



## Twin Oaks Men's Golf Club

### Rules and Greens Monthly Newsletter

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It is with profound sadness and deep humility that I must start this month's newsletter with the unwelcomed news of the passing of our brother and long-time club member Bob Springer. Bob has served the club faithfully since 1995, serving as Club Treasurer as well as assisting as Communications and Audit Committee member. Bob also served on the Audit Committee in 1996 and 2000. Bob continued his service to the club as Club Treasurer again in 2000 and 2001. Bob spent most of his playing time with friends Chuck Ricker, Eric Atherton and Fred Marlow. Bob was relatively quiet and unassuming, but was always ready to share a beer and a story with the group. Bob will be fondly remembered and sorely missed. Obituary and service arrangements:

Robert R. Springer, MSgt USMC (Ret.), a resident of San Marcos, died at age 84 on October 9, 2015 from a heart attack. He is survived by his wife of nearly 60 years, Rosemary; four daughters, Rusty and husband Mark, Robin and husband Bob, Rose, Raelene and husband Tim; two grandchildren, Philip and Marisa; Brother Charles and Sister Margaret.

Robert was born in Chattanooga, Tennessee in January of 1931. He enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1948 and served in Korea from 1951 to 1952 and in Vietnam from 1968 to 1969. During his 21 years in the Marine Corps he worked mainly in the field of journalism. He was assistant editor of the Flight Jacket, Military Editor of the Quantico Sentry, Journalism Instructor at DINFOS, and NCOIC of the Armed Forces Radio and Television Station on Monkey Mountain, overlooking Da Nang. He was very active in the United States Marine Corps Combat Correspondents Association (USMCCCA) and held a number of positions, including San Diego County Chapter President, San Diego Annual Conference Chair, and National President, initial recipient of the Donald L. Dickson Memorial Award, Executive Director, and San Diego County Chapter Treasurer. He was inordinately proud of his service in the Marine Corps.

Immediately after retirement, he joined Teledyne Ryan Aeronautical as Chief of the Press Bureau for the Electronic and Space Systems Division. He covered the last three Apollo missions from NASA's headquarters in Houston and was present at Cape Canaveral for the after midnight blastoff of Apollo 17 in December 1972. In March 1973, he joined Gallant/Charger Publications where he served as production editor for the firm's

outdoor magazines, annuals, and books. His book "Skin and Scuba Diver's Digest" was published in 1975. In 1979, he started a small publishing venture, Marketing Professionals, Inc., and later operated his own bookkeeping and tax business until 2006.

He greatly enjoyed retirement and was an avid golfer, tennis player, hiker, kayaker, and traveler. The Eastern Sierras, Maui, Canada, and New Zealand, were among his favorite destinations. He was extremely compassionate, funny, smart and above all a family man, who loved, and was dearly loved by, his family.

*Services to be held at Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery on November 12th at 2:30 p.m.*

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T.P.P. - As many of you are aware, TOMGC is now using the SCGA supported scoring system called TPP or Tournament Pairing Program. When I'm not doing the scoring, this system is much faster and easier to use than our past scoring systems. One advantage to this system is that it allows the scorer to immediately update player indexes/handicaps, as well as the opportunity to post all players rounds with the click of a button. As such, please be advised: **Unless otherwise instructed, do not post your regular and/or tournament round scores from Wednesday play.** The person scoring play for that week will post your scores for you.

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## **Rule 17 THE FLAGSTICK**

### **17-1. Flagstick Attended, Removed or Held Up**

Before making a stroke from anywhere on the course, the player may have the flagstick attended, removed or held up to indicate the position of the hole. If the flagstick is not attended, removed or held up before the player makes a stroke, it must not be attended, removed or held up during the stroke or while the player's ball is in motion if doing so might influence the movement of the ball. (Please read notes 1, 2, and 3 along with 17-2. Unauthorized Attendance)

### **17-3. Ball Striking Flagstick or Attendant**

The player's ball must not strike:

- a. The flagstick when it is attended, removed or held up;
- b. The person attending or holding up the flagstick or anything carried by him;
- c. The flagstick in the hole, unattended, when the stroke has been made on the putting green.

*Exception: When the flagstick is attended, removed or held up without the player's authority-Rule 17-2.*

Penalty for breach of Rule 17-3: Match Play- Loss of hole; Stroke Play- Two strokes and the ball must be played as it lies.

### **17-4. Ball Resting Against Flagstick**

When a player's ball rests against the flagstick in the hole and the ball is not holed, the player or another person authorized by him may move or remove the flagstick, and if the ball falls into the hole, the player is deemed to have holed out with his last stroke; otherwise, the ball, if moved, must be placed on the lip of the hole, without penalty.

Note: When attending the flag, stand on the shadow side of the hole out of other players putting line. Hold the flag and the stick together to keep the flag still. Remove the flagstick when the putt is on its way.