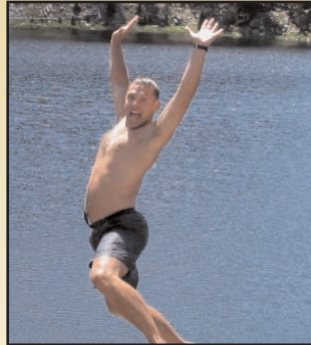


GOLF NEWS

NOTEWORTHY

Congratulations to Jim Januzelli who had a hole-in-one on #16 Thursday, January 19. The feat was witnessed by Bob Markey, George Maruta and Roy Block. Unfortunately for Jim, he was not in the Hole-in-One Club and lost out on a \$325 club account credit. There is no cost to be in the Hole-in-One Club and if someone gets one, other than you, it only costs \$5.

POLAR BEAR PLUNGE - Ken Sansbury celebrated the new year by taking a plunge into the lake fronting the 10th tee on January 1. We understand that Ken wants to make this an annual tradition and invites all others to join him next year. He claims that by having your golf clubs already in the water makes the plunge easier to endure.



BIG MAN TOUGH MAN RESULTS

With the tees and pins set up in some fairly 'rigorous' positions, 60 players came prepared to battle the elements, but the weather was mild at 65 degrees with a slight 10 - 20 mph wind. That could hardly be considered tough man conditions (remember, this tournament has been played in sleet before). Like Pebble Beach on a calm day, the tough man course was brought to its knees. Seeing a gross 69 does not make the designers of this 'tough man' course very happy, so beware next year!

Gross

- 1st Kirk Cave/Kenneth Herren
- 2nd Ken Sansbury/Scott Shepherd
- 3rd Greg Bender/Larry Harris
- 4th Tyler Bettress/Charlie McMenomy
- 5th Chris Cawthon/Dan Chelko

Net

- 1st Brad Keller/Carson Keller
- 2nd Mike Walker/Frank Remmes
- 3rd Richie Taylor/Zac Coleman
- 4th Joe Garren/Dave Seaton
- 5th Tim Brewer/David Groff

Part of the job of being a Club Professional is being aware of all the rules involved. Sometimes a rule stumps us on the spot, and when that happens, we rely on the 'Rules of Golf' and the 'Decisions on Rules' books to find a quick answer. Rarely is it necessary to make a phone call to the GSGA for a definite ruling, but a situation came up this month and we had to do just that.



A group was playing #12, and one player's tee shot hooked left coming to rest inbounds, but an out-of-bounds split rail fence was in the way of his swing. The player removed the rails from the fence and played his shot.

HOURS OF OPERATION

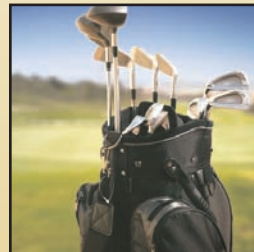
Pro Shop 770-979-9000 Ext. 106
 Tuesday - Sunday 7:00 am - 5:30 pm
 RANGE CLOSSES AT 5:30 pm
 (Based on the weather)
 Tee times for weekends are taken
 Thursday beginning at 7:40 am,
 by PHONE CALL ONLY.
 Tee times start at 8:00 am on
 weekdays; 7:46 am on the weekend.

RULE OF THE MONTH

However, his partners questioned the legality of his moving the rails. The other players were aware that you could not obtain relief from the fence on #5. So, why did this player think he was able to

get relief on #12? Here is the difference: the fence on #5 defines out of bounds (OB), whereas the fence on #12 was out of bounds, but did not define it. It is therefore a movable, artificial object.

According to rule 24-1, a player may remove a movable artificial object lying out of bounds that interferes with his stance; the rule didn't mention both swing and stance.



When Head Pro, David Epps and I could not agree, we decided to call the GSGA, and even they had to research this particular situation a bit further. In the end, they agreed that the player was entitled to remove the fence as long as that action did not delay play. David made an appeal to the USGA and we now await their decision. In a tournament, we don't have that luxury and a faster decision must be reached. Moreover, although the player got relief in this situation, you can expect the USGA/GSGA to amend the decision to state "swing and stance" or "stance only" in the future.

BIG BILL TOURNAMENT OPENING DAY

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25

ENTRY FEE: \$60.00

FORMAT: BLIND-DRAW/FOUR-MAN SCRAMBLE

FRIDAY COCKTAIL PARTY - 7:00 PM

BREAKFAST - 7:30 AM

SHOTGUN START FOLLOWING BREAKFAST

AFTER PARTY - MEMORIAL TRIBUTE TO BIG BILL

Formerly known as "Opening Day", this tournament has been renamed to honor a dearly departed member of the club "Big Bill" Fitzgerald. On Saturday, February 25, there will be a 4-man blind draw scramble with a shotgun start. The entry fee is \$60.00 per player and will include breakfast prior to the start. This is an MGA event so MGA membership is required. 2012 dues are \$40.00. A sign up sheet is located in the pro shop and we hope all will participate to honor the memory of a dear friend.

