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NEWSPAPERHere is a little history about
how red, yellow stakes work

As you play your round of golf you will see yellow and red stakes and lines. They are now called penalty areas. It is an interesting story about how the red and yellow stakes came out in the game of golf and where they stand now as the new rule changes take hold. See inside for more on the red and yellow stakes and the history.

WHAT'S NEW
IN NW GOLFLas Vegas World Amateur
set to be held in February

When the Las Vegas World Amateur started in 2010, the South Nevada Golf Association had the dream of an amateur event to match others in places like Mesquite, Central Oregon, and even Myrtle Beach. Fast forward to the 2022 event and, under new leadership, the event is moving in the right direction and hopes to soon return to its glory days.

The COVID-19 pandemic, obviously, had an effect on the Las Vegas World Amateur. Despite not having to cancel during 2020 or 2021, international travel bans and a fear of travel cut down on the number of players. So far, that trend seems to be reversing for 2022.

"We've done a lot of work to make sure the tournament is safe for players," said Tournament Director John Tipping. "That, combined with the changes we've made in prizes and format, has made the event successful despite the pandemic."

With Las Vegas as the backdrop, the World Amateur has the advantage of access to a collection of world-class golf courses. The 2022 event will find players competing at the Red Rock Country Club, Arroyo Golf Club, and Sienna Golf Course. Players - flighted in divisions - will play three individual net rounds to determine winners.

In addition to the golf, entrants will also receive \$200 in tee prizes, meals during rounds two and three, and the chance to win daily prizes.

The upcoming event - scheduled for February 21-23, 2022 - is now open for registration. Amateur golfers with an official GHIN handicap are invited to play. Details and online registration are available at www.vegasworldam.com.



Red Rock Golf Club will be a host course.

Seattle, Portland golf shows will return in 2022

The Seattle and Portland Golf Shows will make their return this year. Both shows were on hiatus in 2021 due to the Pandemic. But this year, the shows return and golfers are excited to see what is new in the golf industry.

The Seattle Golf Show is set for March 5-6 at the Washington State Convention Center. This is a new venue for the event after spending years at the Lumen Field Events Center. The show will continue to promote interactivity with the golf businesses and golfers where you can chip, putt, pitch and drive the ball all over the show hall and meet the best the game has to offer from vendors through the Pacific Northwest.

The lesson area will return and main stage seminars will also be included as part of the show. The show will run two days this year on Saturday and Sunday March 5-6 with Saturday being a Kids and Family Day. Other features the show will have to offer will be the Seattle Putting Championship, Long Drive contest, KP Challenge, a sales area and much more.

Varsity Communications will once again host the Seattle Golf Show and will also put on the Portland Golf Show, which will be held March 25-27 at another new venue, the Portland Exposition Center near the I-5 Bridge.



Pacific Gales: Oregon Coast project still in the works



This site along the Southern Oregon Coast could be the future home of Pacific Gales, a project that has been in the planning stages for years. The 354-acre stretch of property offers terrific views and a chance for golfers to see even more of the Oregon Coast. For an update on the Pacific Gales project. see inside this issue of Inside Golf Newspaper.

Elementary school teacher uses unique way of introducing golf to his students

Jim Franklin, a life-long golfer, knows the benefits of participating in a sport. Franklin is a special education teacher at Elm Street Elementary in Rome, GA, and wanted to design a STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) project to introduce golf to the students in his school.

When he showed a putter for the first time to 44 students in grades 3-5, none of them knew what it was called. The closest answer was "golf stick." It is important to note that his school has an 85% minority population.

The first phase of the project was to build three holes of an indoor putting course. Currently, the closest miniature golf course is almost an hour from Rome. Because many of his school's parents have limited transportation and income, he wanted to design a cost effective course to give his students an opportunity to play.

The students had to use several different math operations, develop problem solving skills, and work together. Every month the students will build obstacles that have a theme that goes along with the holiday for the month. Because all the students are just learning how to plan, Franklin said he will have tournaments once their skills improve, and the course will be used during Field Day at the end of the school year.

Growing the game of golf takes many different approaches, Jim Franklin has showed us a new one that did not involve a golf course.

If you want to learn more about his school, here is the link to their website: https://www.greatschools.org/georgia/rome/1651-Elm-Street-Elementary-School/#Race_ethnicity.



