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President's Message

Going to eat better. Going to drink less. Vow to hit the gym more. Gonna work on my short game and bring down my handicap! These are few of those New Year's Resolutions that some of us think about each year. It's starts with a good idea, and usually carries over until the first week of February!

In the spirit of New Year's Resolutions, the EPMC board always looks at our past year with an eye toward what worked well, and what could be improved upon as well. You can look forward to a couple of tournament changes that should make our coming year more enjoyable. We have added back a couple of 4-man ABCD blind-draw tournaments so we can play a few more team events. The first is an ABCD Red Ball tournament in March and an ABCD 4-Club Scramble. I can't wait to see how low a team can go in the latter?!

Other changes in regard to rules will spice things up a bit too. I find many of the rule changes are well over due, and necessary for speed and fairness. It will take some time getting used to some of them, but I recommend looking them over when you have time. For any member that wants to know more about the rules, we have ordered small rule books that can be obtained from Mark Rief. If you don't want a hard copy, you can download the USGA app, that has a full version available for you at any time you have cell service or internet.

Those that were at the December tournament also saw a first, as Social Chairman Mike Muscare took care of the tournament reception and raised the bar for Christmas Spirit. We have heard back from many members saying how much they enjoyed the atmosphere and wanted to say thanks. Free Coffee and morning pastries before our tournaments, might be another New Year's Resolution? Will let you know!

As is our Christmas tradition, we again brought joy to many young girls and boys by donating toys and money to ensure their holiday is one of their best ever. I want to thank you all for your generosity and giving spirit.

Each of you have your own New Year's Resolutions or goals in mind and I hope they all come to pass as you want them to. Even if you don't have any specific goals or resolutions, the New Year brings an opportunity for a fresh perspective or the hope of something great.

Our hope at El Prado Men's Club is that all of you have a safe and happy New Year and you get to spend more time with family and friends! Cheers to you all for making our club what it is today!.

Doug Benc
President

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 5

Tournament
Signups Due

January 12

2 Man Better Ball

February 9

Tournament
Signups Due

February 16

Individual Low
Net (Presidents
Cup Qualifier)

May 2-4

Getaway Classic
in Laughlin

INFORMATION

Saturday Skins

Call/Text

(909) 260-1717

Signup by
Wed 3 pm

Tournaments

Call

909-984-8220

Tournament News

December 2018 - 4 Club Red Tees

We had a total of 69 players participate in the 4 Club Red Tee tournament. We only had three cancellations. Thanks to everyone for bringing gifts/donations for the Chino Rotary Christmas charity. We also collected a nice sum for the staff gratuity and I know the golf course staff will really appreciate your kindness. Mike really did a fine job with the coffee and pastries. I hope you all had your fill. We had a good turnout and really nice weather so I hope you all had a great day of golf and friendship. Let's do it again in January! Congratulations to the winners in all flights and please check the results to see how you finished.

Thanks again to Kevin for the outstanding work on the scoreboard. I was able to complete the audit fairly quickly this time and there was only one error in the scorecard additions. Everyone is doing a great job keeping the scorecards marked well, signed, and fairly legible. It only dawned on me during the audit that I did not need all the dots this time. Oh well, it never hurts to err on the safe side. Kinda like a lay up shot!

We have some really good tournaments and social events planned for next year. The complete 2019 tournament schedule is included in this newsletter, and available on the web site.

The next tournament will be held on January 12th and the format is Two Man Better Ball. Please, line up a partner and sign up early. If you put in a request, I can usually honor it. If you sign up as a single I will do my best to pair you up with someone of like ability.

Merry Christmas, and happy holidays!

