

CGCC – Is knowing the Rules an advantage?

1. On the tee Pip said to George ***“where is that wind coming from?”***

George replied ***“from the right for sure!”***

After they all teed off Fred asked both of the others ***“what club they had used for their tee shots?”***

Approaching the green Fred asked Pip ***“do you know what distance I have left to the pin?”***

**How many penalty points were incurred between the three players?**

2. Pip is a keen follower of the Aim Point putting method. So on the green he stands first behind his own ball and uses his feet to judge the line of putt.

He then stands behind the flag to assess the situation.

He is now not certain so he has to stand behind his ball again, Finally he moves along the line of putt, one foot left and one foot right to a point about 5 feet from the hole and does the same exercise again.

**Apart from adding some 15 minutes to the round of golf for the 3 ball what rules have been broken?**

3. Meanwhile George, whose ball is off the green, has repaired numerous pitch marks and removed sand from the green. He putts to 6 foot from the flag and marks the ball. When it is his turn again he leans forward and with his putter taps down something.

***“What did you score George?”*** asks Pip who has card in hand as they walk to the next tee.

4. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> at Pinta George’s ball is beyond the right hand bunkers tight behind a small tree. He has no shot at the green because of the tree. However the ball is on the edge of a hole made by a burrowing animal and he claims that for either a shot towards the first fairway or a shot over the bunker towards the drain on the 2<sup>nd</sup> fairway he should get relief from the abnormal ground condition. They agree and he determines the nearest point of relief from the hole, drops the ball within one club length of that spot. The first time the ball roils into the adjacent bunker so he retrieves it and drops it again. The second time the ball rolls more than 2 club lengths so George places the ball where it first hit the ground on the 2<sup>nd</sup> drop. He now finds he has a shot at the green and stiffs it. Down for a birdie!

5. On the Pinta 4<sup>th</sup> Pip hooks his ball a little and it bounces several time before it disappears from sight towards the dell where it should be found.

After about two minutes search George says to him ***“why don’t you go back to the tee and hit a provisional ball, whilst we keep looking!”***

Pip therefore uses Fred’s golf kart to drive back to the tee and he hits his provisional. At this stage the original ball is found within the 5 minutes so Pip proceeds with the original ball and hits a great 3 wood.

When they come to their next shots Fred says to Pip ***"I am not sure you were allowed to do that you know. I think the provisional ball never was a provisional. I think you will be DQd unless you go back and correct your mistake". "Maybe you should borrow that buggy again and hit another ball?"***

6. On the Pinta 5<sup>th</sup> they see the first tee shot go left and they can hear it hit the wall or rocks on the left and then they see it bounce further on. When they get to the spot the ball cannot be found and George says it must be in the water. Just use the dropping zone and you will play your third shot. Pip disagrees and says that ball is lost he will have to go back to the tee. ***"It is not Known nor Virtually Certain! They call it KVC!"***
7. There is a damp area left green side on the 6<sup>th</sup>. ***"It is clearly casual water"*** says Pip ***"look it is all glistening in the sun light."*** George has a different view and says ***"I cannot see any casual water"***. 18 stone Fred then wades in and water is clearly visible around his feet. ***"There you go"***, he says, ***"casual water it is."*** **Who is right?**
8. On the 7<sup>th</sup> Fred hits a dreadful tee shot right, it bounces off the path, kicks on towards the sloping ground. He searches for a few minutes and says ***"here it is but I have to declare it unplayable"***. *He finds a spot within 2 club lengths sideways and chips on to about 2 feet from the flag. George takes the flag out for him so he can tap the ball into the hole and as he retrieves the ball from the cup he says. "This is not my ball – what do I do next?"*
9. **On** the Pinta 12<sup>th</sup> Pip's second shot goes towards the dry water hazard on the left of the fairway. It is clearly marked with red stakes so he is not too worried.

When they get to the spot they see a ball about 140 yards from the green in the water hazard. Pip takes 3 clubs from the bag and puts them in the hazard. The grass that time is year is quite long and the long grass may grab the club on the backswing as well as during the stroke. He will need to really focus. It is a windy day and bits of debris and leaves have become trapped in the long grass as well. The others are looking on and Pip is careful to hover his club above the grasses and he says to the others ***"I know it is not a problem if I hit any of this stuff during the stroke!"***

What rules were broken?

10. On the 13<sup>th</sup> George hits his ball to the right after they all teed off he walks to the area of rough ground and he sees a ball. He gets to the spot lifts the ball to identify it and places it in a slightly different spot from where it originally lay without in any way improving his lie.

Lucky to find that he mumbles to himself and joins the others.

11. Some of the bunkers still have water in them and George finds his in the middle of a puddle.

He wishes to determine the nearest point of relief which is a challenge so he proceeds to measure the point of maximum available relief which means that ball would be in a little bit of water but one foot would be on dry ground at least. He considers the option and the difficult shot he may have: tight to the lip of the bunker, a downhill lie with a ball possibly a little plugged in wet sand?

He says to the others: ***"I am going to drop it outside of the bunker for a penalty shot"***

12. On the 18<sup>th</sup> there are buggy tracks in the area where the second shot comes to rest. They are not deep but certainly noticeable. Pip asks George if he can get relief. George says ***“that’s golf, you play the ball as it lies and in any case the area is not marked GUR”***. Fred may have more helpful advice and says we cannot decide for ourselves because then everyone on the course has a different view point and others may take relief from a lesser problem. What is the point of competing if there is no level playing field? ***“What you must do is play 2 balls. One from the spot where the ball lies and another as if you were allowed relief. Mark both scores on the card and let the committee decide which ball counts!”***