TIP OF THE MONTH

As we head into February, we have been fortunate enough to have had a mild winter. While we have not seen many really cold days, we have had plenty of rain. With the Bermuda grass being dormant, the water tends to sit in the fairways longer. That is why we have more days of *cart path only* during the winter and the driving range is often closed.

While playing in the rain is a challenge of its own, so too can playing when the conditions are just wet and sloppy. The actual hitting of the ball becomes a challenge. Come in a little steep and you're covered



with mud from the splash of taking a divot. Here's a tip that will help you not only stay clean, but will also allow you to have a better chance of making solid contact. Instead of playing your

normal stroke, play every full shot like you are in a fairway bunker. Place the ball 1 to 2 inches back in your stance; choke down on



or rotate. This swing is more of an upper body swing than a full swing.

By keeping your lower body still, you lessen the chance that your swing center will shift laterally, allowing you more of an opportunity to hit the ball flush. You might need to take one club extra, but you won't have to pick mud out of your shoes, your pants, your glasses, and maybe even your teeth!

the club about an inch. Make sure you have a solid base with your feet. I like to think about picking the ball clean; widen your arc and keep your hips steady - don't allow them to shift

If you master this shot in the winter, you'll have no problems playing from fairway bunkers the rest of the year.

Kenny Langlois

HIGH SCHOOL GOLF

It is that time of the year when the high school golf season is set to begin. Summit Chase is proud to be able to call itself the home course for Parkview, Grayson, South Gwinnett and Brookwood high schools. Most of these teams are comprised of members of the club, and the professional staff has worked with many of these juniors. Please be aware that we allow the teams to practice during the season. During the week, practice will usually start around 3:00 pm both on the course and range. We will accommodate members wishing to play as best we can, but that may include beginning play on the back nine. We apologize for any inconvenience, but it is one of the Club's fundamental missions to foster the growth of the game and we feel that making the club available for the local high school's is one of the best ways to help and we appreciate your cooperation and generosity.

JUNIOR GOLF ACADEMY - BASIC

Basic Academy is offered to novice, pee-wee and beginner players in weekly camps for a total of four hours of instruction per session. Camps are aimed at introducing the young golfer to basic fundamentals with a strong emphasis on fun, etiquette and competition, and introducing proper techniques to allow him/her to develop a basic understanding of the golf swing and how to play the game.

		Member	Non-Member
Pee-Wee (Age 4 - 7)	1:00 - 2:00 pm Saturday	\$ 69.00	\$89.00
Beginner (Age 8 - 12)	2:30 - 4:00 pm Saturday	89.00	109.00
(1) March 3, 10, 17, 31	(2) April 14, 21, May 5, 12	(3) June 30, July 7, 14, 21	

INTERMEDIATE

This instruction is for players (boys and girls) in the 6th, 7th & 8th grades with advanced skills who are looking to excel in the game of golf with goals of playing in high school and beyond at a competitive level. You must apply with the golf professional.

Spring Intermediate

One day per week, for 4 weeks; 2:00 - 3:30 pm Sunday
 (1) February 19, 26, March 4, 11
 Member \$75.00 Non-Member \$125.00

Spring/Summer Intermediate

Two days per week for 4 weeks; 5:00 - 6:30 pm Tuesday/Wednesday
 (1) March 13 - April 4 (3) May 15 - June 6
 (2) April 10 - May 9 (4) June 19 - 27, July 10 - 18
 Member \$125.00 Non-Member \$200.00

ADVANCED

The Advanced Academy is for the golfer who is either on a golf team, going out for a team and/or who is looking to succeed in the game. Drills focus on all areas of the game including course management and mental toughness. Drills on the range are transposed to situations on the course to help the golfer lower his score. The aim is to keep the junior's game sharp year round through these sessions and by participation in regional and club junior golf tournaments. Placement in the Advanced Academy is determined by a player evaluation with the Director of Golf, David Epps.

Summer Advanced

Two days per week for 4 weeks; 3:00 - 4:30 pm Tuesday/Wednesday
 One session: June 19 - 27 (skip week of July 4th) July 10 - 18
 Member \$125.00 Non-Member \$200.00

PRICES IN ALL GROUPS ARE STATED FOR FOUR-WEEK SESSIONS UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.