

When Does A Golf Ball 'Move'?

The West Brunswick golf team is slowly thawing out from the deep freeze of recent weather conditions. The players are grabbing every chance that they can to play their games into shape. Last week they were turning in their first semester grades and information forms needed to establish their eligibility with the North Carolina High School Athletic Association. They also picked up a memo from the coach on team policy, school rules and state regulations.

The memo alerted new team members to the fact that each player must pass a test on the rules of golf and golf courtesies in order to be qualified to play in competition for West Brunswick. The test focuses on the definitions of golf terms. Inside the front cover of the USGA Rules of Golf, it is suggested that becoming familiar with the definitions is one of the best ways to learn and understand the playing rules. Practically every rule in the book is based on one or more of these definitions.

Ball Moved

Just for kicks let's look at a typical example of how one definition impacts upon a whole set of rules. The definition, "Move or Moved," states that: "A ball is deemed to have 'moved' if it leaves its position and comes to rest in any other place." This definition is used in no less than ten separate rules. It is the basis of Rule 18—Ball Moved, Deflected or Stopped.

Rule 18 begins by restating the following definitions: "Addressing the Ball," "Moved," "Outside Agency," "Equipment," "Stance," and "Caddie".

Each of these definitions plays a functional role in describing how a ball may be moved both with penalty and without penalty. Remember that a working knowledge of the rules will save you more strokes than it will ever cost you in penalties.

Addressing The Ball

One example of how knowledge of the rule may help you is found in "Addressing the Ball." The player has addressed the ball when he has taken his stance and has also grounded his club. Once these two conditions have been met, if the ball moves the player is penalized one stroke and must replace the ball before making his stroke. This is true even if the club is not touching the ball. It is under such circumstances that the player is "deemed" to have moved the ball.

While this may seem a harsh penalty under certain circumstances it is clear that the rules makers clearly have provided the golfer with a safe alternative for those circumstances. If a ball is perched precariously on twigs or pine straw or on a steep embankment the player may take his stance and not ground his club. Then if wind or gravity cause the ball to move, there will be no penalty. The player has only to replace the ball and make his stroke without penalty. The penalty applies only when the player has "Addressed the Ball."

A player is penalized when the ball moves as a result of being touched by the player, his partner, either of their caddies, or their equipment; or if the ball moves after the player has touched loose impediments within one club length of the ball. While this may seem like a lot of reasons for a penalty, these are all circumstances that may be avoided in order to prevent such penalties.

Ball Moves Without Penalty

The interesting part of Rule 18 is that it describes a longer list of circumstances when the player is not penalized even though he has accidentally touched or moved the ball. There is no penalty for moving the ball when measuring to determine which ball is farther from the hole, no penalty for moving a ball that is covered in a hazard, no penalty for moving a ball while searching for it in casual water or ground under repair, no penalty for moving a ball while repairing a hole plug, no penalty for moving a ball while removing loose impediments on the putting green, no penalty for moving a ball in the process of lifting a ball under the rules, no penalty for moving a ball while placing or replacing the ball under the rules, no penalty for moving the ball while lifting a ball which interferes with or assists the play of another player, and no penalty for moving a ball while removing a movable obstruction.

There is, of course, no penalty when a competitor's ball is moved by a fellow competitor, his caddie, or his equipment in stroke play. The ball is simply replaced and play continues. In match play, however the rule is a bit different. If your opponent moves your ball while helping to search for it, there is no penalty, but if he moves it under any other circumstance your opponent is penalized one stroke.

If a ball is at rest and it is struck by another ball that is in motion after a stroke, there is no penalty to anyone and the ball must be replaced in the position where it was resting prior to being moved.

Well, there you have ten different rules in which the definition of a Ball Moved is directly involved in how to proceed with play in equity for all parties concerned. I'll bet most of you learned one or two things about the rules in the above discussion. If you did not, I congratulate you on your thorough knowledge of the rules and their definitions.

North Wrestlers Win First

North Brunswick defeated Pamlico County 36-33 Saturday for its first prep wrestling win of the season. The match was part of a tri-meet won by host Dixon.

Results: 103 pounds: R. Jones (NB) won by forfeit; 112 pounds: Armstrong (P) decisioned Cook (NB); 119 pounds: Trowbridge (NB) won by forfeit; 125 pounds: Tan (NB) won by forfeit; 130

pounds: Bullock (NB) pinned Madsen (P); 135 pounds: Altman (P) won by forfeit; 140 pounds: Ru.Jones (NB) won by forfeit; 145 pounds: Moore (P) pinned Gibbs (NB); 152 pounds: double forfeit; 160 pounds: Voliva (P) won by forfeit; 171 pounds: Monzon (NB) won by forfeit; 189 pounds: Jones (P) pinned Brooks (NB); Heavy-weight: Vereen (P) pinned Benton (NB).



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Sea Trail Women Play Captain's Choice

The Sea Trail Ladies Golf Association held a nine-hole captain's choice tournament last week at the new Rees Jones course.

Rita Bilz, Amy Bacquet and Rosemary Walker teamed up to shoot 42 and tied the foursome of Louisa Nicol, Ruth Upton, Nin Consalvi and Louise Lucas for first place.

The threesome of Mary Penfield, Jean Krisher and Betty Dawley finished third with a score of 43.

Following the tournament, members met at the new Jones/Byrd clubhouse for their monthly meeting and luncheon.

Officers elected for 1990 are Mrs. Penfield, chairman; Betty Geesey, co-chairman; Mrs. Waker, secretary and Mrs. Consalvi, treasurer.