It's time for me to stop being a golf snob and get outside and play some winter golf

I used to think I was tough when it came to winter golf. It didn't really matter the temperature, or the moisture in the air, or the wind or the wet ground. I would load up my bag, head to the course and try and get some golf in during these tough winter months in the Pacific Northwest.

But as I get older, I get less tough. Much less tough. When the weather turns sideways in the Pacific Northwest, the last place I want to head to is the golf course. I love the game. I want to play. But these days grabbing the clubs and standing out in 40 degree weather doesn't do it for me.

What happened? Where is the toughness? Can I get it back? I am trying.

I think it all started a couple of years ago when I played a course where the back nine was a long way from the clubhouse. And the weather turned. And turned bad. Wind came up, rain came sideways and it was a long walk back to the clubhouse without finishing the round. It was then and there my winter golf days were over.

But now it is time to rethink the winter golf. I gave it another shot in December and it wasn't bad. It wasn't great but since I hadn't played in weeks at least it was golf. The weather was 48 degrees, the clouds were moving in but I had extra layers on, warm gloves and a stocking hat.

After getting ripped by my golf friends for a while now, I figured it was time to give winter golf a try - again.

"How can you not like playing in the winter," one friend said that day. "It's not that bad."

"It's less than 50 degrees and there's some wind," I replied. "And it might rain."

So I slogged my way through 18 holes that day and you know what - it wasn't that bad. Maybe I had been turning into a golf snob, the kind who can only play in the spring, summer and fall months when the weather is good. Or the one who only plays when they take golf road trips to warm locales.

It's time to get back that toughness and venture outside for that winter golf. I made some good investments buying a couple of hats, warm golf gloves



and some hand warmers. All that should help. I still have some rules - no golf under 40 degrees and no golf if there is rain in the forecast. No more of being a golf snob. It's time to get tough again.

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Winter golf in the Northwest can bring snow (top right), the use of umbrella (lower right) and a trip inside to hit (lower left).



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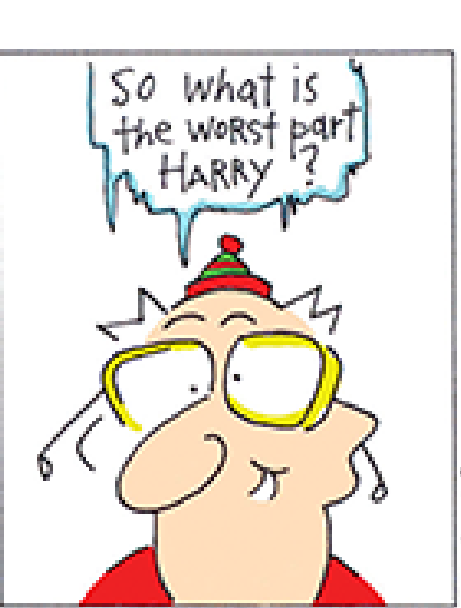
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Washington Golf sets dates for Winter Series

WA Golf has set the dates for its annual winter golf series, which will take place from January through April of 2022. First up will be the Individual Stableford event at Gold Mountain on Jan. 21.

Next up will be the 2-Person Scramble at The Home Course in DuPont on February 18. Another Stableford tournament will follow on March 4 at North Bellingham Golf Course in Bellingham, Wash. Wine Valley Golf Club in Walla Walla will host a 2-Person Stableford event on March 18.

The series will head back to Gold Mountain for another Individual Stableford event on April 1 before the WA Golf Winter Series closes out with a 2-Person Four-Ball event at Palouse Ridge in Pullman, Wash. on April 15.

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New national event to showcase golfers with disabilities

The United States Golf Association (USGA) announced the U.S. Adaptive Open Championship, a new national championship that will showcase the world's best golfers with disabilities. The inaugural competition will be conducted on Course No. 6 at historic Pinehurst Resort & Country Club on July 18-20, 2022. The 2nd U.S. Adaptive Open will also be held on Pinehurst No. 6, and will be conducted from July 17-19, 2023.

The U.S. Adaptive Open Championship will serve as the association's 15th national championship, joining such iconic events as the U.S. Open, U.S. Women's Open, U.S. Amateur and U.S. Women's Amateur. Champions of this new event will see their names recorded in the annals of golf history alongside many of the game's storied figures.

The announcement of the championship follows through on a 2017 pledge by the USGA to establish this championship for the adaptive golf community.

