

INDIAN CREEK MEN'S GOLF CLUB BYLAWS

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ARTICLE I – NAME

The name of this organization shall be **INDIAN CREEK MEN'S GOLF CLUB**, hereafter known as the **Club**.

ARTICLE II - CLUB PURPOSE

To promote golfing interests among its members in a manner aimed to create good fellowship and provide an incentive for improvement of the individual member's knowledge of the game and his playing ability.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

SECTION 1

Application for membership shall be presented on a form approved by the Club. (A copy of the form is attached as addenda.) Each person admitted to membership must abide by the **BYLAWS** and the **RULES** and **REGULATIONS** of the Club. The minimum age for applicants is eighteen.

SECTION 2

Dues of continuing members shall be payable beginning October 1 of each year and if not paid by December 28 shall become delinquent. A member who is delinquent in paying his next year's dues will not be entitled to vote or have any other privileges of membership for the coming year until such dues, plus penalties, are paid. A reinstatement charge of \$10.00 shall be added to dues of delinquent members and/or any fee applied by the NCGA.

SECTION 3

- (a) Dues for continuing members shall be a combined total of the NCGA dues of \$36.00 together with a club surcharge of \$34.00 per year for a combined total of \$70.00. A multi-club member, even though another golf course is his home club, shall, nevertheless, pay the same combined total as continuing members in annual dues, as required by the NCGA. This combined total however is subject to increase, without amendment, should the NCGA increase their dues to their member clubs. The club surcharge is to be used to defray club expenses including, but not limited to, one beverage of choice (other than

premium wine and beer) for each player playing in a tournament in which a hole in one is scored.

- (b) New, non-NCGA members shall pay the same combined total as continuing members plus a one-time initiation fee payable to the NCGA. This one-time initiation fee is presently set at \$10.00. However should the NCGA increase their initiation fee, then that increase will be passed onto the new members without amendment to these bylaws? Presently new non-NCGA members shall pay \$80.00 dues for the first year, which includes the one-time initiation fee.
- (c) Membership applications shall be made available in the Clubroom and in the Golf Course Pro-shop. The applications will be kept up to date with the overall dues stated on them for Continuing Members, Multi-club Members and New-non-NCGA Members. A membership application is also available on the Men's Club website at www.icmensgolf.org. Presently these dues are \$70.00, \$70.00 and \$80.00 respectively. The dues however are subject to increase as stated in items (a) and (b) above. The applications will be revised in a timely fashion should an increase in membership dues be made necessary by an increase in the NCGA portion of said dues.

SECTION 4

Members joining the club on or after November 1 of each year shall be entitled to play in Men's Club tournaments for the balance of that year for purposes of establishing a Men's Club handicap, notwithstanding that their membership in the Club does not commence until January 1 of the following year.

SECTION 5

- (a) To be eligible to win trophies in trophy tournaments, also known as major tournaments, and to qualify for the sectional championship and any other NCGA Club Event, members must have competed in at least (8) official Men's Club tournaments in the twelve-month period prior to each such trophy tournament. This requirement may not be waived for any reason. Members not eligible for a trophy may nevertheless play in all tournaments to establish major tournament eligibility and are eligible to receive all other tournament awards.
- (b) The Hole in One Pot (hereafter Pot) is a prize available only to current paid members of the Indian Creek Country Club Men's Club. In order to be eligible to win and receive the Pot the member **MUST** have paid \$1.00 into the Pot prior to scoring his Hole in One. There are three scheduled tournaments which, in previous years, no monies for the Pot were collected. These are: Ladies and Guest Invitational, Skins game and Match Play. When these tournaments are played and if any current member wants to participate in the Pot, an additional \$1.00 will be collected.

SECTION 6

Any member who is believed to have defrauded the Club or Indian Creek course management or to have otherwise engaged in conduct unbecoming a member is subject to disciplinary action, including but not limited to censure, suspension or expulsion from the Club. Any member of the Club may bring an accusation directed to the attention of any officer of the Club to the effect that a member has engaged in conduct subjecting that member to disciplinary action. Upon presentation of such an accusation, the elected officers of the Club shall convene a meeting to determine what if any disciplinary action shall be taken against the accused member. At least three officers must be present to constitute a quorum at such a meeting.

