

North Bay

GOLF CLUB

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Thoughts on Golf: Lessons to the Caddie

by Jim Puchbauer

This week I was presented with just another reminder on how golf is not just a game, it is actually a metaphor for life. All of life's lessons can be reinforced or learned for the first time on the golf course.

My reminder came when I caddied for Sasa in the associate club net amateur championship. Day one was filled with all the magnified anticipation, excitement and optimism of a championship tournament. And with a knowledgeable caddie like me all the better... *right???*

Maybe half right. I figured, if Sasa would just listen to her caddie (me) and do as I would do, surely she would benefit greatly from my wisdom and experience. The outcome would be a miraculous transformation of Sasa into me, resulting in a smashing victory. But Golf had other ideas and lessons to teach... and I was about to get a major dose of education.

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next tournament: **DEER RIDGE COUNTRY CLUB**

801 Foothill Drive, Brentwood, 94513. Golf Shop 925/516-6600 or 888/400-7888. Fax 516-6677. Internet: www.deerridgecc.com. Semi-Private, 18 holes.

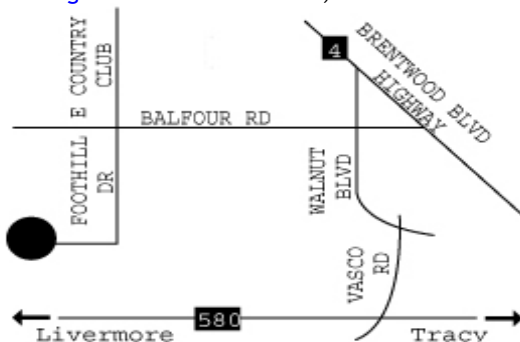
Course Designer: Andy Raugust.

Men

Black	72	71.2	141	6302
Blue	72	69.1	135	5866
White	72	66.8	123	5344

Women

Blue	71	74.1	133	5866
White	71	71.2	130	5344
Gold	71	68.0	117	4776
Green	70	66.5	112	4540



Upcoming Events:

Date	Day	Location	Sign-In	Tee Time	Cost	Commit Date
5 Nov	Sat	Deer Ridge	9:00	10:15	\$80	26 Oct
19 Nov	Sun	Paradise Valley	8:50	10:04	\$75*	4 Nov
27 Nov	Sun	Dry Creek	8:50	10:02	\$50	17 Nov

*Paradise Valley Tournament Cost

Golf and Dinner - \$ 105

Dinner only - \$30

THE RULE BOOK: PRECARIOUS PERCH

What's the ruling when a ball moves before a shot?

Kevin's ball is sitting up in tall rough. Preparing to play his shot, he touches the grass behind the ball with his club. The ball falls backward. Kevin claims there is no penalty because touching the grass did not constitute grounding his club and he, therefore, had not addressed the ball when it moved.

Kevin is correct in asserting that he did not address the ball, but mistaken in believing that this absolves him from a penalty. He is penalized one stroke under Rule 18-2a for causing his ball to move, and he must replace the ball. If he fails to replace the ball, the penalty is two strokes in stroke play or loss of hole in match play.

The only difference in the ruling when a player did address the ball – defined as taking his stance and grounding the club – is that if the ball moves after address, the player is deemed to have moved it even if there is a possibility that wind or another agency moved it. This comes into play more often on the green, where wind is more likely to move a ball. In Kevin's situation, it's clear that the club touching the grass caused the ball to move, so it doesn't matter whether he addressed it.

On the question of when a club is grounded, touching long grass is allowed but it's considered grounding if the grass is compressed to the point where it will support the weight of the club. This is something to keep in mind when the ball is in a grassy part of a hazard.

Say Kevin's ball is sitting up in tall rough and, in preparing to play his shot, he touches the grass behind the ball with his club. The ball settles downward in the grass and stays there. He is penalized for causing the ball to move; the direction of movement is immaterial. Kevin is penalized one stroke and must replace the ball.