"Since 1895, our championships have provided the world's best players with an opportunity to showcase their skills on a global stage, compete for a national championship and achieve their dreams," said John Bodenhamer, USGA senior managing director, Championships. "After years of planning and delays caused by the global pandemic, we are proud to bring that same opportunity to the adaptive golf community through this championship, and to do so at Pinehurst, our second home. We believe this effort will spur participation for golfers with disabilities and hope it inspires others in the industry to make the game and its competitions more welcoming to all."

Pacific Coast Amateur to Portland

Pacific Coast Amateur The 55th Pacific Coast Amateur Championship will be held July 19-22, 2022 at Columbia Edgewater Country Club in Portland, Ore. This will be the first time Columbia Edgewater has hosted this prestigious championship, which is conducted by the Pacific Coast Golf Association (PCGA).

The Pacific Coast Amateur is one of seven premier

amateur championships that make up the Elite Amateur Golf Series (EAGS), in which players earn World Amateur Golf Ranking (WAGR) points and compete for the Elite Amateur Cup, with top finishers earning exemptions into USGA Championships, as well as PGA TOUR and Korn Ferry Tour events.

"In 12 years as a PCGA director, I have witnessed the increasing quality of championship venues," said Cliff Shahbaz, president of both the PCGA and Columbia Edgewater Country Club. "I am proud that my club, Columbia Edgewater, continues that trend. We are honored to host this championship in the inaugural year of the Elite Amateur Golf Series."

The Pacific Coast Amateur remains the West Coast's elite-level event that is circled on all amateur golf calendars in North America. The championship has regularly received an "A" strength ranking by WAGR, as provided by The R&A and USGA.

Other than 2021 champion Devon Bling, the last four Pacific Coast Amateur champions (Will Zalatoris in 2016, Doug Ghim in 2017, Isaiah Salinda in 2018, and Quade Cummins in 2019) were selected to play on the U.S. Walker Cup team. The 2021 Walker Cup was played in May, prior to the playing of the 2021 Pacific Coast Amateur. The Pacific Coast Amateur was not held in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Green-Reading materials limited

Golf's governing bodies have made available a Model Local Rule (MLR) to further limit the use of Green-Reading Materials.

MLR G-11 enables a committee to limit players to using only the yardage book that it has approved for use in the competition.

This local rule is intended only for the highest levels of competitive golf and, even then, only for competitions where it is realistic for the committee to undertake an approval process for yardage books. It will be available starting January 1, 2022.

The local rule gives a committee the ability to establish an officially approved yardage book for a competition so that the diagrams of putting greens

show only minimal detail (such as significant slopes, tiers or false edges that indicate sections of greens). In

addition, the local rule limits the handwritten notes that are allowed to add to the approved yardage book.

Check your knowledge of the rules of the game

• **Question:** Your 2nd shot from the fairway heads toward a scruffy area left of the putting green. When you and your group arrive where the ball is "estimated to be" you notice the scruffy area is marked as "ground under repair". After 2 minutes search you cannot locate the ball in the scruffy area or anywhere else. Not knowing for certain where the ball is you head back to play another ball under "stroke and distance." You drop a ball and prepare to hit it. Just then but still within the 3 minute search time your group finds the ball in the area marked as "GUR." Where do you go and what do you do?

• **Answer:** At the time you dropped a ball where the previous stroke was made you did not know with certainty where the original ball was. It could have been in the rough or the "GUR". Without that "virtual certainty" your only option is to proceed under "stroke and distance". When you dropped that ball at the spot of the previous stroke you have properly proceeded under an applicable rule. Even though your search time had not expired when the ball was found in the "GUR" you are still required to play under "stroke and distance". If you had established "virtual certainty" the ball was lost in the "GUR" you would be allowed to take relief without penalty for a ball lost in an "abnormal ground condition" the "GUR". Rule 18.1; Rule 18.2a(1); Rule 16.1e; Rule 18.3c(1).

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Pacific Gales: The incredible possibilities along the southern Oregon coast



The stunningly scenic oceanfront property looks over the ocean along the southern Oregon coast – that everyone hopes that someday will become the much anticipated Pacific Gales Golf Course.

The Pacific Gales project was first announced to the public in 2013 and it quickly became one of the most anticipated golf projects in America. Today, 11 years later, it still has not been built. So, where is the project at in 2021?

