

Tuesday, January 24, 2023 Email to AZNWGA

Last week a few questions came up about the golf course and pace of play. So, I thought it would be beneficial to everyone to address what was raised etc.

### **Questions:**

Q1. Hole #2. Normally there's no water in the 1st wash. My ball landed in the water, can I move the ball sideways to dry dirt and hit without a penalty?

A1. No. You cannot take relief in a penalty area. You can go back to where the ball crossed the penalty area, take relief and a one-stroke penalty. For no penalty if you can hit out of the water!

Q2. Some bunkers had water in them and deep crevices from all the rain. Can you take your ball out of the crevice, more to the side (in the sand) no closer to the hole with no penalty?

A2. No. You can call and unplayable lie, take relief in the trap for a one -stroke penalty or take ball out of trap for a two-stroke penalty, or try to hit the ball and pray it gets out of the crevice. Note: if ball lands in water in the trap you can take casual water relief, one club length from the closes point of relief in the trap, no closer to the hole, with no penalty. Same rule applies if your ball lands in casual water on the course (excludes penalty areas). Or you can choose to take relief from the water outside the trap for a two-stroke penalty.

Q3. Why didn't we play Clean, Lift and Place on 1/19...

A3. It never occurred to me. Sorry, I didn't know the condition of the course, nor did I think to ask the golf shop.

### **Suggestion Box Questions from 1/10 Welcome Back Gathering.**

Q4. Can we have drop areas on holes 4,6, and 12.

A4. The board is still looking into this. We were informed the course was rated without drop areas, so adding them would create an issue with posting an accurate score. However, a few years ago we did implement for speed of play, a provisional ball may be played before going to look for the first ball. If first ball is payable, then pickup provisional. If first ball is unplayable, no need to go back and re-tee, able to play provisional, with a one-stroke penalty. I'll let you know the outcome once the board makes a decision. [See February 20,2023 Update Email for decision.](#)

Q5. Can we have a club/league championship?

A5. The board is looking into a league championship for 2024. We hope to put criteria in place in 2023 and communicate to league members for the 2024 season.

### **Golf Etiquette Reminders:**

1. Please be respectful of players when they're hitting their ball, do not talk while on the tee, fairways, traps, or greens. While we think we're talking in whispers the person hitting may still be able to hear us. Don't get offended if the person hitting the ball ask for quiet.

2. Turn off or silence all mobile devices before the round starts.

3. Be ready to hit your next shot. Where possible, get out and walk to your ball while your cart partner is getting ready to hit, their ball. Don't wait in cart to be driven to your ball that is 10 feet away etc. Make sure to take the clubs you need to hit your next shot.
4. Share in cart management with your cart partner. It's helpful sometimes if the passenger drives the cart to their ball or up to the green instead of waiting for the driver, just because they're the driver. Communicate with each other.
5. Mark your balls so you know which ball to hit and its yours! Carry an extra ball in your pocket, especially if you have to go looking for your ball,
6. Play ready golf.... if you're not ready to hit, and someone else is, let them know to go ahead and hit. If you see someone isn't ready, ask them if it's okay for you to hit your ball.
7. Know the maximum strokes you can take on a hole, once you hit the max, pick up your ball and score the max with an X for the hole. If you do not know how to calculate your hole maximum, reach out to me and I'm glad to help. On game day, hole max may not be an option unless it is a hole that doesn't apply to the game that day.
8. Don't drive ahead or too close to players hitting their ball.
9. Rake bunkers, repair ball marks and divot holes.
10. If there is a hole open in front of you pick up your pace to catch up with the group in front of you.

Our league rounds should not take more than 4 1/2 hours. Of course, I know that depends on the who goes off in front of league Thursday mornings.

The last thing I want is the golf shop to get complaints that the women's league is holding up play on the course. Because we don't...right.

### **Golf Course Hole #10**

The grounds crew is cutting the rough lower at the beginning of hole 10. It will take a few weeks to accomplish this as they do not want to damage the grass. Yippy Skippy

Don't hesitate to reach out if you have comments, questions, or suggestions. If responding to this email, please do not reply all, send reply to me directly.

Thanks everyone.  
Sue Crickmore - President