

Here are a couple of items that I would like to pass on to you. First; there is still time to sign up for our next tournament to be held Thursday July 13th with check in by 8:00 am and a shotgun start at 8:30 am. The format is a "Solo plus Team Scramble" . The rules of play are posted on the bulletin Board by the pro shop and will also be reviewed at time of play. The cost of this tournament is \$20 and will include a Deli Lunch. The sign up is on Golf Genius and will come down Monday. There is still plenty of time to sign up.

An Additional note that I am sad to report is the passing of a long time Men's Club member as well as a past President of our Club, Harold Hood. I don't have any details yet on a Celebration of Life. But I will pass those along as soon as I receive them. For those of you who remember Harold and would like to express your condolences Charolette's address is 1544 Lexington Drive, Lodi, Ca 95242. Harold was an integral part of our club for many years and he will be missed.

Finally, as we have in the past I would like to pass on our monthly "rule of the Month" prepared for you by our Tournament Chair Kevin Andel:

### **June 2023 Rule of the Month: The Ball**

Generally, you will hole out with the same ball you play from the teeing area. You can always use a new ball when starting a hole. You can also substitute a different ball any time you are taking relief, including both free and penalty relief. Unless the one-ball Local Rule is in effect, the substituted ball could be any brand. On the putting green however, when you mark and lift your ball, you must replace that same ball to finish out the hole.

When your ball is lifted, you can almost always clean it (except for a few specific circumstances). If you happen to run out of balls, you can borrow one from any other player, including a practice or X-Out ball (which are generally conforming balls).

If you play the wrong ball, you lose the hole in match play or get a two-stroke penalty in stroke play. In stroke play, you must correct your mistake by playing the right ball or otherwise playing under the Rules (for example, by playing under stroke and distance if your ball is lost).

#### **When can I drop using a different golf ball?**

You may use a different golf ball any time you are proceeding under a relief Rule (see Rule 6.3b(1)). The only time you may not switch golf balls is when you are replacing your ball on a spot (such as when you have marked your ball on the putting green or have lifted your ball on the course because it interfered with another player's play).

#### **Can I borrow a ball if I run out of golf balls?**

Yes. You may get a golf ball from anyone (see Rule 4.2a(1)).

#### **Can I use a putting ball?**

No. You may not substitute a ball on the putting green unless your ball is cut, cracked or out of shape (see Rule 4.2c(2)).

#### **Can I use a practice or X-Out golf ball?**

If the Committee hasn't required that you play a ball that is on the List of Conforming Golf Balls, then you may use a practice or X-Out golf ball. When using an X-Out ball in this circumstance, if

there is strong evidence to suggest that the ball does not conform, it must not be used. However, if the Committee says that the ball you play must be on the List of Conforming Golf Balls, then you can use a practice ball but must not use an X-Out ball (see Interpretation 4.2a(1)/2).

**When can I change balls?**

You may change balls under any relief Rule or between the play of two holes (see Rule 6.3b(1)).

Submitted by Kevin Andel

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Please let me know if you have any questions. I look forward to seeing you on the course.