

"Goat Track Handgun Etiquette" (How the F*** did we end up here?!?) The heading is a search engine disaster, but several GoatTrackGolf.com readers have suggested that we offer some insight on the quintessential breach of Golf Etiquette at Stanley GC, where one person was hauled away.

Not our area of expertise, but let's try to bring some common sense to [this New Britain nonsense](#). "More 9-irons, fewer 9mm's" is too obvious ...and incredibly weak...

If you're carrying a piece on the golf course and are facing a dilemma as to whether you should: a) be carrying on a golf course in the first place, b) allude to those in front of and behind you that you're packing, c) brandish it, or d) go all gangsta on it, we're going to visit the two scenarios that matter and provide some semblance of guidance.

- 1) The group behind you is barking about your slow play.** There are many options to avoid gunfire here, including:
 - a. Speed the fuck up!
 - b. Let the group behind you play though on the next hole, without putting a cap in anyone's ass.
 - c. Convince yourselves that the fate of the universe doesn't rest on a two-foot putt for double bogey, even if it's to win the hole.
 - d. If anyone hits into you, close enough to where it's worth the effort, re-directing that shot can be enjoyable.

- 2) The group in front of you is slowing you down:**
 - a. A long par-4 or par-5 is a great spot to "accidentally" dial one in, get up on the group in front of you, and improve the pace of play. Keep it holstered.
 - b. If you're on the heels of the group in front of you and they didn't invite you to hit up/through on the next par 3, maybe you're not playing as quickly as you thought. Bide your time and hit into them on the next hole, if so inclined (GT recommendation: hitting into a group over a tree line from an adjacent fairway is the best way to go; it provides the built-in "blind shot" excuse).
 - c. If everyone in the group ahead of you missed the fairway, striping one past them is (slightly obnoxious, but) fair, as long as you don't flash the glock while walking/riding up and offer any comments to the guy stitched in/near the brook left or the guy working through a Lorax situation in the tree line right.

That's the GoatTrackGolf.com take on it.