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Hi!

Struth! It's nearly the middle of the month already. I'd better digitartus extractus as the saying goes. Now that we have the Blog a lot of what I've put in Newsletters previously goes on the blog daily. So let's start with the rules question

Rules Quiz

This is one that frequently occurs and on-the-spot decisions vary considerably but there is only one Rules answer:

Tom is preparing to putt and has taken his stance when he notices the wind is oscillating his ball. Fearing the ball will move, Tom steps two or three paces away from the ball. A moment later the ball is caught by the wind and rolls toward the hole stopping only half a metre from the cup. Tom says "Thank you very much." steps up to the ball and sinks the putt. What is the ruling?

1. As Tom had stepped away from the ball and wind is not an outside agency there is no penalty. The putt counts.
2. Tom is deemed to have moved the ball, it must be replaced – penalty one stroke
3. Tom played the ball from a wrong position, - penalty two strokes

He Said

"The income tax has made liars out of more Americans than golf." – Will Rogers

Dream Swing

The shipment arrived and feedback so far had been good. I've started using one and it is quite remarkable the way it schools your body to swing correctly. You step away from the Dream Swing and swing at a few balls and you find your body has remembered what it was doing when you were in the machine. As promised I'm holding the price at \$385 plus shipping within Australia, until 14th. Price will go up to \$419 from the 15th [CLICK HERE](#)

Old Course 'may crumble into sea'

An environmental expert in St Andrews has warned the year 2050 could see the town's famous golf course, the Old Course, crumble into the North Sea. Professor Jan Bebbington, director of the St Andrews Sustainability Institute, was visualising the effect of climate change on Scotland in 50 years.

The Short Game

To understand the value of using different clubs from the same distance to the same target, choose a spot in the fairway and, using different clubs, hit balls to the identical landing spot on the green. It is the only way to learn what each club will do for you. Discover the different combinations of flight and roll each club will give you. This is the first part of developing your touch with the short game.

Next, choosing what you think is the appropriate club, chip or pitch from varying distances away from the green. Always aim at the same landing spot. Each club will give you a different flight/roll combination. At each distance you must choose the right club to land the ball on your target and roll up next to the pin.

Clubs for Juniors

It's great when the youngsters become interested in the game and want to play. The next step is the difficult one. Cutting down two or three of your old clubs is not the answer. The clubs will be too heavy and the shaft flex comparable to XXX-Stiff. This is the quickest way to destroy your boy or girl's interest because they won't hit the ball successfully. They need to see results from hitting the ball; it has to go up into the air and travel some distance. OK, you're not certain that your youngsters' interest will last – so why spend money?

It's a paradox; you're damned if you do and you're damned if you don't. GCDU now has starter sets for both boys and girls that are not going to cost you an arm and a leg. What's more your youngster will feel particularly important with a set of their own [CLICK HERE](#)

It's the Law

When your shot has to carry over a water hazard, you can either hit one more club or two more balls.

Don't forget to call into our Blog. There's something new every day

Until next time, keep 'em down the middle.



Cliff Nunn

Rules Answer: 2

Rule 18-2b In that Tom had addressed the ball, even though he stepped away, he is deemed to have moved the ball and incurs a penalty of one stroke. The ball must be replaced. That Tom moved away from the ball does not nullify the fact that he had taken his stance. Having taken his stance the only way to cancel this is to remark and lift the ball .

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