



General Membership Meeting Agenda

June 4, 2024

- Judy Brooke, President, opened the meeting at 12:48 p.m. and thanked everyone for staying for the General Membership Meeting.
- The following wonderful wahines were responsible and thanked for the great beachy vibe they created in the clubhouse: D-D Woodruff, Jan Lieberman, and Bev Hefferly.
- We sang happy birthday to the following June birthday members: Felicia Sotomayor, Mary Milligan, and Rhonda Kudrna.
- We congratulated and celebrated the following members for achieving one of their golfing goals this last month:
 - Karen Fox who reached her goal of successfully establishing her handicap.
 - Judy Brooke who is still on track to meet one of her golfing goals. With 23 games she's tracked this year 60% of those games have a 2-putt or less average per game and her goal is that 50% of her games will have a 2-putt average.
- As a reminder, when club members meet a goal, they should fill out a star and clip it to the birdie tree. Everyone who reaches a golfing goal deserves the credit and recognition for meeting one or more of their golfing goals.
- Everyone was thanked for their continued adherence to the times on the scorecards. It is working out well and teams are finishing within five minutes of the time on their scorecards. Pace of play has improved tremendously.
- Judy reminded everyone that our Home 'N Home trip to Fallon is Thursday, June 13th. If you haven't signed up yet, please get yourself signed up today. There was a clipboard passed around for sign-ups.
- Judy passed around another clipboard with a "Congratulations on your new baby boy" card for Dan and Tawny D'Angelo, who are the proud parents of baby Dax. A financial contribution towards a gift card was optional.
- "I believe in rules. Sure, I do. If there weren't any rules, how could you break them?" That's a quote by Leo Durocher, known as one of baseball's fieriest personalities who would do anything to win.

- This month's rule that was covered was about stakes. On the golf course there are three different stake colors: Red, Yellow, and White. Each has a different way in which your ball is handled once it crosses over a staked line:

1. Red Stakes

- This is the most common stake color you will see on our golf course. The Carson River and its waterways are all red penalty areas except as indicated with a yellow stake.
- If you hit into a red penalty area, you have three options, but we only covered the two most common ones you will most like choose.
- First, you can elect to hit your ball out of a penalty area, playing it as it lies.
 - You may touch or move **LOOSE** impediments near your ball, but a word of warning—if you your ball moves in the process of moving a loose impediment, you will be penalized one penalty stroke.
 - An impediment which would not be considered loose could be anything that you pull out of the ground, step on, or bend to help you take your shot.
 - If you think you can hit your ball out of a hazard area, you can do so without taking an extra penalty stroke.
- Second option: If your ball is buried in the bushes, you consider it unhit, or you are unable to locate it in the red penalty area (and you know it went into the red penalty area) you can take lateral relief for a one-stroke penalty.
 - Drop your ball within two club-lengths of the point where the ball entered the penalty area, but not nearer the hole, and then play it. There is a one-stroke penalty when taking lateral relief.
 - **Side Note:** In 2019 the rule changed about how you can drop your ball. The new rule states you must drop your ball from knee height. When it's being dropped, it can't touch either you or your equipment before it hits the ground. If you drop it incorrectly, you are allowed to re-drop the ball three times as needed to have it land in the correct relief area. If on the third try, it still doesn't land in the correct area, then you place it in the spot of the last drop.

2. Yellow Stakes

- Assuming you have either found your ball in a yellow penalty area (water hazard), or it is known or virtually certain that it went in, you have two options, both with a one-stroke penalty.
 - You can either go back to where your last shot was played from and play again from there, estimating the spot if you can't be 100% sure where it was.
 - Or you can identify the point where the ball last crossed the edge of the penalty area (as designated by the yellow stakes) and, keeping that point on a direct line to the flag, drop a ball back as far as you like on that line.

3. White Stakes

- If your ball finds itself on the wrong side of the white stakes, it is considered **out of bounds** and your only option--according to USGA rules--is to go back to where you last played from and play it again under stroke and distance for a one-stroke penalty.

- Hopefully, if there was any doubt as to whether or not your ball might be out of bounds, you will have played a provisional ball, which you can then move across to rather than having to make the long walk back (this is for pace of play). You must announce you're hitting a provisional ball prior to hitting your provisional ball.
 - The Women's Club does, however, have a second option implementing a USGA approved Local Course Rule for when your ball goes out of bounds. For a two-stroke penalty, you may drop a ball at the closest place **in the fairway from where your ball crossed into the OB area**, but no closer to the hole. This is to help with pace of play.
 - There really are not that many OB areas at Carson Valley Golf Course. Some of these OB areas include any private residences, the cow pasture on Hole #8, the logs beyond the green on Hole #3.
 - **Side Note:** White stakes are not classed as movable obstructions, even if they are easily movable physically. Rather, they are boundary objects, and these are considered 'fixed' even if you could easily move them. As such, if your ball is in bounds and a white stake interferes with the lie of your ball, your stance or your area of intended swing, you are not allowed to move it and there is no free relief available. So, if you wish to take relief from it, it would be under penalty under one of the unplayable ball options in Rule 19.
- 4. Members were reminded that one of their golfing goals should be "I want to improve my game!" One of the best ways to do that is to take lessons to learn the correct way to swing your clubs. With that in mind, for those who is interested in joining me in an effort to improve my game, I signed up for the Empire Ranch Women's Swing Clinic & Social on Saturday, June 15th. The cost for the swing clinic and lunch is \$15.00—a great price. NOTE: They had their phone number stated incorrectly on their flyer. If you have a pen or pencil handy, here's the correct phone number to make your reservation: (775) 885-2100. They are limiting the number of people to ensure a great learning experience, so think about joining me and call and make your reservation soon!
- 5. Copies of a solicitation letter for the **Teeing Up for the Cure** golf tournament in October were passed around to members. Judy asked everyone to take a letter to just **one business** that they frequent and drop it off. She asked everyone to email her the name of the business that you dropped off the letter so we don't duplicate solicitation.
 - The following ladies were thanked for so generously donating a prize for this month's drawing: Anna Pagoto, Peggy Frick, Nora Stevens, and Margaret Fay. We had one last anonymous donor making five extra prizes of unspeakable value.
 - In July the following members have signed up to bring in the additional drawing prizes: Kathy Emanuel, Mary Milligan, and Jeanine Felix.
 - In D-D's absence, Jan Lieberman conducted the drawing. Joni Becksted won the "pot of gold", and Clarice Lommori, Julie Marraccini, Judy Brooke, Karen Fox, and Shana Lakso each won a prize of unspeakable value.
 - Judy thanked everyone for coming and the meeting was adjourned at 1:24 p.m.