First, let’s review the project. Located in Port Orford along the Pacific Coast, about 25 miles south of Bandon Dunes, on private land leased from the Knapp Ranch. It encompasses 354 acres overlooking the ocean with views of Cape Blanco Lighthouse to the north, the Elk River and the mountains of the Coast Range inland.

“I’ve been in the business for 30 years, and you know a great site when you’re on it,” says Jim Haley, managing partner of Elk River Property Development, LLC, who first ventured to

the Oregon Coast as a member of the construction team for the original Bandon Dunes course. “This is a great site. You don’t get them very often.”

“One of the owners of Knapp Ranch, Jeff Knapp, had worked with me,” he says. “He invited me down for a crab feed when Mike Keiser was building Bandon Dunes.” That’s when Haley first caught site of the family’s incredible 1,100-acre stretch of oceanfront property.

In 2010 Haley and his business partner, Jay Kenyon, completed a lease agreement with the Knapp family to develop 330 acres along the ocean.

They brought on Troy Russell to be the project manager. Russell is a native to the area and played pivotal roles in Bandon Dunes Golf

Resort’s early success during his 10 years there. Troy Russell brings the perfect combination of local knowledge and 20 years of golf course construction and project management experience to Pacific Gales. His 10 years as Resort Superintendent with Bandon Dunes Resort included construction work on Bandon Dunes, Pacific Dunes and Bandon Trails. Additionally, he has worked on other notable courses to open in recent years — as Construction Project Manager for Wine Valley Golf Club in Walla Walla, Wash., and Construction and Project Liaison for Tetherow Golf Club in Bend, Ore.

Says Troy of Pacific Gales: “It’s a spectacular site. When you see it, it gets your attention.” Troy is a two-time recipient of the Golf Course Superintendents Association / Golf Digest Envi-

ronmental Leaders in Golf Award, first in 2003 for resort course in the state of Oregon and later receiving the national award in 2005.

Russell told *Inside Golf Newspaper* that there was an up coming meeting scheduled after the first of the year that would provide some big news about the Pacific Gales project. He said, “I can’t say anymore at this time, but it was going to be big news.”

The major permitting hurdles have been secured, the design has been completed and so, all that remains to be done is to get financing.

We are anxiously waiting to hear the ‘big news’ and will keep you informed. It’s taken a while to bring this project to fruition, but it will all be worth the wait and give golfers another destination on the southern Oregon coast.



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Highsmith, Wolfe headline list of the PPGA Players of the Year for 2021

The Pacific Northwest Golf Association (PPGA) has announced the 2021 Players of the Year for the region. Those honored include Men's Player of the Year, Joe Highsmith of Lakewood, Wash.; Women's, Mary Scott Wolfe of Beaverton, Ore.; Men's Mid-Amateur, Robbie Ziegler of Tualatin, Ore.; Women's Mid-Amateur, Amanda Jacobs of Portland, Ore.; Senior Men's, Tom Brandes of Bellevue, Wash.; Senior Women's, Lara Tennant of Portland, Ore.; Junior Boys', Jeevan Sihota of Victoria, B.C.; and Junior Girls', Kennedy Knox of Normandy Park, Wash.

• **Men's Player of the Year: Joe Highsmith (Lakewood, Wash.).** This marks the second year in a row that Highsmith has been named the PPGA Men's Player of the Year. In 2021, Highsmith qualified for and played in the U.S. Open, finished runner-up at the Pacific Coast Amateur, made the Sweet 16 at the Western Amateur and finished as a quarterfinalist at the North & South Amateur.

• **Women's Player of the Year: Mary Scott Wolfe (Beaverton, Ore.).** Wolfe, a sophomore on the Gonzaga University women's golf team, put together an impressive year to capture PPGA Women's Player of the Year honors. She won the Pacific Northwest Women's Amateur Championship, finished runner-up at the Oregon Amateur Championship, finished T10 at the West Coast Conference Championship and T3 at the OGA Tournament of Champions.

• **Men's Mid-Amateur Player of the Year: Robbie Ziegler (Tualatin, Ore.).** A longtime competitor on the Mid-Amateur circuit, this marks the first time Ziegler has captured PPGA Player of the Year honors. In 2021 he qualified for and played in the U.S. Amateur Championship, finished runner-up in the Oregon Mid-Amateur Championship, won the OGA Tournament of Champions and finished T32 in the Oregon Open Invitational.