Dave Cox
Tournament Director

Top 25 - 2018-2019

	Name	Skins	Close	Script	Total
1	Hughes, Daniel	210	40	165	415
2	Hederman, Joseph P	65	65	215	345
3	Nomura, Vino	19	74	175	268
4	Weber, Bart	60	40	150	250
5	Street, Fred	59	29	155	243
6	Muscara, Michael	75	92	70	237
7	Teneriello, Louie	30	67	130	227
8	Fitch, Chris	90	60	75	225
9	Alva, Luis	0	76	140	216
10	Caliri, Adam	60	40	110	210
11	Gray, Paul	0	0	200	200
12	Elliott, Steven	19	29	145	193
13	Masanovich, Mark	15	40	130	185
14	Dancses, Kirk	15	0	155	170
14	Kramer, John	80	90	0	170
16	Briggle, Thomas	0	94	65	159
17	Meoli, Rudy	91	40	25	156
18	Peniata, Oscar	15	27	110	152
19	Walsh, James M	20	0	120	140
20	Moore, George	30	0	105	135
21	Cox, David	0	0	120	120
22	Ortiz, Danny	59	0	55	114
23	Nichols, Wayne	0	0	110	110
24	Kaplan, Chris	60	0	40	100
24	Maddox, Randy	0	45	55	100
24	Oshiro, David	0	0	100	100
24	Pacheco, John	0	0	100	100

Tournament Handicap Adjustments

The ETS policy was updated in November, so that adjustments are now reduced for participation in any tournament. The complete policy is on Rules page of the web site.

Participation Reductions:

Kelly Johnson	1
Mark Rief	1
Paul Gray	1
Fred Street	1

Current ETS Adjustments:

Rollovers	Kelly Johnson	1
	Gary Roehrig	1
	Rich Rudell	2
	Mark Rief	1
	Paul Gray	1

Tournament Results – December 15, 2018 – 4 Club Red Tees

A Flight		Butterfield Stage	
Script			
1	63	Caliri, Adam	\$110
2	64	Dancses, Kirk	\$90
3	66	Fitch, Chris	\$75
4	67	Freeman, Craig	\$55
5	68	Weber, Bart	\$20
5	68	Kerian, Richard	\$20

Closest			
#2	6' 5.75"	Fitch, Chris	\$20
#2	6' 5.75"	Bach, Richard	\$20
#7	9' 4"	Caliri, Adam	\$40
#14	11' 5"	Fitch, Chris	\$40
#17	7' 7"	Benc, Doug	\$40

Skins			
#4		Kerian, Richard	\$30
#6	Eagle	Caliri, Adam	\$30
#7		Caliri, Adam	\$30
#9	Eagle	Fitch, Chris	\$30
#10		Fitch, Chris	\$30
#14		Freeman, Craig	\$30

B Flight		Butterfield Stage	
Script			
1	63	Hughes, Daniel	\$100
1	63	Oshiro, David	\$100
3	64	Masanovich, Mark	\$65
3	64	Moore, George	\$65
5	68	Teneriello, Louie	\$40

Closest			
#2	7' 6"	Masanovich, Mark	\$40
#4	3' 11.5"	Ignacz, Ken	\$40
#14	9' 2"	Briggle, Thomas	\$40
#17	4' 6.25"	Hughes, Daniel	\$40

Skins			
#16		Hughes, Daniel	\$180

C Flight		Chino Creek	
Script			
1	62	Hederman, Joseph P	\$105
2	64	Elliott, Steven	\$85
3	65	Muscare, Michael	\$70
4	66	Becerra, Rafael	\$30
4	66	Mercurio, Ronald G	\$30
4	66	Alva, Luis	\$30

Closest			
#4	6' 11"	Alva, Luis	\$38
#7	6' 9"	Alva, Luis	\$38
#14	6' 9"	Hederman, Joseph P	\$38
#16	3' 5.5"	Muscare, Michael	\$38

Skins			
#1		Hederman, Joseph P	\$25
#3		Becerra, Rafael	\$25
#5		Muscare, Michael	\$25
#6		Mercurio, Ronald G	\$25
#11		Muscare, Michael	\$25
#12		Hederman, Joseph P	\$25
#16		Muscare, Michael	\$25