Notice of a meeting convened for this purpose shall be posted at the Club at least two weeks in advance. Any member shall have the right to attend and to be heard at such meeting. Any member wishing to be heard must notify the President his desire to be heard at least five days in advance of the meeting. The accused member shall also have the right to attend and be heard at the meeting. The meeting shall be conducted in an informal manner in accordance with an order of presentation to be determined by the President, who shall have the right to place reasonable time limitations on presentations by members. Following the conclusion of such presentations and an opportunity for the accused member to be heard, the officers shall deliberate on the matter in private session and shall determine by majority vote what if any disciplinary measure shall be imposed. The decision of the officers shall be final and not challengeable by the disciplined member or any other party in any other forum. No refunds of fees, dues, awards, etc. will be made to any disciplined member.

SECTION 7

While playing in Men's Club tournaments and other events sponsored or in any other way affiliated with the Men's Club, members shall conduct themselves in an appropriate manner, including not limited to refraining from loud and obnoxious behavior and any other behavior which detracts from the ability of other members to focus upon and enjoy their round of golf. Members shall behave in a manner consistent with basic norms of golf etiquette, including but not limited to not getting ahead of their playing partners and not talking while their playing partners are attempting to putt or swing. Members shall dress appropriately and, in particular, may not wear tank tops or "short shorts" (i.e., running-type shorts). Members are not specifically required to wear shirts with collars or non-jean type pants, but are encouraged to do so, particularly in major tournaments. On occasions on which Men's Club events are held at other golf courses, members are responsible for compliance with the dress code in effect at such courses.

ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SECTION 1

The elected officers of the Club shall be a President, Vice-President, Tournament Chairman, Secretary-Treasurer, and NCGA Handicap Chairman.

SECTION 2

- (a) The presiding President shall appoint a Nominating Committee of at least three (3) members in good standing to nominate candidates for officers of the Club. This appointment should be made no later than September 1 of each year.
- (b) Any member in good standing shall be eligible to be nominated for any office.
- (c) Nominations and the election of officers are to be held at a regular meeting, no later than mid-November preceding the new term of one (1) year, the term of office running from January 1 through December 31.
- (d) Other nominations shall be accepted from the floor at the time of the official election meeting.
- (e) For positions with more than one nominee, the election shall be by secret ballot, with the individual receiving a majority of votes (at least one over half) being declared elected to that office. In the event of no majority vote, or a tie, a run-off vote shall be immediately conducted, to include the two top vote getters from the previous ballot.
- (f) For positions with only one nominee, the election shall be by voice affirmation.

SECTION 3

There shall be a complete election of officers each year.

SECTION 4

The **BOARD OF DIRECTORS** shall consist of the elected officers, the immediate Past President, and the chairman of all standing committees. (For the duties of officers and standing committees, see ARTICLE V).

SECTION 5

- (a) Any elected officer who wishes to resign must submit a letter of resignation to the President, or in the case of the President resigning, to the Vice President. Vacancies in elective offices shall be by election at the next regular meeting of the Club to fill the unexpired term. (The previous year's Nominating Committee or a newly appointed group – at the discretion of the President - shall function at this time).
- (b) The exception to the above procedure to fill a vacancy is in the case of the President's resignation. In that event, the Vice-President shall assume the responsibility to carry the procedure - as acting President - to fill the Presidential vacancy. The unexpired term for Vice-President shall then be filled by election at the next regular meeting of the Club.

ARTICLE V - DUTIES AND POWERS OF OFFICERS AND STANDING COMMITTEES

SECTION 1

The **PRESIDENT** shall preside at all meetings of the Club, see to it that the schedules and rules and regulations as may be adopted by the Club are enforced, call such meetings as are herein provided for, exercise general supervision of the affairs of the Club, sign bank checks with the Secretary-Treasurer, and appoint such officers and committees as are necessary for carrying on the affairs of the Club. He shall represent the Club whenever possible and shall faithfully advance the purpose for which the Club was organized. He shall appoint a chairman for all standing committees, which are: Audit-Budget; Nominating; Publicity; Rules and Trophy/Awards. These chairmen are to be announced as soon after elections as possible. The President shall also appoint any other special committee chairman deemed desirable for the general welfare of the Club.

