

USE OF DROP ZONE ON HOLE #18 ON CLGA LEAGUE DAY

The CLGA board discussed the use of the Drop Zone on 18 and decided that we are not going to use Hole 18's Drop Zone for league day play.

If a golfer playing in CLGA league day has trouble getting across the water on Hole 18 she has options:

- A) keep trying until her ball makes it across
- B) stop trying, and withdraw from the day's competition
- C) pick up on that hole if that hole does not count in that day's game

The background for the decision:

- 1) CLGA'S Rules Chair, Terry Gaube, sought a ruling from the USGA about using the drop zone after a second attempt to clear the water had failed (IE two of a golfer's balls had now ended up in the water). The response from the USGA confirmed that a Local Rule allowing the use of the drop zone would be contrary to the rules of golf.
- 2) The design of Hole 18 gives golfers the challenge of crossing the water, requiring some shot planning to be done. IE: play the approach shot so the ball crosses the water at its narrowest point (which may place the resulting target landing area to the right of the green), or if appropriate, make a layup shot from the main fairway that will put the subsequent shot as close as possible to the water's edge (thus minimizing the distance of the needed carry).