



Just before we test our knowledge with another few questions from the Winter Rules Quiz of the FORE magazine, I would like to take just a second to follow up on a concern some of you might have had regarding the outcome of an event that was played on the 7th of March. We had been scheduled to play a match play event that day, and Mike had gone to great lengths to have the matches set and ready to go. On the day of the event, with rain expected before noon, four of those scheduled to play had cancelled, disrupting the matches Mike had set. As such, Mike decided, instead, to play a low net event for those who were there to play. As it turned out, the Senior League match scheduled for that morning had been cancelled, so four of the guys who were going to play in that match, came to Twin Oaks to join us. This brought our total field, again, to 22 participants. As expected, the rains came, and a lot of the participants left the course before or after nine holes, while six guys played on through the inclement weather. Some who had left, assumed, I guess, that the event would be cancelled due to weather. This, however, was not the case. The scoring guidelines as referenced on our website, say that to have an event we must have at least one flight, or 7 participants. We did have 7, in fact, we had 22, or three flights, although only six finished the round. With there having been no official cancellation due to weather, Mike and I discussed the situation, and while we knew there would be complaints, we did have six guys who finished, and as such, felt they deserved to share the prize for the event. Now, while this event is in the books, you can be sure that the board of directors will have some lengthy discussion about this situation for future such occurrences. Now you know, and knowing is half the battle. (for you G.I. Joe cartoon fans.)

4. Mike Martens is about to play his third shot on the 5th hole, when the airhorn is sounded to suspend play for a dangerous situation. Mike did not mark the position of his ball or lift his ball, which was at rest in the fairway, and left for the clubhouse. When play is ordered to resume, Mike's ball is found to have moved to a nearby fairway bunker. What is the ruling?

- a. Mike may play the original ball from the bunker.
- b. Mike must play the original ball from the bunker.
- c. Mike must lift his original ball from the bunker and replace it on the spot from which it was at rest in the fairway.
- d. Mike must place a ball or ball-marker on the spot from which the original ball was moved.

5. Dave Mulgrew's ball lies on the putting green after two strokes. While making his third stroke, Dave's caddie Mitch holds an umbrella over Dave's head and the stroke is made, with the ball ultimately coming to rest three feet short of the hole. Dave then grabs his towel, wraps it around his grip, and makes the next putt without any assistance from his caddie. What is Dave's score for the hole?

- a. 4
- b. 6
- c. 8
- d. Dave is disqualified.

6. A bunker is entirely covered with temporary water to a shallow depth. Rick Hiscox' ball lies in the bunker. What is the ruling?

- a. A ball may be dropped without penalty in a relief area that is one club-length from the point of maximum available relief, not nearer the hole than that point and in the bunker.
- b. The original ball must be dropped without penalty in the bunker within one club-length of the spot where the ball lay, but not nearer the hole, on a part of the course that affords maximum available relief from the temporary water.
- c. The ball may be lifted and dropped without penalty outside the bunker, keeping the point where the ball lay between the hole and the spot where the ball is dropped.
- d. The ball may be lifted and dropped with a penalty of 2 strokes outside the bunker, keeping the point where the ball last crossed the edge of the temporary water between the hole and the spot where the ball is dropped.

Have fun with these.

4. d, Rule 5.7d(2)

5. b, Rules 4.3a(5); 10.2b(5)

6. a, Rule 16.1