SECTION 2

The **VICE-PRESIDENT** shall assume all the duties and powers of the President in the absence of that officer. This includes the signing of Club checks in the absence of the President. The Vice-President shall assist generally in the work of the Club at all times.

SECTION 3

The **TOURNAMENT CHAIRMAN** shall prepare the suggested schedule of tournaments for the entire year of his term in office. He shall be solely responsible to arrange and direct all tournaments according to NCGA golf rules and the Club's tournament rules and regulations. He shall keep records of all tournament play turned in by members. He shall be responsible to turn over a list of members who are to receive trophy/awards for Major tournament play to the Trophy/Awards committee in a reasonable time after all Major tournaments in order for the latter committee to be able to acquire said awards prior to the annual Awards Dinner. He shall turn over all excess tournament fees/money at the end of every month to the Secretary-Treasurer. The Tournament Chairman shall have his annual Club dues waived.

SECTION 4

The **SECRETARY-TREASURER** shall record the proceedings of all meetings, read the report of the business transacted at the previous meeting (the "minutes"), keep an up-to-date roll of the names, addresses, telephone numbers and e-mails of all members of the Club, attend to the correspondence of the Club, and shall file copies of all letters, incoming and outgoing. He shall mail notices of meetings as required, maintain a copy of the roster, bylaws, and rules and regulations of the Club. He shall collect all monies belonging to the Club whenever presented and deposit same in such bank as designated in the name of Indian Creek Men's Golf Club. He shall make disbursements of the Club funds only as authorized; bank checks shall be signed either by the Secretary-Treasurer, the President or Vice-President. He shall submit the application for each member to the NCGA for establishing handicap and handicap records. He

shall make a financial report at regular meetings and have his books audited at the end of the Club year. An annual report in writing shall be made at the Fall Meeting, prior to election of officers for the coming year. He shall provide new members with a copy of the bylaws, rules and regulations, and the yearly schedule of tournaments. The Secretary-Treasurer shall have his annual Club dues waived.

SECTION 5

The **NCGA HANDICAP CHAIRMAN** shall keep such records of scores turned in by the members as necessary (which shall be open to inspection by any member). He shall be responsible to post all adjusted tournament medal play scores with NCGA index-calculating headquarters for purposes of maintaining the individual member's monthly index record.

SECTION 6

THE HANDICAP COMMITTEE

6-1. The Handicap Committee shall be responsible to the Club for all aspects of the USGA Handicap System, including the computation of NCGA/USGA Handicap Indexes. The Handicap Committee will be headed by a Handicap Chairman appointed by the President.

6-2. Composition of the Handicap Committee

The Handicap Committee shall consist of at least two members of the Club headed by the Handicap Chairman.

6-3. Duties and Responsibilities

The Handicap Committee shall be responsible to the Club for all aspects of the USGA Handicap System, including the computation of NCGA/USGA Handicap Indexes for new members. New members will be given a NCGA/USGA Handicap Index after he returns five scores to the Handicap Committee (See Article III, Section 5 for additional Club requirements). An NCGA/USGA Handicap Index shall not be issued to a player who has returned fewer than five acceptable scores. The Handicap Committee shall verify that all acceptable scores are reported for handicap purposes, and that recorded scores are available for peer review.

SECTION 7

The **AUDIT-BUDGET COMMITTEE** shall consist of two (2) members in good standing and the current Secretary-Treasurer. The committee's duties shall be:

- (a) To audit the Secretary-Treasurer's books (which is to include assessment not only of bank deposits but those deposits made to management for each tournament) as of December 31 of each year;

- (b) To present an audit-budget report to the general membership quarterly;
- (c) To prepare a budget based on estimated income along with estimated expenditures for the coming year. This must be accomplished and in preliminary form in time for the first regular meeting of the new golf year;
- (d) To specify the officer or chairman responsible for each type of expenditure/deposit.

