



## TOMGC Rules and Greens      December 2019

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The very best of Holiday wishes to all of our Twin Oaks Men's Club Members. If you have not done so already, please be sure to renew your membership for next year as soon as possible so that our Membership Chairman, Jim Gilbert, doesn't have to send any nasty notes! You should have received a notice from the SCGA with regards to renewal, and that is really the best way to proceed; through the SCGA portal. You can also use the link on our website, or contact your membership chairman should you have questions at: [gilbert.jimbo@gmail.com](mailto:gilbert.jimbo@gmail.com)

It has been another fantastic year with the Men's Club. If you missed the annual banquet, the symbolic end to our golf season, it was a fantastic event with a lot of good people, good food, wonderful prizes, and a lot of awards for season accomplishments. Thank you to Bill and Bonnie Jackson for hosting this annual event once again. Thank you to Mike and Robin Martens for gathering and organizing all of the fantastic prizes and awards. Thank you to Rick Highsocks for assisting Mike in this endeavor.

To really top off the season, Mike Martens worked with golf course staff, Mike Scala, and Joey Meza to organize the annual Turkey Shoot. Golf and lunch were provided at a wonderful discount by the golf course and your Twin Oaks Men's Golf Club. As if this weren't enough, our golf course general manager, Troy Ferguson, provided cold beverages for the participants luncheon for an entire hour! We are lucky to have such a great bunch of golf course staff to assist us in our club endeavors. Thank you, Troy and staff!

Rule 9; Ball Played as it lies: Did you happen to see the Patrick Reed blunder on Sunday of the Hero World Challenge, hosted by Tiger Woods? The course contains a lot of what are called "waste areas". They look like large sand traps, but you are allowed to ground your club. Patrick Reed had a nasty lie in one of these areas. His ball was lying in a foot print or other impression, giving it the "fried egg" sort of lie. While preparing for the shot, Reed set his club behind the ball, and took the club away as if to rehearse his shot. When doing this, Reed brushed away a fairly significant amount of the sand behind the ball. He did this not once, but twice. This was, in my opinion, an obvious attempt to improve his lie and approach to the ball by removing some of the sand he would encounter during the down swing. Naturally, this was picked up by an onlooker and reported to officials. Patrick Reed was awarded a two-stroke penalty for his actions. Know the rules and play by the rules. Rule 9 covers a central principle of the game; "play the ball as it lies". Good day, and good golf.