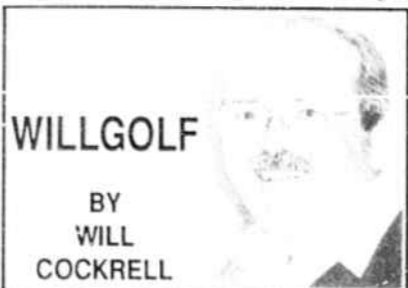


RULES OF GOLF

Revision Every 4 Years Clarifies And Simplifies

The Rules of Golf are published annually by the United States Golf Association and the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews. Changes in the rules may be made each year if necessary. Significant rules changes normally occur every other year and the ruling bodies of the game make a comprehensive review of the rules every four years or quadrennially.

1992 is a year for quadrennial changes which are intended to clarify and simplify rules. Much of the deliberations over such changes stems from the "Decisions on the Rules of Golf." These "Decisions" are made based upon occasions when two rules appear to be in conflict or when circumstances arise which produce doubts about how to proceed under the rules as currently written.



New Definitions

Four definitions are in the new rules of golf. Two are clarifications of previous definitions and two are brand new definitions. The old definition of "casual water" has been expanded to clarify that frost is neither casual water nor a loose impediment.

Under the old definition for "equipment" a golf cart, motorized or not, was treated as having the same status as a "caddie." Under the old definition and the associated rules, there was a whole bag full of "decisions" regarding the status of players riding in a motorized cart. They were confusing, depending on whether you were playing stroke play or match play and further confounding when fellow competitors shared the same cart.

The new definition of "equipment" simply states that, "If such a cart is shared by two or more players, the cart and everything in it is deemed to be the equipment of the player whose ball is involved except that, when the cart is being moved by one of the players sharing it, the cart and everything in it are deemed to be that player's equipment." This is an excellent simplification of all preceding rules and decisions which leaves little to be interpreted.

Coaches May Give Advice To Teams

The two new definitions have been created to accompany a new note under Rule 8, Advice, "Line of Play" and "Line of Putt" are the two new definitions. Line of Play is defined as the direction which the player wishes his ball to take after a stroke. Line of Putt is the direction which the player wishes his ball to take after a stroke on the putting green.

These two definitions may seem innocuous but they solve a problem which has confounded golf coaches for years. Under the old note for Rule 8, coaches or team captains of golf teams could not render advice under the rules if the team competition included an individual competition. In college and high school competition, among others, there is always an individual competition for medalist honors, or the player posting the lowest score in the tournament.

The old note and the old conditions of the competition meant that a coach could not render advice to his players during play of a round. That is like a football coach preparing his team for a game, but once the game is under way, the coach could only be an informed cheerleader. Imagine a baseball game without managers or base coaches where signals could not be used to communicate with the players. That was the exact circumstances that golf coaches faced during competition in the past.

Under the new note to Rule 8, a coach or a team captain may be appointed to give advice to team members during competition "with or without" concurrent individual competition. Under the conditions of the competition the committee may allow one person on each team to render advice. A welcome change to be sure.

New Rules Vary In Scope

There are 32 additional changes to rules and appendices which represent the most changes I can remember for any given year, quadrennial or not. Those which are simplifications may not be noticed by many golfers, but there are some clarifications that will result in changes in the way you play the game and how you penalized yourself.

In the next week or so, I will try to explain how these changes may have a bearing on your game. If you can't wait that long, you may stop by a pro shop and pick up your own copy of the 1992 Rules of Golf.

Brick Landing Women Play Bingo, Bango, Bongo

Bingo, Bango, Bongo was the name of the game last week at Brick Landing Plantation.

Three points were awarded on each hole in the ladies golf association event. Vivian Rowe won the tournament with 21 points.

One point was awarded to the first person reaching the green, one point to the player nearest the hole on the approach shot and one point to the first player in the cup.

Ruth Gardner, Alice Grossman and Millie Thomas tied for second place with 19 points each.

Thomas chipped in for birdie at the fifth and 10th holes. Marion Rhodes also chipped in at the fifth hole, and Rowe chipped in at the 10th. Edna Hollowell birdied the 17th.

Carolina Shores Ladies

Betty Kibblehouse shot 74 to win the first flight in the Carolina Shores Ladies Golf Association tournament last Thursday.

Runners-up in the top flight were Ginnie Derrickson with 74, Sue Greiner with 75 and Lynn Jerr with 76.

Second flight winners were Betty Goodwin with 72, Pat Reardon with 75 and Barbara Brooks and Gloria Lucas with 78.

Jackie Distler led the way in the third flight with 74. Runners-up were Dottie Russo with 75 and Helen Marsh and Doreen Spearin with 78.

In the fourth flight, Jean Palmer took first place with 74. Cissie Fleming was second with 76 and Claude Kyker was third with 78.

Pat Soule and Derrickson had low putts with 30 each. Derrickson also chipped in at the seventh hole and Terri Gould birdied the fourth.

Sea Trail Men

John Ewart, Al Cambria, Bill Miller and Guy Moulton combined for a 62 and won the Sea Trail Men's Golf Association best ball event last week.

Second place went to the foursome of Bill Upton, Gene Bilz, Ted Acton and Lou Meyer with a net 63.