Changes may be made by the Board of Directors to adjust the budget during the year to accommodate unforeseen circumstances.

SECTION 8

The **PUBLICITY COMMITTEE** shall be responsible for furnishing all Club tournaments and other activities information to newspapers or other media outlets. The committee shall report all tournament results and maintain a Club scrapbook of all publicity and activities of the Club (i.e., pictures, newspaper clippings, etc.).

SECTION 9

The **RULES COMMITTEE** shall prepare necessary local rules and regulations. It is the duty of this committee to distribute rules updates to the membership whenever appropriate.

SECTION 10

The **TROPHY/AWARDS COMMITTEE** shall select all trophies/awards for Major tournament play, and be responsible for engraving of trophies, plaques, etc., earned by any member of the Club. A perpetual trophy shall be engraved and presented at the annual Awards Dinner to the player with the low gross score in the annual club championship, who shall be designated as the "**Club Champion**". This perpetual trophy shall be kept on display at Indian Creek Golf Course. The club champion shall also be presented with a personal trophy commemorating his achievement. The Club will also sponsor the club champion in any NCGA individual event qualifier and subsequent tournament (provided he qualifies at the qualifying tournament) of his choosing for which he is eligible. The individual shooting the low net score overall in the club championship shall be designated as the "**Low Net Club Champion**" and shall receive a personal trophy commemorating his achievement which is identical to the trophy received by the club champion other than the inscription.

SECTION 11

In the event a committee chairman must be absent, the co-chairman or another committee member must represent him, with voting privileges, at regular Club or board meetings.

SECTION 12

The policies of the Club shall be controlled by the Board of Directors, consisting of all the elected officers and chairmen of all standing committees plus the immediate past President.

SECTION 13

The President, or his designated representative, shall represent the Club at all regular meetings of the NCGA. Expenses associated with these meetings may be paid for by the Club if so authorized by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VI - CLUB MEETINGS

SECTION 1

Regular meetings of the Club shall be held, generally, four times a year.

SECTION 2

- (a) Ten (10) percent (%) of the membership of the Club shall constitute a quorum for any regular or special meeting. A quorum is required in order to make any changes in the bylaws or conduct any important business for the Club.
- (b) A special meeting of the Club may be held at any time upon the call of the President or the Board of Directors. Members are to be notified by mail, telephone, posted notices on the Men's Club section of the bulletin board at Indian Creek Golf Course, or by any other reasonable method.

SECTION 3

An awards dinner "meeting" shall be held as soon after the fall Club championship tournament as possible, no later than the first week of December, to avoid conflict with election of new officers and the holiday season.

ARTICLE VII - ORDER OF BUSINESS AT MEETINGS

The order and conduct of business at board and regular meetings shall be based on Roberts Rules of Order, and be generally in the following sequence:

1. Call to order.
2. Reading, of the minutes of previous meeting.
3. Communications and bills.
4. Treasurer's report.
5. Reports of officers and chairman.
6. Unfinished business.
7. New Business.
8. Announcements.
9. Adjournment.

ARTICLE VIII – AMENDMENTS

The bylaws may be altered, amended or repealed, a new provision added, or adoption of new bylaws made at any regular or special meeting of the members by a TWO-THIRDS (2/3) VOTE of those members present. Any changes or amendments of any kind to the bylaws shall be posted thirty (30) days prior to action by the Club membership.

ARTICLE IX - POLICY AND GENERAL GUIDELINES GOVERNING TOURNAMENTS

SECTION 1

Tournaments shall generally be played as noted in the tournament schedule. The tournament chairman has sole responsibility for making decisions relative to canceling tournaments prior to their commencement or suspending or canceling play after a tournament has commenced for weather-related reasons. Additional tournaments may be added to the schedule after it is prepared at the tournament chairman's discretion.

