



Sunday Morning
Competitive Golf
Tournaments
HOME AND AWAY

Tilden Park Golf Club

**Tilden Park Golf Club
Monthly Meeting Minutes
October 13, 2011**

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President Charlie Barthold:

Called meeting to order at 7:18 p.m.
Thanked Dinner Committee for the steak and salmon dinner, side dishes and salad. There were only about 11 members and one guest (Chris's brother, Bruce) present for the dinner.

Treasurer Ronald Vincent

Ron Vincent presented the financials for the end of September, and we remain solvent! We currently have 73 paid members, down from the January 2011 level; however, rounds played by members are running 15% above the 2010 level. The budget for 2012 is built on having 73 members. Ron continues to place brochures in the holder on the bulletin in the club house, and there is an application form on the back side. Members are encouraged to talk up the Club as one of the best tactics to increase our membership.

Tournament Chairman Keith Shiver

Results – Texdahl/Johnson Away

Tournament – September 25, 2011

1. Brunel 68 (90)
2. Harder 70 (86)
3. Casella 71 (82)
4. Vincent 72 (85)
4. Witt 72 (84)
6. Bard 73 (85)
6. Liebguth 73 (85)

Results – Presidents Cup Rd 2 & 3 – Oct 2nd 9th

Round 2 – Oct 2

Liebguth/Johns def Lee/Shiver
Cooper/Todd def Conrad/Gray
Caraska/Shrieve def Easley/Casella
Stephenson/Bloom def Reichert/Vincent

Round 3 – Oct 9

Bard def Wessels
Stephenson def Gray
Shrieve def Conrad
Liebguth halved with Casella
Vincent def Shivere
Casella def Lee
Rush def Easley
Cooper def Bloom

Final Results: Team Casella wins with 11.5 points versus 4.5 for Team Shiver

Meeting Day Sweeps

No sweeps today.

Upcoming Tournaments:

- a. Assistant Tournament Chairman Tournament – Oct 20th
- b. Jack Fisher Tournament – Oct 30th and Nov 6th
- c. Metropolitan Away Tournament scheduled Nov 13th
- d. Turkey Shoot Nov 20; top five get Safeway Gift Cards
- e. Top Ten Shootout, Dec 4

President Charlie Barthold:

Opened the meeting for **Old Business:**
Does anyone have historical pictures of Tilden Park?

Honor Board should be input into the Club website.

Although there were no sweeps this day, some money for sweeps was collected at the pro shop. Ron Vincent stated he will rectify the payments.

Discussion of play on hole 14 regarding issue of how to proceed when a player is virtually certain the ball went into the hazard, and later after playing a new ball, the original ball was found in the fairway!

Ron Vincent and Tom Reddy continue to work on preparations for discussions and negotiation with the AGC on rates and potential discounts for members. The negotiation team was approved to be Alex Osborne and Dave Caraska.

Opened the meeting for **New Business:**
None

President Charlie Barthold

Dinner for November 10th meeting to be about 6:00-6:30. Respond to Evite by early Tuesday, Nov 8th. Tee times for sweeps requested in the 12:00-1:00 time slot.

Charlie Barthold received a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 p.m.
Thomas Spike - Secretary

TILDEN PARK GOLF CLUB – RULES OF GOLF QUESTIONS – Answers to last month's quiz are copied below the new quiz for this month.

NEW QUIZ – October 2011

1. At the 2009 Masters, Padraig Harrington was five feet from the hole in three on the par 5 15th green. After taking a practice stroke, he took his stance and grounded his putter behind the ball, but he then stepped away to reassess the line. At that moment, a gust of wind blew his ball three feet further from the hole. How do the Rules consider this?

2. Your birdie putt is running true and straight into the hole, but then pops up into the air and stops outside the hole ... yes, it hit the hole liner which hadn't been pushed all the way in. You know it would have gone in, but you couldn't just write down birdie. So you replayed it from the same spot and made it. What do the Rules say?

3. A single was added to my threesome in a casual round. On the 7th hole, he and I both hit our balls left of the green in some bushes. He arrived first, found his ball, and pitched on. I searched but could not find my ball. So I declared the ball "lost", dropped and took a 2-stroke penalty. On the next hole, I discovered that the single was playing the ball I had declared lost. What is the ruling here?

PRIOR QUIZ – September 2011

1. You were playing with your partner who is member at Olympic Club. On an undulating green, he conferred with his caddie and then addressed the ball, but with his caddie a few feet behind him and to the side. But his caddie's shadow was right along the line they had agreed upon, and sure enough, the putt went straight along the shadow, over a hill, and into the hole. Is this legal?

Answer: While he wasn't touching the green (a more obvious no-no), the caddie was still violating Rule 8-2b-1, which strictly forbids anyone from indicating the line of putt while the stroke is being played. That should have cost your buddy two penalty strokes. If playing with him

again, it may be best to tee off at high noon.

2. During a recent round, you hit your ball into a bush, and although you could hit it, you would have to come out sideways. But when you took your stance, you realized you'd have to stand on the cartpath. You agreed with your competitor that you could take relief from the path and the bush without penalty. But this gave you a shot to the green, and you obviously took this option. Can you do this?

Answer: You clearly have a right to relief based on the impediment to your only real shot. According to Rule 24-2b/7, a player is not forced to maintain an obstruction to their line of play, even when taking a free drop. As long as your drop abided by the Rules, there's no reason you can't shoot for the green.

3. At the 2009 Masters, Rory McIlroy hit into a bunker on the 18th hole and failed to get out on his first shot. He then smoothed the sand with his foot. How does this comport with the Rules?

Answer: Rule 13-4 says you cannot test the condition of a hazard in which your ball lies or any similar hazard. The penalty is two strokes. An exception to the rule allows a player to smooth the sand without penalty if he hits a shot from a bunker and the ball stays in. That is, provided nothing is done to improve the lie, area of intended stance, swing, lie of play, or area in which he is to drop or place a ball with respect to the next shot. Upon review, he was deemed to have smoothed the sand, but not to test the surface. If he had tested the surface, McIlroy would have been disqualified for signing an incorrect scorecard because it didn't include the two-stroke penalty. He was cautioned not to swipe so "vigorously" in the future. Also note that kicking the sand in anger also would invoke the two-shot penalty. Even without penalties, McIlroy took a triple bogey on the final hole of competition.

(Also, stay tuned for rule changes coming up in November!!!)