



You may have guessed, as witnessed by my last Rules and Greens effort, that not only have some of the Rules of Golf changed location, but some of the rules have changed and/or been eliminated as well. It was the intention of the USGA and the R & A to relax some of the rules by which we play the game, hoping to make the game more enjoyable while attracting new persons to the game. I have, on occasion, used the SCGA Fore magazine content to help us with some of the changes to the rules of golf. The Winter Edition included a Winter Rules Quiz, which I have drawn from for the following challenges. Now, of course, some of you will actually read the magazine, and will be able to find the answers very easily, so I guess the following is a test for the one's who throw the magazine away because there are not enough pictures and too much reading, while serving as reinforcement for those who looked at it once and then forgot about it. Try not to peek at the answers, eh? Here goes:

1. Which is a ball in play?
 - a. A ball substituted for the original ball in play when substitution was not allowed.
 - b. The player's original ball which lies out of bounds.
 - c. The player's original ball that is not found within three minutes of search.
 - d. The player's original ball which is lifted.
2. Jim Knight accidentally moves his ball at rest while attempting to mark its position in order to lift and identify it. What is the ruling?
 - a. The player never incurs a penalty for accidentally moving his ball at rest.
 - b. The player incurs no penalty if the movement is accidental.
 - c. The player incurs a penalty of one stroke.
 - d. The player incurs a penalty of 2 strokes.
3. Al Pak's ball lies in a bunker. Which of the following is FALSE?
 - a. Al may place extra clubs on the sand in the bunker before the stroke.
 - b. Al may remove movable obstructions in the bunker before the stroke.
 - c. Al must not touch sand in the bunker with a club during a practice swing.
 - d. Al must not remove loose impediments in the bunker before his stroke.

I hope you enjoyed this little exercise, and I hope you will follow up by confirming the answers in your rule book. Good day, and good golf.