SECTION 2

Only paid-up members may compete in regular/Major tournaments, with the exception of guests who are allowed to play with reasonable notice to the Tournament Chairman and at the Tournament Chairman's sole discretion. Guests must pay the normal club fee as well as green fee and are eligible for closest to the pin, and if they choose to enter, fewest putts. The same guest may play a maximum of twice in a given calendar year.

SECTION 3

Play shall be according to flights, unless otherwise posted.

SECTION 4

Flights shall be established by the Tournament Chairman. Flight alignment will vary depending upon the number of member signups and their handicaps for each tournament.

SECTION 5

Before flight alignments are made, the Tournament Chairman shall check with the Handicap Committee Chairman for the official handicap record.

SECTION 6

The manner of pairing players in tournaments shall be at the sole discretion of the Tournament Chairman. Specifically, the Tournament Chairman, if he so chooses may permit members to request that a particular twosome, threesome or foursome plays together in a given tournament.

The Tournament Chairman will indicate on the sign-up sheet for each tournament whether such requests will be entertained. In assigning pairings for such tournaments, the Tournament Chairman will make a good faith effort to honor requests of this nature, but it may not always be feasible to do so. Desires of members to ride in a cart during tournament play are not the responsibility of the Tournament Chairman. Members who feel they must ride in a cart in order to play must make their own arrangements directly with the golf course, and neither the Tournament Chairman nor the Men's Club as a whole assume any responsibility for insuring that members will be able to ride in a cart, whether with another particular member or at all.

SECTION 7

(a) In the event of ties in Major tournaments, the winner of those ties would be determined by matching (comparing) scorecards by the Tournament Chairman. The method of matching cards will be according to the USGA suggested method for deciding ties in Appendix I of "the Rules of Golf". The only exception will be that of determining the Club Champion (Low Gross) or the Club Low Net Champion. Those ties would be played off as part of the next regular medal play tournament on the Club's schedule or on a separate date or time by those players involved - with the Tournament Chairman's approval and direct supervision. Playoffs shall be conducted over the entire eighteen holes of the tournament in which the playoff(s) is/are held, or if done separate from a tournament shall be eighteen holes in length. A separate playoff would be at Indian Creek Country Club and at no other golf club.

(b) Handicap decimals will be used to break ties in playoffs for low nets (see subsection (c) below). If there is still a tie even applying the players' handicap decimals, any such tie will be broken by matching (comparing) scorecards as suggested in the Rules of Golf and as determined by the Tournament Chairman?

(c) Ties in other than major tournaments shall result in the prize money for the places occupied by the players in question being divided. For example, Joe and John both shoot 62.0 net, the lowest score in their flight. First and second place money of \$9 and \$6 respectively, is combined and divided equally, i.e., \$7.50 each. For purposes of this section, as to non-major tournaments, "ties" in terms of net scores will result only if the players' net scores are identical after their Men's Club handicap, including decimal, is deducted from their gross score. For instance, Joe and John both shoot 75 gross, and both have 11 handicaps. However, Joe's non-rounded handicap is 10.8 while John's is 11.2. John's 63.8 net beats Joe's 64.2 even though both scores round to 64. In Major tournaments, decimal points in handicaps will not be considered in breaking ties. Thus, in the example of Joe and John, in a Major tournament, both would be deemed to have shot 64 net, and the winner would be determined as provided in SECTION 7 subsection (a). Ties for low gross in non-major tournaments shall be broken by matching (comparing) scorecards as suggested in the Rules of Golf as determined by the Tournament Chairman.

SECTION 8

The Tournament Chairman may at his discretion appoint one or more members of the Club who are willing to serve in such capacity to accompany one or more groups of players who are in

contention for low gross and/or low net overall in the final round of the Club Championship Tournament. Such member or members shall have in their possession during such round the current version of the Rules of Golf and shall have full and final authority to referee during the round, including the unilateral authority to disqualify any competitor who demonstrates inappropriate behavior.