Club Championship Standings

(Low 2 Rounds out of 3)

Players	San Geronimo	Teal Bend	Poppy Ridge	Total
Ray Irvine	67	71	—	138
Jim Puchbauer	69	74	—	143
Gil Lucero	69	75	—	144
Ken Doizaki	75	71	—	146
Alan Aceves	75	74	—	149
Sasa Puchbauer	64	86	—	150
John Snyder	82	70	—	152
Jim Pawloski	79	74	—	153
Mike Blazer	73	87	—	160
Mike Montgomery	84	79	—	163
Ed Smith	76	89	—	165
Justin Kegal	—	66	—	66
Wayne Madison	—	70	—	70
John Alexander	—	73	—	73
Mike Braun	77	—	—	77
Russ Hatch	—	80	—	80
Darlene Warren	82	—	—	82
Dan Warren	83	—	—	83

TEAL BEND GOLF COURSE

October 9

Players	Gross	Net	Hole #	Gross	Net
Justin Kegal	83	66	1	4 Tie	3 Tie
Wayne Madison	83	70	2	6 Tie	4 Alexander
John Snyder	79	70	3	3 Pawloski	2 Tie
Ray Irvine	88	71	4	2 Snyder	2 Tie
Ken Doizaki	88	71	5	3 Snyder	3 Tie
John Alexander	105	73	6	4 Tie	3 Tie
Alan Aceves	92	74	7	4 Tie	3 Tie
Jim Pawloski	88	74	8	5 Tie	4 Tie
Jim Puchbauer	86	74	9	3 Tie	2 Tie
Gil Lucero	83	75	10	4 Snyder	3 Snyder
Mike Montgomery	93	79	11	4 Tie	3 Tie
Russ Hatch	95	80	12	3 Tie	2 Aceves
Sasa Puchbauer	116	86	13	4 Tie	3 Tie
Mike Blazer	96	87	14	4 Tie	3 Tie
Ed Smith	107	89	15	4 Tie	2 Alexander
			16	3 Tie	2 Irvine
			17	5 Tie	4 Tie
			18	4 Tie	3 Tie

Nassau

Front: 31 Justin Kegal

Back: 32 Ray Irvine

Total: 66 Justin Kegal

Closest to the Pin

#4 Ken Doizaki

#12 Mike Blazer

#9 Justin Kegal

#16 Ray Irvine

Putting Contest: John Snyder**PUTTING CONTEST QUALIFIER****2005 Season**

Morgan Creek – Kevin Graves

Rancho Solano – Jim Puchbauer & Alan Aceves

Roddy Ranch – Ken Doizaki

Reserve at Spanos Park – Ed Smith (Jim Puchbauer)

Shadow Lakes – Wayne Madison (Ken Doizaki)

Wildhorse – Gil Lucero (Kevin Graves)

Micke Grove – Jim Pawloski

Tilden Park – Ray Irvine

Turkey Creek – Darlene Warren

La Contenta – Frank Lucero

Dark Horse – Dan Warren (Ed Smith)

San Geronimo – Mike Braun

Teal Bend - John Snyder

Indisputable Law of Golf: *Your best round of golf will be followed almost immediately by your worst round ever. The probability of the latter increases with the number of people you tell about the former.*

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Day one - my transformation of Sasa into me resulted in her shooting 14 strokes over her handicap...nice work caddie boy! (New thought - if my swing doesn't work for me why would it work for someone else?)

Day two - working on visualizing how Sasa would play a shot and helping her execute that shot resulted in a score of 9 under her handicap and a much bigger tip for the caddie.

Lesson for the day - Golf (and life) rewards you when you execute tasks with humility and discipline. When I am confronted with a choice, I know my life always works better when I remember to continually ask myself WWSD (What Would Sasa Do).

It truly was an amazing event! We got a chance to enjoy a pleasant dinner with Alan and his wife Michelle. The weather was fantastic and Poppy Hills was as challenging as ever. Perfect tournament conditions for forging memories. Congratulations to Alan and Sasa for placing 7th and 8th respectively in the Secretary's flight.