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Hi again!

Well, spring is just around the corner and I guess, hopefully because we need it, the spring rains will descend on us. Seems quite a few people think that way too, because sales of wet weather wear is quite brisk. How are you placed? The [Stay Dri](#) gear is top of the range at very reasonable prices.

Rules Quiz

Oh boy! Oh boy! Did I get into trouble last month. In the Rules Quiz I stated that Tom took his stance but I did not say that he '*grounded his club*'. I received umpteen emails advising of my error. Thank you to everyone; your interest in this part of the newsletter is very rewarding. Now to this months question ... it's Tom who's in trouble again.

In a match play round Tom hits off the Par-4 3rd tee with a humungous drive but straight into a greenside bunker. On arriving at the bunker he discovers the ball lies in casual water. He elects to proceed under Rule 25-1b (ii)(a) and determines that the nearest point of relief in the bunker is close to the back of the bunker. Tom is a thinking man. Rather than have the ball plug in the sand he drops within one club length of the nearest point of relief on a slope outside the bunker. The ball rolls down the slope and comes to rest in the bunker not nearer the hole than the nearest point of relief. Very happy with himself Tom plays the ball onto the green and sinks the putt.

What is the ruling?

1. Tom incurs no penalty.
2. Tom incurs a penalty of one stroke.
3. Tom loses the hole.

It's the Law

Golf is a colourful sport that keeps you on the green, in the pink, and financially in the red.

Dream Swing

As reported last month, I've been using the [Dream Swing](#). Whilst I'd heard glowing reports about the machine and there was quite a lot of interest in it, perhaps I was a little sceptical. Not any more. My game has improved immensely. The first few sessions I found the machine and I did not agree and the back swing was a fight to see who would win. [Dream Swing](#) did thankfully.

Now I step into [Dream Swing](#) and I hit the groove straight away. I mostly practice with my #5 iron tho' I have used my driver and my wedges as well. My stance has become more solid and my follow through more complete. I use [Dream Swing](#) to practice my chipping too.

It's ridiculous but now that I've found the slot I've got the feeling that I do not need [Dream Swing](#) any more. It's not true. As any swing guru will tell you, you need to reinforce your

swing technique constantly and [Dream Swing](#) does that most effectively. Any spare 15 minutes and I have a swing session. Equally before going to the course I try to get in a 5 mins warm up ... something is working.

He said

When Tiger Woods was asked the question what he thought the major attribute he and Roger Federer have in common he replied; 'We don't fear losing'.

Practice Balls

We've got two new ones; an indoor practice ball, ideal for chipping practice without chipping Mum's favourite ornament or breaking a window; and a short range practice ball with the feel of a real ball but with a full drive only travels 40 metres.

- [Soft Shot](#) has been specifically designed for indoor golf practice. It reacts very similar to a real golf ball ... hit it thin and it shoots along the ground hit it fat and it spoons, hit it right and nothing gets broken.
- [Birdie Ball](#) is something else. It looks like a serviette ring. But when you strike it it feels just like a real ball and performs like a real ball. You can draw it, fade it and the feedback is instantaneous.

How fast?

The highest recorded speed for a golf ball at a long-drive competition. Is 223 miles per hour. Source: Titleist Performance Institute

Chipping

Here's a good drill to reduce the use of your wrists during chipping. First acquire an old golf shaft or a piece of dowel or similar about a metre long Then, if you're game, taking your practice club, push it through the top of the grip and into the shaft leaving about 60cm sticking out. Alternately, as you grasp your practice club hold the old shaft in position with your hands. If your wrists break down during the follow-through, thereby throwing the clubhead forward, the extended shaft will tap you on your side just under the shoulder blade, giving you a friendly reminder about firm wrists when chipping.

It's the Law

The last three holes of a round will automatically adjust your score to what it really should be.

Don't forget to call into our blog, ["Rub of the Green"](#) There's something new every day Until next time - Keep 'em down the middle.



Cliff Nunn

Rules Answer:

3. Tom loses the hole. (In a stroke round a 2 stroke penalty would apply.) Under Rule 25-1b(ii)(a) the player is required to drop the ball **IN** the bunker. If the player, although proceeding under this Rule, drops the ball outside the bunker, regardless of where it comes to rest, and plays it he is in breach of Rule 25.

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