

# Christian Golf Club OF CENTRAL CALIFORNIA

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All of us who have played golf for some time, have experienced "the zone." It's that period of time, a couple of holes, a full round, or in my case, two consecutive shots, that you just know that it's God's hands on the clubs, not yours.

The C.G.C.C.C 2004 club championship was held over two days on the central coast, at Morro Bay and Dairy Creek Golf Course. One man in particular found that zone, not for a couple of holes, ***but for the entire weekend!!*** Brad Fry, ol' Mr. Consistent, ravished the poor souls in his flight with back to back rounds of **74** to nail down the low gross flight. I had the misfort...; I mean ***pleasure*** of playing directly ahead of this *machine* and take offense to the reports of me yelling MISS IT as he putted on each green. It must have been some other doke. To the contrary, I ***unselfishly cheered*** and ***encouraged*** him on to the very end! *Whatever*

There were other standout performances that need mentioning. ***Mark Saltzman*** roared back after a slow start on day two to wrap up low net in the first flight. In the second flight ***Roger Tarpin*** was too tough for the field and was victorious, and rounding out the champions list was ***Daniel*** (the terminator) ***Cowherd***, as he trounced the competition in the third flight.

Just to share a little insight as to why I'm so proud to be a part of the C.G.C.C.C, I received a letter in the mail shortly after the finish of our club championship, from Mike Fry. In the envelope were the second place awards he won for his flight, along with a letter stating that because of his pursuit of an answer to a controversial ruling on the 10<sup>th</sup> hole at Dairy Creek that was nagging at him, he was disqualifying himself from the tournament. Understand, ***he did this on his own***, even after being told there was no rules violation by his playing partners. There is nothing more important in life than a man's character, and Mike's was exemplified in a huge way by his actions. Mike, we're fortunate to have you on board. Now, ***do us a favor and talk to your brother!! Just kidding!***

Many thanks to the tournament committee, as they put together a great weekend of not only a great time of fellowship and golf, but also made sure we were ***spiritually*** fed by Jeff Hopper, editor of the "***Links Letter***" as he shared from the "Sermon On The Mount" following an awesome breakfast Sunday morning at Dairy Creek.

To each participant, we thank you for your time and effort to support the C.G.C.C.C , and to each winner and champion, ***kudos*** on a job well done!!

## **Noah's Ark in Today's Society....**

The Lord speaks to Noah and says: "In one year, I am going to make it rain and cover the whole Earth with water until all is destroyed. But I want you to save the righteous people and two of every kind of living thing on the Earth. Therefore, I am commanding you to build an Ark."

In a flash of lightning, God delivered the specifications for the Ark.

Fearful and trembling, Noah took the plan and agreed to build the Ark.

"Remember," said the Lord, "You must complete the Ark and bring everything aboard in one year."

Exactly one year later, a fierce storm cloud formed and all the seas of the earth went into a tumult. The Lord saw Noah sitting in his front yard weeping.

"Noah." He shouted, "Where is the Ark?"

"Lord, please forgive me!" cried Noah. "I did my best but there were big problems. First, I had to get a permit for construction and your plans did not comply with the codes. I had to hire an engineering firm and redraw the plans.

Then I got into a fight with OSHA over whether or not the Ark needed a fire sprinkler system and flotation devices,

Then my neighbor objected, claiming I was violating zoning ordinances by building the Ark in my front yard, so I had to get a variance from the city planning commission.

I had problems getting enough wood for the Ark, because there was a ban on cutting trees to protect the Spotted Owl. I finally convinced the U.S. Forest Service that I needed the wood to save the owls.

However, the Fish and Wildlife Service won't let me catch any owls. So, no owls.

The carpenters formed a union and went out on strike. I had to negotiate a settlement with the National Labor Union. Now I have 16 carpenters on the Ark, but still no owls...

When I started rounding up the other animals, I got sued by an animal rights group. They objected to me only taking two of each kind aboard.

Just when I got the suit dismissed, the EPA notified me that I could not complete the Ark without filing an environmental impact statement on your proposed flood. They didn't take very kindly to the idea that they had no jurisdiction over the conduct of the Creator of the universe.

Right now, I am trying to resolve a complaint filed with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission that I am practicing discrimination by not taking godless, unbelieving people aboard!

The IRS has seized all my assets, claiming that I'm building the Ark in preparation to flee the country to avoid paying taxes.

I just got a notice from the State that I owe some kind of user tax and failed to register the Ark as a 'recreational water craft.'

Finally the ACLU got the courts to issue an injunction against further construction of the Ark, saying that since God is flooding the earth, it is a religious event and therefore unconstitutional.

I really don't think I can finish the Ark for another 5 or 6 years!" Noah wailed.

The sky began to clear, the sun began to shine and the seas began to calm. A rainbow arched across the sky.

Noah looked up hopefully. "You mean you are not going to destroy the Earth, Lord?"

"No," said the Lord sadly. "The government already has!"

### **Rules of Golf**

*Is either player penalized?*

During the 1998 Nike Tour Lehigh Valley Open, player Jerry Foltz, now a television commentator, on the 16<sup>th</sup> green of the third round watched as his fellow competitor putted at the hole with the flagstick still in place and unattended. Jerry, seeing the competitor's caddie had just walked away, rushed to and grabbed the flagstick and removed it, in case the putted ball were to strike it. The ball finished well short of the hole and would not have struck the flagstick. A spectator saw this and questioned whether this was OK.

*Answer*

This is one of the very rare cases in which a fellow competitor can be penalized for his seemingly innocent actions. When Jerry ran and grabbed the unattended flag stick without his competitor's authority or knowledge, he incurred a penalty of two strokes. (Rule 17-2b). (Even though the ball came up short of the hole and would not have struck the flagstick, the player who putted incurred no penalty)

What could this player do?

In the 2002 SEI Philadelphia Classic, in the first round, Eduardo Herrera hit his tee shot to the left of the first hole into the wooded area. His ball came to rest near a tree. Some dead twigs and branches attached to a dead unattached limb along with some growing vines and brush were in the path of his intended swing, which would allow him to punch a shot out toward the fairway. Some of the vines were growing around, but not attached to the twigs and limbs of the branch. He called for a ruling and asked what was he allowed to move and remove so he could play the shot, and whether he could break some of the branches off the large, dead, unattached limb.

Answer

Eduardo is allowed to move any of the loose dead twigs and branches that he wished to move, but to be careful that he did not move bend or break anything growing or attached (Rule 13-2) and to be careful that the movement of these did not move the ball (Rule 18-2). He asked about the large loose limb that had some branches that were extended into his area of intended swing, and asked if he could break any of those branches off of the limb rather than moving it. The answer is yes according to Decision 23-1/4, but again to be careful as there were some vines that had grown around those braches that were not attached to them. Eduardo carefully did as he was told to him and then punched his shot out of the trees.

### Great Golf Quotes

“Golf is 90 percent inspiration and 10 percent perspiration.”

Jonny Miller

“The number one thing about trouble is...don't get into more.”

Dave Stockton

“Mulligan: Invented by an Irishman who wanted to hit one more twenty yard grounder.”

Jim Bishop

“If you watch a game, It's fun. If you play it, it's recreation. If you work at it , it' golf.”

Bob Hope

“The only shot you can be sure of are those you've had already.”

Byron Nelson

“You've one problem. You stand to close to the ball after you hit it.”

Sam Snead

“God is good walk spoiled.”

Mark Twain