D Flight		Chino Creek	
Script			
1	68	Nomura, Vino	\$115
2	69	Pacheco, John	\$100
3	70	Gray, Paul	\$55
3	70	Street, Fred	\$55

Closest			
#4	18' 10.5"	Cahill, James	\$36
#7	10' 11"	Green, Edwin	\$36
#14	28' 3"	Wallace, Fred	\$36
#16	19' 10"	Ferguson, Lyle	\$36

Skins			
#1	Par	Kramer, John	\$20
#2	Par	Martin, Gary W	\$20
#7		Green, Edwin	\$20
#9	Par	Street, Fred	\$20
#10		Street, Fred	\$20
#13		Walsh, James M	\$20
#14		Cahill, James	\$20
#17		Kramer, John	\$20

A Christmas Message from El Prado Golf Courses

Dear Members of the El Prado Men's Club,

I would like to extend the warmest of wishes to you and all the members of the El Prado Men's Club this Holiday season. I can't thank all of you enough for your support this year. Your club is a huge part of the heartbeat of El Prado, and we would not be the same without you.

El Prado holds a special place in my heart and I know it does for many of you as well. Many of us have spent a lot of years, and made a lot of memories and have met a lot of great people here. I personally have spent half my life here at El Prado. I have enjoyed getting to know all of you.

My wish and prayer this Holiday season is that each of you has an enjoyable time with friends and family. I hope that we don't forget the REAL reason for the season. I hope that all of you laugh a little more and smile a little more and most importantly golf a little more.

2019 is going to be a great year! I can promise you that our staff and myself are committed you make this coming year our best. We hope all of you come out as often as you can. I challenge all of you to take a risk this year, and bring out new faces. Help grow the club, help grow the business and good things will come from it.

Finally, thank you to all the board members who volunteered their time and energy to make the club great this year. I don't think they get enough credit for what they do. I challenge all of you to thank a board member next time you see them. Also, I challenge all of you to join the board in the years to come.

Thank you for your help. Thanks again for your support.

Merry Christmas!

Kevin Knutson
General Manager
El Prado Golf Courses



Getaway News

El Prado Getaway Classic is May 2-4, 2019 in Laughlin, and will be here before you know it! Once again lodging will be at the Aquarius Hotel.

One change is that the Thursday Skins game with gross, net and closest to the pin will be played at Mojave Golf at AVI this year, with a Shotgun start 12:00 P.M.

The Friday Skins game with gross, net, and Closest to the pin will be at Laughlin Ranch shotgun start 7:30 A.M. We will have 2 or 3 flights. If we have a C flight, they will play forward tees.

The Saturday Tournament will return to Los Lagos. We're paying approximately 30% of the field low net with gross skins, closest to the pin. We will have 2 or 3 flights depending on entries, and again, the C flight will play forward tees.

This year we are making an extra effort to bring more guests. Additional guests, friend, family members or anyone else you might want to bring are all welcome. If we have enough guests, we will have an extra tournament pot for Saturday golf game. The more attendees the bigger the money pots will be for skins and closest to the pins.

The entry form will be available on the web site, and printed copies will be in the golf shop soon.

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Christmas Basket Giveaway

I hope everyone enjoyed the extra coffee and goodies during check in at the December tournament. Anything to get players in a good mood!

I want to thank everyone who brought toys and money for the Chino Rotary Christmas Basket Giveaway. City Manager and Rotary member Matt Ballantyne was at check in to thank us personally, and pick up all the toys and \$180 cash. The volunteers below delivered the baskets to local families this Saturday, and we received the letter below thanking us for our support.

Michael Muscare
Social Chairman



Dear El Prado Men's Golf Club,

On behalf of the Rancho Del Chino Rotary Club, I would like to take this opportunity thank you for your significant toy donations for our Annual Rotary Christmas Basket Giveaway. Your participation and assistance helped us provide food and gifts to 50 families in need within the Chino Valley. Many times these are the only gifts children from these families receive during the holidays. The Rancho Del Chino Rotary deeply appreciates your contributions and efforts in making this annual event possible.



