

# BAGG NEWSLETTER

## May/Jun/Jul Edition

### Rules Refresher

#### 1- Playing a Provisional Ball

- a) Know when you can play a provisional: If you think your ball might be lost outside a water hazard or out-of-bounds, you can put a backup ball into play.
- b) Announce your intention: The first thing you should do is say something like: "I'm gonna hit a provisional." Then go ahead and play the shot. Make sure your fellow-competitors hear you say this. That's important. Also, don't let your caddie or partner start searching for your original until after you hit the provisional. Finally, remember that you're allowed to go forward some 50 yards without losing your option to return to the spot where you last played, and hit a provisional.
- c) Keep hitting your provisional ball until you reach the area where your original ball might be lost. There's no limit to the number of strokes you can take with a provisional ball. If your original is found, disregard the strokes and any penalties you might've incurred with the provisional. Continue with your original.



June was a good time for BAGGsters to take a break from golf and recharge their golfing and spiritual batteries. We're combining the newsletter for May and July into one. Let's take a look at what BAGG has been up to in these months and what excitement lies ahead in the coming months.

### “BAGG vs. EBG Tournament” - May

Would this open wounds that are now finally healing? Do we even go there? Yes, we must!

After BC'17 got the tournament back on track, the stage was set for the greatest showdown of the year 2017. BAGG selected Santa Teresa as the venue for the tournament, while EBG selected 2-point hi-lo as the format. With Santa Teresa being BAGG's unofficial home course, the apparent advantage was with BAGG. What was promising to be a very competitive tournament, turned out to be a one sided affair, with BAGGsters getting their... ahem... backsides handed to them with a comprehensive 8-3 defeat.

This humiliating defeat on BAGG's own home course left BAGGsters doing deep soul searching on what lead to this defeat and what could we have done differently? One BAGGster even wrote a 40-page manifesto on what went wrong and what steps BAGG needs to take in the future to prevent something like this

d) You have five minutes to find the original: The clock starts the minute you or your partner (or either of your caddies) begins to search. If you don't find it, the provisional is in play, and you incur the stroke-and-distance penalty for losing the original ball.

e) You must abandon your provisional ball if your original isn't lost or out-of-bounds, or you determine that it's in a water hazard: Conversely, anytime you hit a great provisional shot, you might not want to find your original ball. If someone finds it before you play a shot with the provisional, the first ball is the one you must play.

f) If you're 99.9 percent sure your ball went into a water hazard, don't hit a provisional: Once you re-hit from the same spot, that new ball is in play (with a stroke added to your score). You've forfeited the right to drop up by the hazard.

g) If you think your provisional might also be lost, hit another:

This process continues until you have a ball in play. Just keep track of which ball is which!

h) If you hit a second ball without announcing it as a provisional, the second ball is automatically in play with a one stroke penalty regardless if you find the first ball or not.

from happening ever again. While some other BAGGsters promptly secured memberships in Coyote Creek to ensure their handicaps are corrected by playing at tough courses.

All things considered, EBG were better prepared and played better on tournament day and secured the win. Until we play them again next year...



### “Desi Championship” - July

By winning Desi Championship, **Yasser Khan** has proven once and for all, that a course being tough is a "state of mind" and has nothing to do with your handicap or being a member of LOFT-corp. Yasser was the only player with a below par score on challenging windy conditions at The Course at Wente Vineyards. He scored a sizzling -6 (gross 45) in the front-9, with the nearest competitor at -1. However with a blowup on hole 10, his lead was cut down to -2. Throughout the rest of the round, he played close to his handicap losing only one more stroke and finished with a score of -1 and a 3 stroke lead from the runner up. We congratulate Yasser for winning the 3rd Major of 2017!

This tournament also served as a qualifier for NCGA Associate Individual Net competition later this year. Yasser Khan and Nasir Cochinwala secured the top two positions to represent BAGG.

Now, let's look at what's ahead in the coming months...

## 2- Taking the unplayable

- a) If you find your ball in play, but in a circumstance where you are not able to make a swing or advance the ball, then you are always entitled to claim an unplayable lie. Under this rule, you incur a one-stroke penalty, but are permitted to take relief from your troubling situation.
- b) There are three specific options when taking an unplayable lie. The first option is to go back to the point from where you played your last shot. The second option is to drop your ball within two club lengths of where the ball came to rest, without moving closer to the hole. The third and final option is to take the flagstick and the point where your ball came to rest, and move back away from the hole in a straight line as far as you want. These are your only three options when your ball is in a position where you cannot make a swing, or otherwise choose to take relief.

## “BAGG vs. SAP” - Aug

We are all set for playing against SAP again this year at San Jose Municipal golf course on August 13th. They requested a smaller playing field of only 12 players participating in the competition, while they'll have others join for a fun round. First 12 members to sign up from BAGG will make up the team, others after the cut-off number will be put on wait list or can decide to participate in the fun round with players from SAP. Hurry and register soon at <https://www.bagg.rocks/signup> while limited spots are still available.

The format of this tournament will be split into 2-man best ball match play in the front-9 and 1-on-1 singles match play in the back-9. The lineup will be determined based on the handicaps, with BAGG's lowest handicap player going against SAP's lowest handicap player.

## “Bay Area Championship” - Oct

BC'17, working with EBG's committee, has been successful in scheduling a combined individual net stroke play tournament, where members of both BAGG and EBG will participate. We believe this will further promote camaraderie between the two clubs where they won't be competing against each other but participating in the tournament together. Bragging rights are still up for grabs for the champion's club!

We had initially selected Callippe as the venue for the tournament. However they came back with \$91 tournament fee which we thought was too steep for this course. We're now looking for alternatives and will provide an update soon once it's finalized.

Please mark your calendars for October 21, 2017 so you don't miss this first-of-its-kind tournament!