association is the ALL STATE team

selection. In the past, our ALL STATE teams have not included many of our outstanding golfers! WHY??

Many young student-athletes have failed to receive much deserved recognition because of the failure of their coach to:

1. NOMINATE THEM: Send in the All State Form
2. BECOME A MEMBER OF OUR ASSOCIATION
3. SEND FORMS PRIOR TO DEADLINES

Our Board members spent several hours discussing ways to make sure all of our excellent golfers get their much deserved recognition. We have taken the following steps:

1. We have changed our deadline date to the DAY AFTER STATE rather than the day after sectional.
2. Steve Hird, Madison Edgewood has volunteered to contact coaches who have outstanding golfers on their teams

to make sure those coaches are members of our association and have turned in nomination forms. Steve will have members of the board of directors inform him of outstanding golfers in their district.

It is a travesty to disregard qualified and deserving student-athletes from our ALL STATE TEAM! It is a further embarrassment to our association and the respective coaches when the BEST GOLFERS are left off the ALL STATE teams. THIS SHOULD NEVER HAPPEN AGAIN!

Let's work together to select all qualified golfers for this very prestigious honor.

Good luck to all spring coaches in your upcoming season. Let's hope the weather cooperates and you will see green grass, pars and birdies!

Good Golfing,

Mary Beth Nienhaus

New Rules, Opportunities for 92!

Spring golf coaches have several new items to consider of 92. Coaching may be done only after your players have finished playing a hole and before they tee off on the next hole. Discussions between player and coach during the playing of a hole may occur only concerning rules or rules options if initiated by the player. When "coaching" your players between holes make sure others in the foursome cannot hear what is being said. Do not talk to other players unless they ask you for rule options. During the play of a hole, be as inconspicuous as possible. Proper etiquette by coaches is very important because high school golfers will take their cue from you!

In an effort to make nominating for the all state playing team easier, nominations may now be postmarked the day

after the conclusion of the state tournament. This extra time will give coaches the opportunity to assess their player's performance through the spring state tournament. Make sure you complete the proper form, there is a copy in this issue, and mail by the deadline. WISAA coaches, it has been a long time since your season was completed. Don't forget to mail your nomination forms as soon as possible. The deadline date for academic all-state is May 15th. Students nominated must be sophomores or older, have a GPA of 3.5 or higher and have participated in 75% of your matches or tournaments. When filling out the form, please include the proper address of the player and hometown newspaper so your athlete can receive proper credit. The Golf Coaches Association wants to honor all the deserving

players, but cannot do so if you fail to nominate deserving golfers. Please make sure you fill out the form in a timely manner.

Board Profile

Jim Noltner- Homestead, Science

Years Coaching: Girls Varsity - 7 years, Freshmen Boys - 10 years.

Post Season Record:

5 State Appearances
State Champions 1987

Other Sports Coached:

Football, Basketball, Track,
Baseball, Cross Country.
Hobbies: All Sports, Chair Caning.

Metropolitan Golf Association Rules Quiz

1. In stroke play, a player's ball is lying behind a bunker and he decides to putt through the bunker. There is a small stone in the bunker on his line of play. He removes the stone.
 - A. There is no penalty.
 - B. The player incurs a penalty of two strokes.
2. In a match, player B drove onto the fairway and player A drives out of bounds. Without comment, player A immediately teed up another ball and drove it onto the fairway.
 - A. Player A loses the hole because he did not inform his opponent that he had incurred a penalty for the ball out of bounds.
 - B. It was not necessary for a player to inform the opponent that a penalty had been incurred.
3. In stroke play, with the One Ball Rule in effect, a player strikes a ball from the tee. Thinking that the ball might be lost, he plays a provisional ball. He then realizes that he had inadvertently used a ball of a different compression for the provisional ball. On going ahead, he finds both balls in the fairway.
 - A. The player incurs a two-stroke penalty for using a ball of a different compression.
 - B. There is no penalty.
4. In stroke play, a player strikes his ball onto a gravel-covered road. Even though he is entitled to relief from this obstruction, he prefers to play the ball from the road. He removes some gravel from the road.
 - A. There is no penalty.
 - B. The player incurs a two-stroke penalty.
5. A player taking relief from a water pipe on the ground drops his ball correctly under Rule 24-2b but the ball bounces over the pipe and comes to rest on the other side in a position where there is no interference by the pipe. The player is not required to re-drop under Rule 20-2c. What is the ruling?
 - A. The player must re-drop.
 - B. The ball is in play.
6. In stroke play, a player's ball comes to rest in a burrowing animal hole at the base of a tree in such a position that it's impossible to play a stroke. The player claims relief from the burrowing animal hole.
 - A. The player is not entitled to relief from the burrowing animal hole.
 - B. The player is entitled to relief.
7. A player's fellow-competitor plays a stroke from near a bunker and the divot comes to rest behind the player's ball lying in a bunker. The divot is in a position to interfere with the player's lie. The player removes the divot.
 - A. There is no penalty.
 - B. The player incurs a penalty of two strokes.
8. In stroke play, a pine cone falls from a tree and comes to rest behind a player's ball lying in a bunker. He removes the pine cone.
 - A. There is no penalty.
 - B. The player incurs a penalty of two strokes.
9. In stroke play, a player plays from the teeing ground and misses the ball completely. The player pushes the tee further into the ground and plays the ball.
 - A. There is no penalty.
 - B. The player incurs a total penalty of two strokes.
10. In stroke play, player A claims that player B, for whom he was marking, had played ahead of the markers on the 15th hole. Player B refutes the accusation and the Committee rules in his favor. Despite the Committee action, Player A refuses to sign player B's scorecard.
 - A. Player B's scorecard is invalid without his marker's signature.
 - B. The Committee should accept the scorecard without the marker's signature.
11. In stroke play, a player's ball comes to rest in a bunker beside a putting green. As he approached the ball, he noticed that the bunker was filled with stinging wasps.
 - A. The player may drop another ball in a similar hazard, no nearer the hole, under a penalty of one stroke.
 - B. The player may take the same action without penalty.
12. In stroke play, a player finds his ball lying badly in a bunker. He declares the ball unplayable, lifts it and drops it in the bunker. He plays the ball out to the putting green and then discovers he has played a wrong ball.
 - A. The player is liable to penalty for playing a wrong ball since he had ample opportunity to examine the ball when he lifted it.
 - B. There is no penalty.