Wayne Ruff, Keith Curry, Dave Llewellyn and Jim Blanda also shot 63 to tie the team of Marv Peters, Willie Criswell, Clarence Brown and Bob Moore.

Closest to the pin winners were Wayne Ruff of the second hole and Ray Washam on the 12th.

Ruth's Renegades

Blanche Johnson shot gross 117 and Ruth Brown shot net 78 to lead the way in the Ruth's Renegades tournament last week at Carolina Shores.



Jenny Briggs finished second in the low gross division with 117 and had low putts for the day with 32.

Mary Elliott and Marie Brockstra each finished with 33 putts. Play at Brierwood was canceled due to rain.

Brierwood Ladies

Ann Hierman fired the low gross of 89 to lead the first flight in the Brierwood Ladies Golf Association tournament last week.

Joanna Lang and Claire Aston tied for the low net of 70 in the top flight. Doris Dunfee, Lang and Hierman tied for low putts with 32.

In the second flight, Esther Smith had the low gross of 100. Pat O'Connell and Marge Harper tied for low net with 76. Joyce Thompson had low putts with 31.

Catherine Clemmons and Betty Maerker tied for low gross in the third flight with rounds of 105.

Low net winners in the third flight were Marion Corbin with 72 and Mary Ahearn with 73. Virginia Gibson had low putts with 30.

Fourth flight winners were Molly Hoke with gross 107, Lou Culp with net 76 and Louise Blizzard with net 77. Dot Frey and Hoke tied for low putts with 32.

Chip-ins were carded by Marje Roach at the first hole, Maerker at the sixth and Culp at the ninth. Mary Schaack birdied the 11th.

Nifty Niners

Members of the Carolina Shores Nifty Niners competed for low net last Thursday at Brierwood and Ocean Isle Beach golf courses.

Winners at Brierwood were Nancy Bradbury with 35, Jane Taubel with 38 and Helen Spinner with 42.

At Ocean Isle, top finishers were Jean Jann with 30, Gerrie O'Connell with 31 and Jeanne Shields with 33.

Carolina Shores Men

Bill Haupt eagled the 18th hole at The Pearl's west course to highlight play in the Carolina Shores Men's Golf Association tournament last Wednesday.

Haupt sank his third shot on the 508-yard par five, hitting an 8-iron over the water. Playing partners were Jim Harlan, Pat Lupia and Nat Peavy.

The team of Jack Hinte, Ernie Schober, Bill Higgins and Ken Singleton won the two best ball event with a score of 120.

Finishing second, also with 120, was the foursome of Dick Stewart, Gene Biiz, John Healy and Curly Anzich.

Third place went to the team of Bob Russo, Bruce Kibblehouse, Bill Bottenus and Mike Abbene with 122.

Bernie Distler, Ed Greiner, Bill Bechtle and Tony Santino defeated the team of Bill Teschler, Tom Brendgord, Fred Janzen and Roger Thompson for fifth place on a match of cards after both groups shot 123.

Closest to the pin winners were Wayne Johnson at the second hole, Iggy Pulco at the fourth, Roger Thompson at the 13th and Dick Stewart at the 17th.

CS Travel League

The newly-formed Carolina Shores Men's Travel League held its first tournament last Friday at the Jones course at Sea Trail Plantation.

The team of Dick Powell, Jack O'Connell, Tom Keene and Tony Basile won the two best ball event with a score of 127.

Finishing three shots back in second place was the foursome of Bill Miller, Len Brown, Frank Koss and Jim Mahony.

The team of Tom Hoskinson, Ed Jacobs, Joe Meo and Henry Michel took third place with 134.

Placing fourth with a 135 was the

team of Bob Johnson, Bill Bechtle, Ernie Koeppel and Bob Carter.

Bill McCoskey, Gene Miltner, Jack Baumeister and Al Storm finished fifth, also with a 135.

The new golf group will compete each Friday at area courses.

Sea Trail Ladies

Robin Walters shot 33.5 to win the Sea Trail Ladies Golf Association tournament last Wednesday.

Golfers counted scores on par fours only. Runners-up were Marge Gallop with 39 and Lois Curry with 40.5.

Other top finishers were Mary Penfield with 41, Jean Krisher with 42.5 and Jane Bye and Nancy Williams with scores of 43.

Brierwood Men

Ray Linder, John Martocci, Paul Keeley and Morris Hall shot 127 to win the Brierwood Men's Golf Association two best ball event last Thursday.

Bob Tompkins, Neal McCall, Harry Pearson and Jack Akers shot 131 to tie the foursome of Odie Johnson, Jim Simpson, Emile Vrydaugh and Bill Allen for second place.

Two teams tied for top honors in the nine-hole mixed scramble last Wednesday at Brierwood.

Ann Caser, Rita Dugan, Barbara Baxter and Frank Thompson shot 35 to tie the foursome of Joyce Thompson, Carol Soucie, Jack Baker and Bob Wareheim.

On Jan. 6, the team of Jim Crosby, Hank Culp, Jim Roach and Bill Goldsberry won both legs of the nine-hole match play game at Brierwood.

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The format is gross score, and men and women golfers will compete against people in their age group. Players are encouraged to make their own foursome.

Sign-ups start at 8 a.m. and play begins at 8:30 a.m. The starting time may be delayed if the weather is too cold.

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