

CAPTAINS NEWSLETTER

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Dear Members,

Firstly let me wish you and your families a merry Christmas and a prosperous, golfing new year in 2022.

Competitions:

Congratulations to everyone who won prizes in the recent Turkey Trot and Christmas drinks competitions.

At the present time, there are 320+ platinum members in the club but most competitions attract around one third of that number. The committee have decided to adopt some measures in an attempt to increase the average competition field.

The number of qualifying events to be eligible for board competitions or fun day prizes will increase to 8 in any 12 month period with effect from 01 Apr 2022 (see attached competitions report).

There are some members newer to the game, who do not feel comfortable playing in monthly medals due to a lack of knowledge of the rules, I would ask if there are any of the more experienced members who are willing to act in a mentorship role during competitions to make their name known to the pro shop.

Captain's charity:

As previously announced, all three captains have agreed to adopt the same charity for the year which is BOAZ, a local charity set up to teach adults with learning difficulties, life skills. The seniors section have already set up a scheme through the Easyfundraising website where retailers who have joined the scheme, will make a small donation to your nominated charity every time you purchase goods from them. If you wish to join, follow the link below.

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/tvgccharities/?invite=2unlrm&referral-campaign=s2s&utm_source=refshare

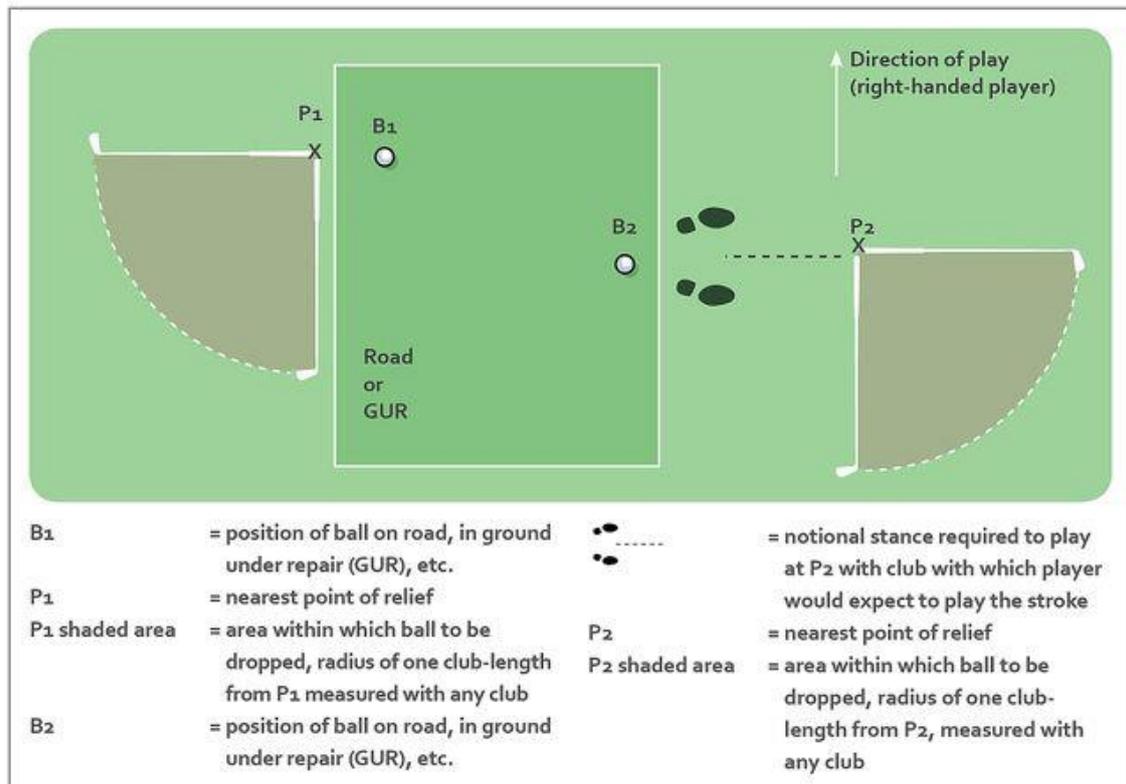
Course:

The plans for the improvement of the course have now been submitted to the relevant local authorities for approval.

Rules corner:

I have decided to include in each newsletter advice on how to apply some of the common rules in golf and how to avoid mistakes. This month is how to take relief.

The nearest point of relief in golf is a spot on a golf course closest to the golfer's ball but no closer to the hole, from which the golfer can take a free drop when that golf ball is sitting in one of several circumstances that are mostly covered in rule 16.



The diagram above shows the correct method for taking relief in this instance for a right handed golfer.

FAQs

[I want to drop my ball closer to the path for a better lie, but my feet will still be on the path. Is this allowed?](#)

No you must take complete relief from the condition.

[If I take the nearest point of relief from the path my ball will be stuck behind a bush, can I change my relief point?](#)

No, you are taking relief from the condition not the bush, you can of course elect to play the ball as it lies, local rules notwithstanding.

[My relief point is on a hill and when I drop, it rolls more than a club length, outside my marked relief area.](#)

Drop the ball again, if it rolls beyond the relief area once again, place the ball at the spot where it landed on the second attempt. (it is always a good idea to agree that spot with your playing partner).

John Wotherspoon
TVGC Captain
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