The Rancho Del Chino Rotary Club has been serving residents in the cities of Chino, Chino Hills and Montclair since 1989. We provide funding and volunteers in support of many worthwhile community activities and charities. From youngsters to seniors, from the Chino Valley to locations around the globe, we are honored to share our talents, our time and our good fortune for those in need.

On behalf of the Rancho del Chino Rotary Club and Chino Valley community, we thank you for considering our event and hope you will continue to join us in making our event a success!

Chris Burns
President
Rancho Del Chino Rotary Club



Handicap News

We've had a few issues lately with posting and auditing scores. Five players, including an unnamed board member, were penalized for not posting their scores for the November tournament. Please be sure to post your score when you complete your round. With the GHIN app for smart phones, it only takes a minute, so there's really no reason to wait.

When posting, be sure to pay attention to Home, Away, or Tournament. One of the factors we consider when "adjusting" some players is their home vs. away scores, so we need this to be accurate when you post.

I know many of you, but not all, so when playing in the Tuesday and Saturday skins games, please be sure that the official card that you turn in includes your LAST names. It will really help to identify members when we audit the scorecards later to be sure the rounds are posted correctly.

Gary Lovett
Handicap Chairman

Happy Rule Year!

After years of preparation, the new rules of golf will take effect January 1, 2019. There are many online articles and videos explaining the changes. If you're like me, your email has been filled with suggestions from SCGA or one of the golf sites or publications. Some of the best to look at are the official [Videos from USGA](#) and this [Video from Expert Golf](#)



Every member should have access to the Player's Edition rule book to answer questions during a round. We distributed these at the December tournament, and have plenty more if you need one. You can also get the same and more information by installing the app on your smart phone. The app contains the Player's Edition, the Full Rules, and the Official Guide to the Rules.

To align with the new rules, we have updated our local rules for all club events. All of the rules were updated with new terminology and rule numbers. Several of our rules, like using a GPS or accidental ball movement, became obsolete because they are now part of the rules of golf. We've also adopted some new rules for tree roots and stroke and distance penalties.

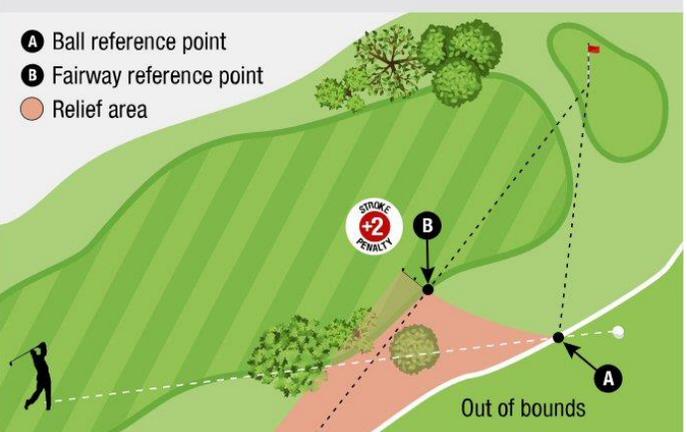
Several members have already asked about the additional option to the stroke and distance penalty for a ball out of bounds or lost outside a penalty area. I encourage you to become familiar with the details of this rule. Basically, instead of going back to where you hit from and replaying the shot with a one stroke penalty, you can drop between where the ball went OB and a point 2 club lengths in to the fairway, and take a 2 stroke penalty. This provides the same result as if you had re-hit and found the fairway, but speeds up play. In this picture for a ball OB, you can drop anywhere in the pink area.

The complete local rules are on the web site, included in this newsletter, and we will have some printed copies available at the January tournament and in the golf shop

These rules are new to all of us, so if you have any questions, please ask! When rulings are required, we will all be taking a little extra time to discuss, and make sure we understand the new rules before making a decision.

