



TOMGC Rules and Greens

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Well, I've made the plunge. We sold the house, and we are now living in a 5th wheel trailer on the property belonging to my daughter and son-in-law. The first thing you learn, in this sort of move, is that you don't need most of that crap you had in your walk-in closet anyway! I just sent my plans to our architect for rendering, so we are officially moving forward. If you should want to reach me, other than through Golf Genius, my new email is mander8628@gmail.com

Well, as most of you have realized, we now have sand in our bunkers! And, it is nice sand, and nothing like those concrete bunkers we were forced to get used to, eh? That being said, we now have a duty to take care of these bunkers during play. That means raking the bunker when you leave. Yes, you can actually rake this sand. Please be considerate, so the next unfortunate soul will have a decent lie from which to play his shot. Also, as the rakes say, leave the rake in the bunker. Please leave them down on the flat, and not on a sidehill. If a ball comes to rest against the rake on a slope, the player has to place that ball where it was before the rake was removed. (Removeable obstruction) Please clean up your ball marks and foot prints. Thank you.

I guess some questions have been asked about model local rule E-5, which we as a club have adopted. The rule is basically a substitute for "stroke and distance" penalties. If you hit a drive, let's say it is hole number 2, and the ball is out of bounds and/or lost, you may, at a penalty of 2 strokes, place a ball in the fairway, at a point perpendicular to the spot where the original ball is believed to be. So, if you hit a ball that ended up on the walking path on the left side of hole number 2, for example, you can walk 90 degrees from that point to the fairway, and drop a ball up to 2 club lengths onto the fairway. From this spot, you would be playing your fourth shot, just as if you'd hit another shot from the tee box. You cannot, however, make this decision after you've hit a provisional ball. If you hit a provisional ball, and it too is lost or out of bounds, and you do not find the first ball, then the provisional ball is now the ball in play, and the two-stroke penalty would be added to this shot; you would now be hitting 6 from the point where you dropped the next ball. Clear as mud, eh?

Remember, the 19th hole is a great venue for discussing rules and other matters after play. We have a bunch of great guys in this club, and you will be better for getting to know them.

Good day, and good golf.