Ruth's Renegades

Ruth's Renegades golf group from Carolina Shores held a low net of twosome event last Thursday. Twenty golfers competed on the home course and 14 played at Brierwood Golf Club.

Sue Baer and Cynthia Omundsen teamed up for a score of 30 to lead the way at Carolina Shores. Play was limited to nine holes due to inclement weather.

Second place went to the twosome of Doris Dudley and Jeanne Bordinger with net 31. Mrs. Bordinger chipped in at the fourth hole.

Louise Oldman and Louise McGuire took third place at Carolina Shores with net 34.

At Brierwood, Marion Corbin and Grace Thorpe shot a net 60 to take top honors.

Second place went to the team of Marie Broekstra and Peg Steiner with net 63. Mrs. Broekstra chipped in at the seventh hole and Mrs. Steiner chipped in for birdie at the 12th hole.

Finishing third at Brierwood was the twosome of Ruth Brown and Mary Ahearn with a net 65.

The only other chip-in at Brierwood came from Toni Kobos at the fourth hole. Edith Wilkens had a birdie at the 10th hole.

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More information on the course is available from either Bill Uter, 579-2387, or Bill Grancsay, 754-8599.

GOLFING ACTION

dropped scores on the two worst holes and used full handicaps in their weekly tournament last Thursday.

Ruth Gardner won the first flight with a score of 57, and Marie Barry won the second flight with a net 50.

Low putt winners were Rose Gomey in the first flight with 25 putts and Betty Squire in the second flight with 33 putts.

In the nine-hole group, Terry Ehlers took first-place honors for low net. Roseanne Johnston had low putts for the day.

In other news from Brick Landing, Joe Barry became the fifth club member to score a hole-in-one when he aced the 116-yard 17th hole last Tuesday. He was playing with Bill Johnston and Ron Hohing.

Other Brick Landing members who have recorded holes-in-one are Marie Barry, Quinn Anderson, Vivian Rowe and Dick Swigart.

Brierwood Men

The Brierwood Men's Golf Association held a two best ball tournament last week at the Rees Jones course at Sea Trail Plantation, one of nine tournaments the group has held over the past two weeks.

The foursome of Gary Burbank, Don Martin, Dave Harper and Bill Crean teamed up for a score of 122, 22 strokes under par, to win the best ball event at Sea Trail. Two teams finished at 127 to share second place.

In other recent action, Ed and Claire Aston teamed up for the low gross of 76 in the Brierwood Home-owners Tournament.

Fred and Nearle Einstein and Jack and Ann Causier tied for low net honors with matching scores of 60. Three other couples tied for second place at net 61.

John Lang and Marg Harper won the closest-to-the-pin contest at the third hole. Ethel Brown made the longest putt of the day.

Brierwood hosted a pair of nine-hole scrambles recently with the team of Bud Burbank, Ann Causier, Rosie Hewett and Lois Martocci winning one with a round of 32. The team of Joe Reid, Martin, Hazel Casey and Tru Schmaier won the other scramble with a score of 33.

In other team action, Odie Johnson, Tom Maher, Harper and Crean finished at 18 under par to win a two best ball event using 80 percent

handicaps. Two other teams tied for second at 13 under par.

Joe Tymchak, Dillon Taylor, Bill Schroun and Johnson racked up 149 points to win a four-man point system event using full handicaps. The second place team finished seven points behind.

Forney Edwards and Al Hierman combined for a 12-under-par score of 60 to win a recent full handicap two-man team event. In another two-man tournament, Phil Brown and Bud Burbank took top honors with a gross 79.

Hierman also won the only individual event in the past two weeks. He scored 19 points to win a full handicap point system tournament by one stroke.

Carolina Shores

Golfers competing in the Carolina Shores Ladies Golf Association event last Thursday dropped the worst score on the front nine and back nine and used full handicaps.

Flo Warren won the first flight with net 54. Her round featured a birdie at the eighth hole and a chip-in for birdie at the 12th.

The runner-up in the first flight was Betty Kibblehouse with net 58. She had a chip-in at the fifth hole.

In the second flight, Rose Marcisyn led the way with net 54. Dot Trostle placed second with net 57.

Third flight winners were Sue Greiner with net 53, Gerry Burdick with net 55 and Elizabeth Carter with net 56.

Lill Haupt fired a net 53 to win the fourth flight. The runner-up was Mae Robertson at net 55.

Jean Krisher chipped in for birdie at the 12th hole.

Other chip-ins during the tournament came from Pat Soule at the 11th hole and Phyllis Otte at the 16th.

Birdies were recorded by Anne Gentles at the seventh hole, and Jennie Botts at the 16th.



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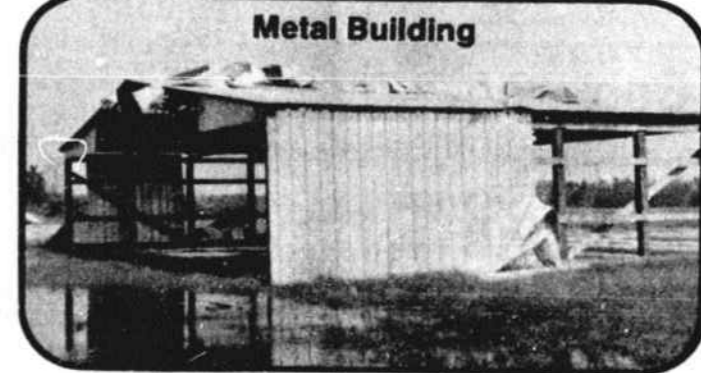
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