13. In a match, player B used a wooden tee to mark the position of his ball on the putting green. Player A's ball was deflected by the tee.
- A. Player B incurs a penalty of loss of hole.
 - B. There is no penalty.
14. In stroke play, a player unable to find his original ball, goes forward and plays his provisional ball from a point nearer the hole than the original ball is likely to be. The original ball is then found and he plays it.
- A. The player incurs a two-stroke penalty.
 - B. There is no penalty.
15. In a match, player A repairs some spike marks on his line of putt. Player B observes the action, but makes no comment. After player A drives from the next tee, player B claims the hole just played.
- A. There is no penalty.
 - B. Player A loses the hole.
16. In stroke play, through the green, a player removes sand and loose soil from the area in which he is preparing to drop a ball.
- A. There is no penalty.
 - B. The player incurs a penalty of two strokes.
17. In stroke play, a player's ball lies in a bunker almost completely covered with sand and fallen leaves. Only a small part of the ball is visible from another angle. The player removes enough leaves to see the top of the ball when addressing it.
- A. The player incurs a penalty of two strokes.
 - B. There is no penalty.
18. In stroke play, a player struck a drive toward a water hazard. The hazard is over two hundred yards away and obscured by trees. There was not reasonable evidence that the ball was in the water hazard. The player looks for about a minute, drops a ball behind the water hazard and plays it. As he walks ahead, he finds the original ball outside the water hazard.
- A. The player incurs a penalty of two strokes.
 - B. There is no penalty.
19. In stroke play, a player plays a wrong ball to a putting green. He discovers his error and returns to the spot from which the wrong ball was played. He finds another ball and plays it to the green. He then discovers that he has played another wrong ball.
- A. The player incurs a penalty of two strokes.
 - B. The player incurs a penalty of four strokes.
20. In stroke play, a player discovers, prior to putting, that the hole has been damaged and its proper dimensions have been changed materially. No Committee member is available. The player fixes the hole himself.
- A. The player incurs a penalty of two strokes.
 - B. There is no penalty.
21. In stroke play, the Committee failed to place a sign at one of the teeing grounds indicating the hole number. As a result, a group which had just finished the fourth hole, played from the teeing ground of the twelfth hole, instead of the fifth hole.
- A. Because of the Committee error, there is no penalty.
 - B. Each player incurs a penalty of two strokes.
22. In match play, players A and B are both in a bunker. Player B, who is away, plays out of the bunker first. Player A then asks player B to rake the bunker in case player A's ball rolls backwards into player B's footprints if player A fails to get out of the bunker.
- A. Player A is within his rights.
 - B. Player A loses the hole for asking player B to rake the bunker.
23. In stroke play, a player drives from the teeing ground and the ball strikes a tree and on rebound embeds in the teeing ground.
- A. The player is allowed to lift and drop the ball without penalty.
 - B. The player is not entitled to relief.
24. A public road defined as out of bounds divides a course. A ball crosses the road and comes to rest on the part of the course on the other side of the road.
- A. The player incurs a stroke and distance penalty for the ball out of bounds.
 - B. The ball is in play on the other side of the course without penalty.
25. A player's ball lies off the putting green and there is a ball mark on his line of play that is partially on the putting green and partially off.
- A. The player may fix only that part of the ball mark that is on the putting green.
 - B. The player may fix the entire ball mark.