Mark Rief
Communications

MLR E-5 DIAGRAM 2: BALL OUT OF BOUNDS



Tournament Signup

2 Man - Better Ball

Saturday January 12th, 2019

Please Print!

The tournament is **\$70** per player. This includes \$51 entry fee, optional \$10 skins, optional \$9 closest to the pin.

Member Name _____ GHIN _____

Member Name _____ GHIN _____ *Entry Forms or Email due: **Jan 5th***

Email to: dcox181@hotmail.com

Home phone _____

Requests _____

Make Checks payable to El Prado Men's Club El Prado Men's Club

Do Not Send Cash or Checks - Please pay at the sign in table.

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El Prado Men's Golf Club

2019 Tournament Schedule

Date	Description
January 12	2 Man Better Ball – (T) (P) (8)
February 16	President's Cup Individual Low Net (T)
March 16	ABCD Red Ball (T) (B)
April 13	ILN 5-4-3 Out (T) (1C)
May 3 - 4	El Prado Getaway Classic – Laughlin
May 18	2 Man Modified Pinehurst – (T) (P) (8)
June 15	2 Man Scramble – (T) (P) (8)
July 20	Invitational - 2 Man 9 Scramble/9 Better Ball (T) (P) (8) (G)
August 17	ABCD - 4 Clubs Red Tees Scramble (1C) (B)
September 7	Club Championship Round 1 (R) (*T) (3T) (M)
September 14	Club Championship Round 2 (F)
October 19	2 Man Better Ball – (T) (P) (8)
November 16	Individual Low Net (T)
December 14	4 Clubs – Red Tees

Notes

Handicap for all tournaments is based on the current 1st of month index

- (1C) One course only - Aeration
- (B) Blind Draw
- (F) Tee times assigned by position after round 1
- (R) Requests allowed 1st day only. 2nd day will be set by finish position.
- (P) Pick your partner.
- (T) (A Flt: Blue only). (B Flt: CC White Tees, BS Blue Tees). (CD Flts White only)
- (3T) Must have played in 3 tournaments, or 9 skins games, and Last 10 Champs.
- (8) Maximum 8 stroke differential.
- (G) Guests play to 12 Mo. Low Index and have recent 6 verifiable rounds.
- (M) Minimum Membership requirement - must be a member by June.
- (*T) Option for any player to play all Blue Tees for Club Champion.

El Prado Getaway Classic Laughlin, NV - May 2-4, 2019

Thursday May 2nd Skins game gross and net with closest to the pin at Mojave Golf at AVI. Shotgun start 12:00 P.M.

Friday May 3rd Skins game gross and net with Closest to the pin at Laughlin Ranch shotgun start 7:30 A.M. (2 to 3 flights) C flight to play forward tees if there is a C flight.

Saturday May 4th Tournament at Los Lagos. Paying approximately 30% of the field low net with gross skins, closest to the pin 2 to 3 flights depending on entries. C flight to play forward tees.

Saturday May 4th Award Ceremony and Dinner 6:00 to 8:00 P.M. with raffle. Dinner for significant others no extra cost, all others are \$33 additional cost. Please check boxes on entry if you plan on not attending the dinner or if you will be bringing additional guests.

Payment

The prices on the entry form include everything: Hotel, Golf, Saturday dinner, and prize money Payment must be paid by March 15th, please note hotel, golf, and dinner must be paid by April 1st to all venues. If you know you're going to attend please pay as soon as you can.

Once you send the check(s) please email me at boonegetaway@mail.com or text me at (909) 664-4838 that the money is on its way and I will send you a message once I receive the payment.

Lodging will be at the Aquarius Hotel

Additional guests, friend, family members or anyone else you might want to bring are all welcome. If we have enough guests, we will have an extra tournament pot for Saturday golf game. The more attendees the bigger the money pots will be for skins and closest to the pins.