• **Women's Mid-Amateur Player of the Year: Amanda Jacobs (Portland, Ore.).** This marks the fourth time that Jacobs has earned the PPGA Women's Mid-Amateur Player of the Year award, and first since 2017. Among the highlights on the year for Jacobs, she won the Pacific Northwest Women's Mid-Amateur Championship, finished runner-up at the Oregon Mid-Amateur Championship and was a semifinalist at the U.S. Mid-Am.

• **Senior Men's Player of the Year: Tom Brandes (Bellevue, Wash.).** This is the eighth time that Brandes has received the PPGA Senior Men's Player of the Year award. In 2021, he won the Washington Senior Men's Amateur for the eighth time, won the Pacific Northwest Senior Men's Amateur for the sixth time and finished runner-up at the Senior Washington Open.

• **Senior Women's Player of the Year: Lara Tennant (Portland, Ore.).** Tennant earned the PPGA Senior Women's Player of the Year award for the fourth consecutive year. In 2021, she won the U.S. Senior Women's Amateur Championship for the third year in row, won the Oregon Senior Women's Amateur Championship, advanced to the Round of 16 at the U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur Championship and finished runner-up at the California Senior Women's Amateur Championship.

• **Junior Boys' Player of the Year: Jeevan Sihota (Victoria, B.C.).** Sihota earned the PPGA Junior Boys' Amateur Player of the Year award after a standout 2021 season. Competing against seasoned tour professionals, he finished runner-up at the Mackenzie Tour DC Bank Open, finished T6 at the Mackenzie Tour ATB Financial Classic, and finished T29 at the Mackenzie Tour Golf BC Championship.

• **Junior Girls' Player of the Year: Kennedy Knox (Normandy Park, Wash.).** Knox, a freshman on the University of Washington women's golf team, enjoyed a historic 2021 season. She won the Washington Women's Amateur, the Seattle Women's Golf Association City Championship, the Washington Junior Golf Association Girls' State Championship and the Pacific Northwest Junior Girls' Amateur, making her the first golfer ever to make a clean sweep of the four respective championships in the same season.

Tour Players With Northwest ties

- PGA Tour**
- Kevin Chappell • Kirkland • No Events
 - Ben Crane • Portland • 216th on the list with \$13,650
 - Joel Dahmen, Clarkston • 47th on tghe list with \$432,404
 - Cameron Davis • Australia (Member at Sahalee) • 157th on the list with \$64,981
 - Robert Garrigus • Gresham • 202nd on the list with \$18.343
 - Scott Harrington • Portland • No Events
 - Ryan Moore • Puyallup • 189th on the list with \$28,350
 - Cheng Tsung Pan • Ex-UW • 51st on the list with \$422,842
 - Andrew Putnam • Tacoma • 75th on the list with \$289,483
 - Kyle Stanley • Gig Harbor • 156th on the list with \$65,002
 - Nick Taylor • Ex-UW • 139th on the list with \$98,767
 - Aaron Wise • Ex-Oregon • 21st on the list with \$769,394

- Korn Ferry Tour**
- Alistar Docherty • Vancouver, Wash. • No Events
 - Robert Garrigus • Gresham • No Events
 - Andres Gonzales • Olympia • No Events
 - Alex Prugh • Spokane • No Events
 - Dylan Wu • Medford • No Events

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 - Peter Jacobsen • Portland • No Events
 - Kirk Triplett • Pullman • No Events

- Forme Tour**
- Corey Pereira • Ex-UW • No Events
 - Andrew Yun • Tacoma • No Events

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 - Jing Yan • Ex-UW • No Events

- LPGA Symetra Tour**
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The Lesson Tee: Remember the keys to a proper backswing

This month, let's take a closer look at the backswing.

I would like everyone to check out Photo 1. Notice the good hip turn. Not a sway, but rather a cranking hip turn.

Notice the depth of the arms and shaft because of this hip turn. Lower! Now this is not the top of my backswing. Notice how this turn is not a lift. Notice how my left arm matches the rod on the ground. That rod is 20 degrees inside the target line. Notice how my turn keeps my shaft and arms below the yellow pole set up even with my right shoulder. That would be what Ben Hogan (google Hogan if you are under 40) would describe swinging under the plane of glass.

The purpose of the backswing is mainly twofold; to accumulate power, by turning (coiling) and hinging the wrists. Secondly, the backswing puts us in a position to drive the grip, hands, and club directly at the inside quarter of the golf ball. This would be on a shallow (not steep) on plane approach. See Photo 2.