1992 RULES OF GOLF QUIZ ANSWERS

ANSWER	APPLICABLE RULE/DECISION	COMMENT	ANSWER	APPLICABLE RULE/DECISION	COMMENT
1	A Rule 23-1 Dec. 13-2/31	Rule 23-1 permits the removal of a loose impediment in a hazard when the ball was not lying in the hazard.	12	B Rule 15-3 Dec. 15/14	Rule 15 exempts the player from penalty for playing a wrong ball in a hazard even in the circumstances described.
2	B Rule 9-2 Dec. 9-2/1	If the opponent had witnessed the proceeding, it is not necessary to inform him of the penalty.	13	B Rule 20-1 Dec. 20-1/17	Player B's tee was not part of his equipment and there is no penalty. Player A must play the ball as it lies.
3	B Rule 5-1 Dec. 5-1/3	Since the provisional ball had not become the ball in play, there was no infraction nor penalty.	14	A Rule 27-2b Dec. 27-2b/5	When the player played a second stroke with his provisional ball, the original ball was out of play and the provisional was the ball in play. When he played a stroke with a ball out of play, he played a wrong ball and incurred the penalty.
4	A Rule 23-1 Dec. 23-14	Gravel is a loose impediment and may be removed. This right is not cancelled by the fact that the road is classified as an artificially surfaced road.	15	A Rule 2-5 Dec. 2-5/5	In match play, a claim must be made before either player has played from the next teeing ground.
5	B Rule 24-2b Dec. 24-2/13	The prohibition against crossing over, through or under the obstruction does not have any relevance to what the ball does after it strikes the ground.	16	B Rule 13-2 Dec. 13-2/11	Sand and loose soil are loose impediments only on the putting green.
6	A Rule 25-1b Dec. 25-1b/20	The player is not entitled to relief if it is clearly unreasonable for him to play a stroke because of interference by anything other than the burrowing animal hole.	17	A Rule 12-1	A player is entitled to remove loose impediments covering a ball in a hazard only if the ball is not visible from any angle.
7	A Rule 1-4 Dec. 13-4/18	In equity, a player is entitled to the lie which his last stroke gave him.	18	A Rule 26-1 Dec. 26-1/3	Since there was not reasonable evidence that the original ball was in the water hazard, the ball dropped and played was a wrong ball.
8	B Rule 13-4c Dec. 13-4/18.5	The lie was altered through natural causes and not as the result of any act by another player.	19	A Rule 15-3 Dec. 15-3/2	A penalty of four strokes would not be justified.
9	B Rule 18-2a Dec. 18-2a/1	When the player made a stroke at the ball, the ball was in play. The player incurred a penalty of one stroke when she teed the ball lower and a one-stroke penalty for not replacing the ball for a total penalty of two strokes.	20	B Rule 16-1 Dec. 16-1a/6	The player should request the Committee to have the hole repaired. If a Committee member is not present, the player may repair the damage without penalty.
10	B Rule 6-6b Dec. 6-6a/4	A marker is not obliged to sign a card he believes is incorrect, notwithstanding the determination of the Committee. If there are no witnesses present, the Committee should accept the player's score without certification.	21	B Rule 11-4b Dec. 11-4b/1	The Committee was in error for not placing a sign on each teeing ground. However, each player is responsible for knowing the stipulated round, this being one of the conditions of the competition.
11	B Rule 1-4 Dec. 1-4/10	It is not reasonable to expect a player to play from such a dangerous situation. In equity, the player should be permitted to drop a ball, without penalty, away from the dangerous area.	22	A Rule 13-4 Dec. 13-4/19	Exception 3 in Rule 13-4 allows the procedure. Player A incurs no penalty for asking player B to rake the bunker.
			23	B Rule 25-2	"Through the green" is the whole area of the course, except the teeing ground and putting green of the hole being played.
			24	B Rule 27-1 Dec. 27/20	Since the ball lies on the course, it is in bounds unless a Local Rule provides otherwise.
			25	B Rule 13-2 Dec. 16-1c/1.5	Since it is impracticable to allow the repair of only that part of the ball mark which is on the green, he may repair the entire ball mark.

DECISIONS ON THE RULES

1. May a player change clubs during the round because of wet grips?

A.No. a club is "unfit for play" if it is structurally damaged, but no if the club becomes slippery.

2. Rule 4-4a states that a club may be replaced if it becomes damaged in the "normal course of play." A player has a habit of hitting the head of his putter on the ground as he walks to the next tee, especially after missing a putt. On one occasion, after missing a short putt, the player hit the head of his putter on the ground so hard that his putter broke. The player said that he often taps the putter on the ground, and that it was not done in

anger or with the intention of breaking the club. Should he be allowed to replace the club?

A.No. If in similar circumstances, a player subjects a club to a strain which may result in its breaking, the club should not be considered to have been damaged in the "normal course of play."

3. A player who started a round with 14 clubs lost his putter. May he replace it during the round?

A.No. A lost club is not one which has become "unfit for play during the normal course of play."

4. The grip of a player's club becomes

loose during a round. Is the club considered "unfit for play," in which case the player would be entitled to replace it under Rule 4-4a?

A.Yes

5. In stroke play, a competitor broke his club in anger, finished the round with 13 clubs and then learned that he would be involved in a sudden-death playoff. May the competitor replace his broken club for the play off.

A.The play-off constituted a new round--see Definition of "Stipulated Round." The competitor was therefore entitled to replace the broken club.

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