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Hi there!

Happy New Year! May all your drives be long and down the middle.

If your New Year resolution is to play better this year then, stop fussing with your golf game. Instead concentrate on 'what you already have'... Remember that screaming drive down the second, or was it the third last March? . And what about that 20 footer down hill, left to right and then right to left putt you downed for a birdie? You've got more skills than you give yourself credit for. Stop fussing with your game; start having fun again; relax, you know what to do, just do it and it will happen lower scores!

Rules Quiz

Poor old John is in trouble again, looks like his drive may have gone into the water. John announced that, since his ball might be in the water hazard he is going to play a provisional ball and he does so. This ball finishes in the middle of the fairway. The pair proceed forward to discover John's original ball outside the hazard, sitting clear and begging to be hit. Beauty! says John I'll be on in two. proceeds to lay the ball 4 feet from the pin and picks up his second ball. Tom is not so sure, he thinks John should have discarded the original ball and played the so called provisional instead. What do you think?

1. John is OK he's on for two
2. John has played a wrong ball, penalty 2 strokes, he is on for four.
3. John has played a wrong ball. He is required to replace his second ball and play out the hole. He will be playing his seventh stroke

9 Quick Tips

Now, here are 9 quick tips on what the Rules of Golf permit you to do. Check them out; there might be something new for you.

Under the Rules of Golf you may;

1. Have a flagstick attended even when your ball is in a bunker, on the apron of the green, or anywhere else on the course - [Rule 17-1](#).
2. Look into someone's golf bag to identify which club they are using for their stroke - [Decision 8-1/10](#).
3. Use the back, or the toe, of the clubhead to strike the ball - [Decision 14-1/1](#).
4. Ask anyone the distance from any point A to any point B - Information on distance is not advice, [Definition of Advice](#).
5. Ground your club on a bridge situated in a water hazard - [Decision 13-4/30](#).
6. Lay a club, or clubs, in a bunker before you make a stroke at your ball lying in that bunker - [Exception 1\(b\) to Rule 13-4](#).

7. Wrap a towel or handkerchief around the grip to assist in gripping your club on a wet day - [Rule 14-3c](#).
8. Replace your ball where it was, under penalty of one stroke, when you have just putted past the hole and into a bunker - [Rule 27-1a](#).
9. Use the toe of your putter to mark your ball - [Decision 20-1/16](#).

New Clubs

The 2010 model clubs are beginning to appear. Acer have released their XDS Cabriolet irons which are a development on their highly successful wide sole XDS series. Incorporating the principles of the Hybrid they have removed the heavy crown and repositioned that weight elsewhere to further enhance the characteristics of their clubhead. Dynacraft are bringing back the blade . Why? When 70% of touring pros. no longer use them to earn their crust. The secret is that it is not truly a blade; the Dynacraft Prophet Tour Blade which has a black finish, looks just like a blade: compact from heel-to-toe, possess a thin 4-way radius sole, thin top line and reduced offset. With a shorter hosel to increase forgiveness and a stability slot cut into the muscle-back. The Dynacraft Prophet Tour might just be the start of a new category as a game improvement blade proving that not all blades are hard to hit. They ll both be on GCDU in the next couple of weeks.

It's the Law

Your accurate iron shot of the day will be exactly one club short.

Adieu 2009

Let's put 2009 behind us and not waste time debating Tiger's indiscretions or whether he will or won't be a force to reckon with in the future. Greg Norman put it succinctly
 Golf is bigger than any individual. to which I will add It's got to be!

To close the decade a few memorable quotes:

"It's like eating an elephant. I can do it, but you have to do it bite by bite."
Colin Montgomerie on slowly working his way up the world golf rankings.

"Golf balls don't know how old you are."
Former Open champion Paul Lawrie's verdict on veteran Tom Watson's amazing week at Turnberry.

"Cold, very cold, links golf. Ken Brown used to soak his balls in warm water for half an hour before playing. That did the trick."
Mark James at The Open.

"I just led them to the water - and they drank copiously."
Captain Sam Torrance played down his own contribution towards Europe's thrilling Ryder Cup victory at The Belfry.

So where are we now?

The end-of-year world rankings are out, and they make pretty clear who are the stars of

2009 and who are the flops. Into the game's top 10 from a year ago have come Northern Ireland's 20-year-old Rory McIlroy, England's Paul Casey and Americans Steve Stricker, Jim Furyk and Kenny Perry. Out go Sergio Garcia, Vijay Singh, Robert Karlsson, Camilo Villegas and Ernie Els.

The biggest climbers are US PGA champion YE Yang, who started the season 478th and finishes it at 31st, and Italian Edoardo Molinari, who has climbed from 653rd to 48th. The biggest fallers are 2008 Masters champion Trevor Immelman, who suffered a wrist injury and crashed from 20th to 133rd, Aaron Baddeley (36th to 139th) and Swede Carl Pettersson (62nd to 212th).

If and when Tiger returns he will be among the old men on tour, the majority of players in the world's top 50 are now younger than him. But the old guys still had their moments.

Kenny Perry, 50 next June, almost won The Masters and, far more amazingly, Tom Watson nearly captured a sixth Open title two months before he reached 60.

Geoff Ogilvy heads the list of Australians at 14th with PGA Championship winner Robert Allenby climbing to 21st spot. Adam Scott is ranked 34th, while young gun Michael Sim soared to 45th place.

For me life hasn't changed; I'll still swing like I usually swing and my putts will or, as is usual, won't go in the cup, so what's different? Let's just get on with enjoying the fresh air, the company of good companions and the reward of at least one good shot in every round in 2010.

He Said

"I guess there is nothing that will get your mind off everything like golf. I have never been depressed enough to take up the game, but they say you get so sore at yourself you forget to hate your enemies." - Will Rogers

Until next time - Keep 'em down the middle.



Cliff Nunn

Rules Answer:

3. Firstly, you can't play a provisional ball if you believe your ball is in a water hazard, John's so called provisional was a second shot from the tee and the ball immediately became the ball in play. In consequence John incurred a stroke & distance penalty for playing a second shot from the tee (or losing his first ball) Rule 27-2b when he found and then struck his original ball he had hit a wrong ball (2 strokes) Rule 15-3b and a further penalty under Rule 18-2a. when he lifted his second ball (the provisional) which was the ball in play (1 stroke) 5 penalty strokes plus his original shot from the tee 6 shots. And if John did not go back, replace the second ball and play out the hole before proceeding to the next tee he is disqualified. Not bad when you consider John's lack of understanding of the Rules applied here are re-enacted every weekend around the country.

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