SECTION 9

The Sectional Qualifying Tournament for the East Sacramento Zone four-man, two best ball team tournament shall consist of the following: The Tournament Chairman shall designate two tournament dates, sufficiently prior to the East Sacramento Zone competition, for purposes of qualifying for the competition. These two tournament dates are to be held consecutively, either at Indian Creek Golf Course or at an alternate course or a combination thereof. The tournament dates can be held on consecutive weekends or on alternating weekends. The location and scheduling as recommended by the Tournament Chairman and as approved by the membership on whole by vote at a General Meeting, or a special meeting as called for by the club President. The club will send four players to the competition, being the individuals shooting the four lowest net scores combined in the qualifying tournaments.

Ties in the qualifying tournament shall be broken in the manner provided for major tournaments. For the Zone qualifying tournament and for purposes of Zone qualifying and any other NCGA Club Event only, handicaps shall be based on the player's NCGA index with a maximum index of 18.4 for calculation in accordance with the format of play as stipulated by the NCGA. All players with indexes of 18.5 and above are eligible but must play to a maximum index of 18.4. The player's course handicap will then be determined using his NCGA index and the official slope chart for Indian Creek Golf Course. It will be at the Tournament Chairman's discretion if further adjustments to the player's handicap will be used. For instance employing the NCGA format of using 90% of the course handicap for play in this tournament, or any other NCGA Club Event qualifier, will be at his discretion. The four players who qualify shall determine among themselves who will be playing partners in the Zone Tournament. If the qualifying tournament commences in one month and for any reason ends in the following month, the participants' handicaps for the month in which the tournament commences shall remain in effect for Zone qualifying purposes only for the duration of the qualifying tournament, including playoffs. The score shot by the members attempting to qualify for the East Sacramento Zone Tournament shall also be used for Indian Creek Men's Club tournament purposes, however, for this purpose, the members' Indian Creek Men's Club handicap for the month in which the tournament is played is used. Members choosing not to participate in the Zone qualifying portion of the qualifying tournament will be encouraged and welcomed to join in regular competition under normal conditions.

An additional fee shall be assessed to those attempting to qualify for the Zone tournament, which amount shall be determined each year prior to the qualifying tournament. Any request for a refund of such fee after it is paid shall be adjudicated by the Tournament Chairman at his sole discretion. Individuals who fail to qualify shall be alternates in the order of their net scores in the event any of the qualifying players are unable to participate in the Zone competition. Expenses involved other than entry fees are to be borne by the individual qualifiers.

ARTICLE X - MEMBERS TOURNAMENT RESPONSIBILITIES

Member responsibilities with regard to tournament play are as follows:

- (a) Each player shall register on the tournament signup sheet before starting play and pay the fee as determined by the Club and the Tournament Chairman. Failure to follow this procedure shall result in disqualification.
- (b) On tournament days, players must report, pay fees and be ready to tee off FIFTEEN (15) MINUTES before tournament starting time or be subject to disqualification. All members who wish to play in a tournament must sign up on the signup sheet prior to the next tournament. The sign up sheet shall be posted on the Bulletin Board for the time of the preceding tournament until the Thursday before the tournament in question. Additional players may be added thereafter upon request directed to the Tournament Chairman and at the Tournament Chairman's sole discretion.
- (c) A member playing in a Club tournament must play with at least one other member. Only two guests shall be permitted in a foursome in any Men's Club tournament. One Club member shall act as scorekeeper for the group and shall sign and date the scorecard as such. In addition, EACH member of the group shall attest his own total score by placing his initials on the scorecard next to his name or score, or in another suitable location on the scorecard as determined by the Tournament Chairman. Failure to attest one's score may result in disqualification of that player.
- (d) After a tournament score is scratched (disqualified, thrown out) in any tournament of the Indian Creek Men's Club that score cannot be used in calculating tournament results.
- (e) A sign-up sheet shall be posted two weeks prior to all tournaments with the exception of any tournament played on consecutive weekends such as the club championship, in which case the sign-up sheet shall be posted one week prior to the tournament. Reasonable notice of any deviation from normal tournament practices shall be posted by the Tournament Chairman.
- (f) Each player in Indian Creek Men's Club regular or Major tournaments must abide by the Rules of Golf, except as modified by the Club's local rules, including always putting out and observing the procedures prescribed by the Rules for dropping balls when taking relief and after a player's ball has entered a hazard.
It is each member's responsibility to abide by the Club's local rules, including but not limited to the following:
 - (1) General. The ball shall be played as it lies, except as otherwise provided in the Rules of Golf. The Tournament Chairman shall decide, prior to the start of the tournament, if winter rules shall be in effect, under which players may improve their lie eight (8) inches anywhere on the golf course other than within a hazard or on the green. In the course of improving their lie under this provision players must not "bump" their ball with their club. Any player using his club

