

# THE IMPROVED LIE

Petaluma Golf & Country Club

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The View from #18 Tee Box

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## JANUARY / FEBRUARY CALENDARS

**Sun, January 24** - Annual Crab Feed. 2:00pm Cocktails and 3:00pm Dinner. \$45 Per Person or \$15 for those wanting Pasta only. Kids 12 and under are free. During the crab feed we watch the NFC Playoff Game which starts at 3:40pm. Deadline to RSVP will be January 17th

**Fri, January 29** - Member Mixer RUM SOCIAL- \$500 Drawing. We will have good old fashion maritime music to get us in the mood for a free Rum Tasting. We will have appetizers

### Club Officers

#### President

Michael Johnson

#### Vice President

Donna Beels

#### Treasurer

Flip Lamson

#### Secretary

Patrick Smith

and live music. Put on your best pirate patch, grab your sabre and join in the fun. Music from 5:30pm to 7:00pm

**Sun, February 7** - Superbowl. We will have a 12:00pm 9-Hole Shotgun Tournament (weather permitting). During the Game we will have a special menu: TBD.

**Sat, February 13** - Valentine's Dinner Dance is back at PG&CC. Preferred Sonoma Catering is providing the Prime Rib dinner and DJ Chuck will spin some dance music. Members are encouraged to bring guests. Cost: \$125 per couple.

**Fri, February 26** - Friday Night Mixer - \$500 Drawing

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### **SOCIAL ACTIVITY AT THE CLUB** *By Christopher Gay*

We have a lot of things going on at the club - a little rain doesn't scare us! Please note the expanded details in the Calendar of Events above and be sure to swing by your club during the rainy season!

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#### **MEMBER RECRUITMENT INCENTIVE**

the number #1 source of new members is you! So call your friends or other golf partners and get them to join. Each new member you bring to the club you **Earn \$275**. After 6 months as a member in good standing, those new member will also receive a credit of \$275.00.

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### **HEAD GOLF PROFESSIONAL / GM REPORT** *By Christopher Gay*

Happy New Year everyone!

The Golf Course is good shape and is taking the rain fairly well. Golf Carts are currently restricted to the path but the greens are rolling and the course only has a few wet areas.

#### **Did you know???**

The USGA rule to ban anchoring of a club is now in place. This new rule is 14-1b. This new rule doesn't ban long putters and belly putters. It is a bit complicated but it basically means that you cannot anchor the club and in some cases you can not anchor your forearms to your body. Here are a couple of quick guidelines:

- **If your hands are held together.** You are permitted to hold your forearms tight to your body.

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- **If your hands are separated on the grip.** You are not allowed to anchor your forearms.

- **Regardless of your grip** - the end of the club can not be held against any part of the body.

*If you have any questions regarding this USGA Rule - please come see me and I will make sure you are making a legal stroke.*

### **More Rules???**

While we are discussing Rule 14-1b - let's jump into Rule 26 and learn the difference between a water hazard (WH) and a lateral water hazard (LWH). A WH is defined by Yellow Stakes or Yellow Lines. A LWH is defined by Red Stakes or Red Lines. We have only 1 Lateral Water Hazard on our golf course.

**If you hit into a Water Hazard.** You only have 3 Options. Play it where it lies. Re-hit from the area of you last stroke. Or from the point where the ball last crossed the hazard and in line with the flag you may drop as far back as you wish on that line from point of entry and flag.

**If you hit into a Lateral Water Hazard.** You have the same 3 options but you have 2 more options for you. You may drop a ball 2 club lengths from the point where the ball last crossed the hazard. You may also drop a ball on the other side of the LWH no closer to the hole.

**The reason why the rules are different ...** a yellow water hazard is a hazard that you have to hit over such as a pond guarding a green. A red lateral water hazard is something to the side of the hole in play. If you can picture the #18 Hole at Pebble Beach the Pacific Ocean is on the left. If it is marked as a Yellow Water Hazard you would either re-hit from the last spot or drop your ball where it crossed the hazard keeping the flag in line ... this means that drop would be in Japan. **This is why** LWH are afforded 2 more options in taking relief as one of the options would be impossible when dealing with a LWH.

### **LASTLY**

We are in full planning mode. Junior Golf Camp Schedules are being created. We are finalizing the Social and Tournament Calendar and the Ladies Clinic and Cocktail program will be scheduled soon. Please check our Facebook page and website often to make sure you know what it is going on at your club!

See you on the links!

Christopher Gay, PGA

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**Facility Calendar of Events are Online on our [Facebook Page](#)**



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