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Entry Form

Hotel and Friday/Saturday Golf

Rooms	Golf	Golfers/Rm	Cost
Wed-Sat	Fri/Sat	One	\$545 <input type="checkbox"/>
Wed-Sat	Fri/Sat	Two	\$420 <input type="checkbox"/>
Thur/Fri/Sat	Fri/Sat	One	\$495 <input type="checkbox"/>
Thur/Fri/Sat	Fri/Sat	Two	\$395 <input type="checkbox"/>
Fri/Sat	Fri/Sat	One	\$450 <input type="checkbox"/>
Fri/Sat	Fri/Sat	Two	\$360 <input type="checkbox"/>
Fri/Sat	Sat	One	\$350 <input type="checkbox"/>
Fri/Sat	Sat	Two	\$285 <input type="checkbox"/>
None	Fri/Sat		\$290 <input type="checkbox"/>
None	Sat		\$195 <input type="checkbox"/>

Award Ceremony

I will attend Yes No
 First guest at no cost Yes No
 _____ Additional guests at \$33 each = _____

Check payable to El Prado Men's Club \$ _____

Thursday Golf \$80

Bob Liese "game within the game" optional buy-in of \$20 per day for a blind draw partner. You can pay in Laughlin but now would be great.

Yes I will pay now for Friday \$20
 Yes I will pay now for Saturday \$20

Cash or Check payable to Boone Barrow \$ _____

Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ Zip _____
 Cell No. _____ Home _____
 Email address _____
 Sharing room with _____
 Smoking Room Yes No

Final Deadline April 1st 2019

**Please send form and checks to
 Boone Barrow
 6859 Sugar Pine Ct
 Chino, CA 91710**

Local Rules for El Prado Men's Club events at El Prado Golf Courses - 2019

Out of Bounds is defined by white lines and stakes, and perimeter fences. On holes where white stakes and perimeter fences are present, the white stakes define *out of bounds*.

Ground Under Repair is defined by white lines.

Power Lines - If it is *known or virtually certain* that a player's ball hit a power line, tower, pole, or a wire or pole supporting a power line, the *stroke* does not count. The player must play a ball without penalty from where the previous *stroke* was made under Rule 14.6.

Paved and unpaved cart paths and maintenance roads, and the bare dirt areas where carts gather and scatter adjacent to the start and end of the cart paths, are *immovable obstructions*. The player may take free relief under Rule 16.1b. Other dirt areas not marked as *ground under repair* are an integral part of the course.

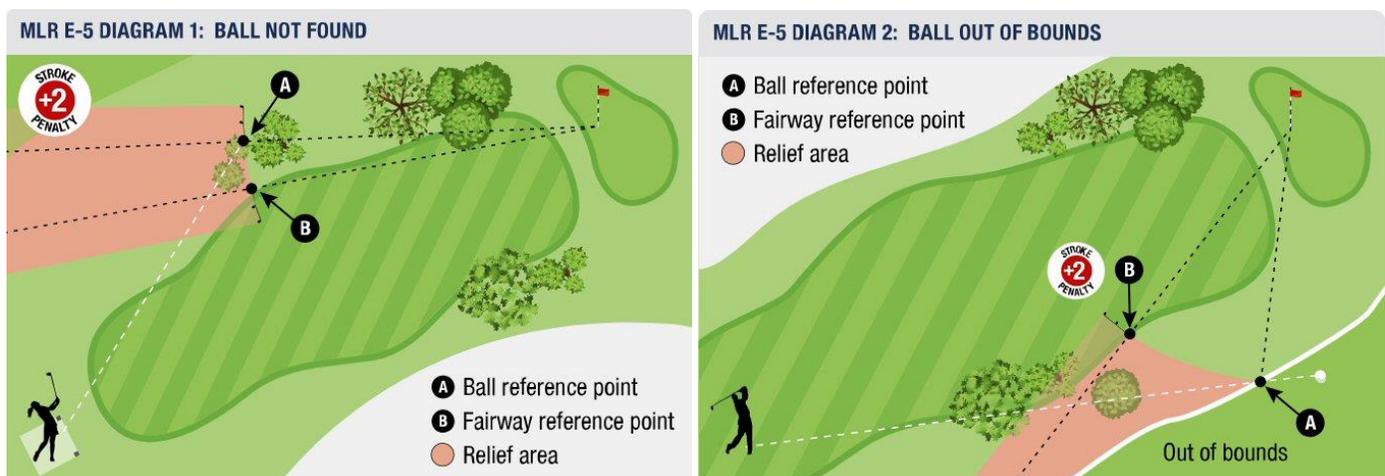
Furrows from water flow in bunkers, or adjacent to cart paths and bridges outside of a hazard, is an *abnormal ground condition*. The player may take free relief under Rule 16.1b.