Finally, we just turn through on an arc to our finish. Photo 3.



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Real Estate Corner: Don't let the cold freeze of winter put a hold on your house hunting

With our wet Washington winters, it might not be high on your priority list to start looking for that new home next to your home course but don't let the cold put a freeze on your dream. The real estate market has been clamped down over the last few years and when you're looking to find your perfect place, patience is a virtue.

Setting up a game plan is more important than ever before. Partner with a real estate broker who has local knowledge and is willing to strategize on how to get you on your favorite course. If you're waiting until the better weather and longer days, you might miss out on that home you had your eye on because you didn't position yourself in a way to win the game.

A few things to consider when you're looking into a new golf course community.

What are the hours of operation? Can you use the practice facilities at night for instance? What's the earliest tee time?

When can you play and what does it cost? You'll find country clubs will be vastly different than your local municipal course. Check to see what extra dues there might be and make sure you don't bite off more than you can chew!

What is the experience and atmosphere when you arrive? What are other amenities are available? The staff should excited, friendly and open to your questions. See if there are other events that happen year-round at the clubhouse.

How is the course maintained? From tee to green, keep an eye on the condition of the grounds. How do those bunkers look even if you don't end up in them, do you see maintenance people out?



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Do I like to play at the same place all the time? You want to get your money's worth when you're paying for a country club so make sure it's one you love. It's also not a bad idea to see what other public courses are within the area.

One last tip: Never assume! Try it out. And if nothing else you get to explore some fun locations and play golf!

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Rules of the Game: Here is a little history on how the yellow and red stakes came about and where they are now in the game

So often, players find the difference between the red and yellow penalty areas to be of minimal interest until they are informed that they just proceeded incorrectly. So, to help you out, a little history, Pat style (which is a disclaimer to say this how it MAY have evolved).

The first golf courses may not even have had water on them until the day that a thrifty and business minded fellow named MacDuff approached Ian and Shamus about his piece of land. MacDuff had been observing the growing interest in this intriguing game of golf and could see where his property might make a good track.

Ian and Shamus take a look and agree that the gentle hills and contours would make a natural golf course except for one small concern. It had a stream and a duck pond. Golfers were certain to object to the possibility of losing a ball in the water and having to play under stroke and distance. What to do? Then, a great idea,... what if players were given the option of playing a ball back from the edge of the water area on a line created by the location of the hole and that spot where the ball last crossed the edge, all for one penalty stroke. This would still keep the water area in play and players would have to use some course management skills or deal with the results of their risk and reward decision. Done deal, the land purchase went ahead, and the course was developed.

As time passed, golfers being by nature a rather legalistic and whiny group (I'm a golfer, I can say this!) began to question just why they had to keep the stream in play in front of them if in fact their ball had bounced in from the side. They hated having to find somewhere to cross the stream and the players behind them resented the extra time this all took. They needed another option for this situation. Ian and Shamus were called in again.

The solution, for those water areas that were



parallel or lateral to the line of play for a hole, was to permit golfers to use another option: to drop a ball within two club lengths from the place where the ball last crossed the edge of the water area, no closer to the hole, under one penalty stroke. A great time saver and the grumbling subsided. To make the difference obvious courses began to paint the edges of the water areas that crossed the line of play yellow and those that ran parallel or lateral to the line of play red as shown in the photos.

So now, yellow water hazards had two options for penalty relief: play under stroke and distance or drop a ball back on a line formed by the hole location and the spot where the ball last crossed the edge of the "hazard." Red water hazards had these two options plus the third option of dropping within two club lengths of where the ball last crossed the edge.

Here we are, in 2022, and again we have a revision as of 2019. You will find it in Rule 17. This time it's the definition of a penalty area that has been changed. First, the name change from water hazard to penalty area allows for the expanded definition. In addition to the familiar water and waterways, courses are now permitted to designate areas where a ball may often be lost or unable to be played as red penalty areas. This could be heav-



ily treed or rocky areas, desert, their choice. This assists with pace of play, but it can also affect the course rating so one course may use this expanded definition while another may decide not to. Bodies of water formerly always painted with a yellow line

may also be painted red. Penalties and options have remained the same. On a new course and you're not sure?..., play a second ball.

The USGA has some excellent videos on penalty areas. Check them out.



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