



Twin Oaks Men's Golf Club

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Local rules and some other publications are an important part of our play with the Twin Oaks Men's Club. The other publication to which I am referring, besides the rules of golf, is the back of our Twin Oaks score card; more on that in a moment. If you have not taken the time to familiarize yourself with our Men's Clubs Local Rules, please be sure to do so at your earliest convenience. They could actually come to your aid at some point. You can find the latest edition of our Local Rules at:

http://tomgc.org/sites/default/files/TWIN%20OAKS%20LOCAL%20RULES%20May%202016_1.pdf

Now, let's get back to that score card I was referring to. There are about a dozen items mentioned on the back of the score card which, for the most part, are pretty mundane. However, there are a couple of items of particular interest to me. The first is those drainage swales that you find around the course, notably on holes' number 4, 5, and 6. You will notice that the score card advises that those swales are to be played as an immovable obstruction, unless marked otherwise. The other marking which I'm sure you have seen after a local competition or Farmer's Open qualifier, is a red lateral hazard marking. So, if you were playing the course before a competition, and you landed in the swale on number 5, you would get a free drop. However, if you were playing the course after a competition when the swale is marked as a lateral hazard, you either play the ball as it lies, or you proceed under the provisions of Rule 26 with a one stroke penalty. Just doesn't seem fair, does it.

The other item which has peaked my interest of late is the tenth item down about flower beds and newly sodded areas being played as ground under repair. So, what exactly is considered a "flower", and where in the heck are the flower beds? Now, I had always been told that the one area, left of number 9 cart path near the green, was considered a flower bed, and you could take relief as such. However, just recently, I haven't seen any flowers in there, so is it still a flower bed? And what about those areas around number 18 green, which have rocks and plants in them. I'm sure those plants flower, but are they considered flowers, making those areas a flower bed? Send me a note and give me your opinion, and we will take this to the committee for discussion, eh? Good bye, and good golf.