Staked trees, the stake, and the water well around the tree define a *no play zone* that is to be treated as an *abnormal course condition*. Free relief must be taken from interference by the *no play zone* under Rule 16.1f.

Tree stumps remaining after tree removal are an integral part of the course, no relief.

Wood chips spread as ground cover, including small mounds, are *loose impediments*. **Wood chips** in piles for storage or that have not been spread out are *ground under repair* and the player may take free relief under Rule 16.1b.

Alternative to Stroke and Distance for Ball Lost or Ball Out of Bounds (Model Local Rule E-5) - When a player's ball is *lost* or *is known or virtually certain* to be *out of bounds*, the player may proceed as follows rather than proceeding under *stroke and distance*. For two penalty strokes, the player may take relief by *dropping* the original ball or another ball in this *relief area* (see Rule 14.3). The *relief area* is based on two estimated reference points. The Ball Reference Point is where the original ball is estimated to have come to rest if lost on the course, or last crossed the edge of the course boundary to go *out of bounds*. The Fairway Reference Point is the point of fairway of the hole being played that is nearest to the ball reference point, but is not nearer the hole than the ball reference point. For purposes of this Local Rule, "fairway" means any area of grass in the *general area* that is cut to fairway height or less. The *relief area* is between a line from the hole through the ball reference point (and within two club-lengths to the outside of that line), and a line from the hole through the fairway reference point (and within two club-lengths to the fairway side of that line). Within these limits, the ball must be *dropped* in the *general area*, not nearer the hole than the ball reference point. A player may use this option to take relief for a provisional ball that has not been found or is *known or virtually certain* to be *out of bounds*.



Provisional Ball for Penalty Area - If a player does not know whether his ball is in a *penalty area*, the player may play a *provisional ball* under Rule 18.3. Once the player has played a *provisional ball* under this Rule, he may not use any

further options under Rule 17.1 in relation to the original ball. If the original ball is found in the *penalty area* within the 3 minute search time, the player may either play the original ball as it lies in the *penalty area*, or play the *provisional ball*. If the original ball is not found or identified within the 3 minute search period, the *provisional ball* becomes the *ball in play*.

Chino Creek #7 – A dropping zone for the *penalty areas* is available as an extra option under Rule 17.1d. It is located on top of the mound between the cart path and the lake, 70 yards from the center of the green. The dropping zone is a *relief area* under Rule 14.3.

Aeration holes – If a player's ball lies in or touches an aeration hole in the *General Area*, the player may take free relief under Rule 16.1b. If the ball comes to rest in another aeration hole the player may take relief again. If a ball lies in or touches an aeration hole or sanded area on the *putting green*, the player may take free relief under rule 16.1d.

Tree Roots - If a player's ball is in the *general area* and there is interference from exposed tree roots that are in a part of the fairway or in the rough within 2 club-lengths of the fairway, the tree roots are treated as ground under repair. The player may take free relief under Rule 16.1b.

Time of Starting – In the absence of an official clock on the first tee, Exception 1 to Rule 5.3a is modified from “No More Than Five Minutes Late” to “before any player in the following group tees off”.