in this manner shall assess himself a two-stroke penalty. The proper procedure is to mark your ball first, either with a wooden tee or coin, then pickup the ball with your hand and move it eight inches. Balls resting in aeration holes on the green may be moved out of the hole without penalty.

(2) The ball in play lying next to the perimeter fence on the first and sixth holes (NOT the protective high screen immediately to the right of the first tee) may be moved up to eight (8) inches away, but no closer to the hole, without penalty. This move is not allowed if the Tournament Chairman has declared a "play-as-it-lies". If the ball is unplayable after it is moved eight inches under winter rules or because "play-as-it-lies" is in effect, then the ball may be replaced anywhere along its line of flight from the last stroke, but no closer to the hole, with a penalty of one stroke. However, if the ball is touching or goes over or through either fences the ball is deemed out of bounds and a player must play a ball, under penalty of one stroke, as nearly as possible at the spot from which the original ball was last played.

(3) If the ball of a player on hole #5 is hit behind the screen between green #5 and tee #7, and his ball is close enough to said screen that he is not afforded a reasonable shot to hit his ball over the screen to green #5, the player is allowed to take a free drop in the area between the rocks at the front end of the screen which has been designated by the Club for this purpose, unless such a drop would result in his ball being closer to the hole than where it lies behind the screen, in which case, the drop shall be in an arc angle to an open area facing green #5 but no closer to the hole. In the latter instance, the area of the drop shall be agreed upon by at least one other player in the group, who is not the partner of the player in question, before the ball is removed from its original lie.

(4) If the ball of a player on hole number 7 is unplayable because it is too close to the screen/poles that divide tee number 7 from the number 5 green and fairway, the correct procedure is to find the nearest point of relief that allows stance and swing away from the pole or screen and then take one club length from that point no nearer the hole without penalty.

(5) If a ball lands in the man-made drainage swales on holes two, four, and five, a player may take a drop at the nearest point of relief, not closer to the hole, with no penalty.

(6) The special course rule for a free drop when within two (2) club lengths of a rock shall not apply to Men's Club tournaments. However, if a player's ball comes to rest in the flower-rock planters (holes # 4, 7 and 8) a one club length drop is allowed, no closer to the hole, with no penalty. The rocks without planters (holes # 3, 5 and 7) play the ball where it lays, no free drop.

(7) Anytime the ball in play is replaced by a player pursuant to these rules, and is replaced nearer to the hole than it was in its original position, a penalty of one stroke shall be assessed.

(8) Putts are only counted when stroked on the Green, except that if a player strokes a putt on the green and his ball goes off the green, all subsequent strokes are counted as putts.

(9) Players are not rules officials. Players do not "call" rules infractions nor "assess" penalties on their fellow competitors. This provision does not apply to referees designated by the Tournament Chairman pursuant to ARTICLE IX, SECTION 8. Players are, however, encouraged to point out to fellow competitors that a rule violation may be about to occur, or that one has occurred, so that the player in question can correct his error or assess himself a penalty as appropriate to avoid disqualification for signing an incorrect score card. Players having knowledge of the fact that a fellow competitor has failed to assess himself a penalty as required under the Rules of Golf should report the situation to the Tournament Chairman.

IMPORTANT! Local rules change periodically due to Club request/vote or Pro Shop decree. Club members are asked to be alert to these changes and inform other members when knowledge of any changes occurs - as soon as expedient.