MARS Golf Kickoff

March 7, 2024

Agenda

- Intro — Sandy Mossman
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  - 2023 Review
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- Financial Status — Don Johnson
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- Handicap system — Tom Ripper
  - New Golfers
  - Accurate Posting of Scores
- MARS Golf Local Rules and Reminders — Bob Knickerbocker

2024 Officers

Position	Name	Email
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	Kathy Rieger	korieger3@gmail.com

2023 Year Review

- Season
  - Played from April 13th through October 27th
    - Total of 27 weeks played
  - Total of 62 members - 12 women / 50 men
  - Club Championship held on August 17th and 24th
  - Post championship picnic at Riverfront Pavilion

- No hole-in-ones - pot is now $360

- Continued use of Golf Genius to manage league

- League information compromised
  - Emails from me as MARS President are not real!!!
  - Check the email address of sender

2023 Year Review - Prizes

- Club Championship held on August 17th and 24th

1st place – Dan Brown - net score 143	$300
2nd place –Rick Loman - net score 143	$200
3rd place – Randy Renken - net score 146	$150
4th place – Terry Graber - net score 146	$125
5th place – Don Johnson - net score 148	$100
6th place – Jim Moss - net score 148	$75

*Last nine holes on 2nd day score determines tie breaker

  - Medalist - Dan Brown 158
  - Most Improved - Dan Brown $100
- Season Long Awards

1st place – Dan Brown - total points 1175	$50
2nd place –Terry Graber - total points 970	$40
3rd place – Bill Fulkerson - total points 915	$30
4th place – Susan Winkler - total points 875	$20
5th place – Martha Lell - total points 870	$10

2024 Season

- Play is April 4th - Oct 31st
  - No play on Thursday, July 4th
  - April 4th is aeration back-up date so we may start a week later
  - Sept 5th back 9 closed - play front 9 twice or front 9/ par 3 ?
- First tee time will vary with time of year
  - 9:00 - April, May, October
  - 8:30 - June, September
  - 8:00 - July, August
- Championship -
  - August 17th and 22nd
  - Must play both weeks to win
- Picnic
  - Currently planning on either Sept **12th** or 19th
  - RiverPoint Pavilion - details to follow

2024 Changes - MARS League

- Will continue to allow golfers to select their tees but once declared must be used for the entire season - choose the tees that best fit your game - more on this to come….

- Tee times called into BT
  - 9 days number of tee times to reserve - not names
  - 2 days final list with names

- No shows/Cancellations
  - BT provided data on league no shows - cancellations 2 days out
    - Overall MARS league good with a 94.4 play percent
    - Total of 13 no call/no show
  - If you need to cancel before the day of play, call the Event Manager
  - If you need to cancel on the day of play you need to call **BOTH** the Event Manager and Broken Tee

2024 Changes - MARS League

- Scramble/Shamble
  - Shamble changed to 2 best balls
  - Must use a minimum of 2 tee shots from each golfer
  - Can use no more than 9 tee shots per person per foursome
  - Can use no more than 10 tee shots per person per threesome
  - Threesome no longer have a rotating person hitting twice

- League Vote:
  - Implement a “nudge” rule for balls in obvious GUR or divots in fairway - see next page

2024 Changes - Proposal for Vote

- Proposal (words not final): The lie of the ball may be improved if the ball lies on the fairway of the hole being played and is on unmarked obvious GUR or divots. The club head may be used to move the ball a distance not to exceed 12 inches.
  - This Rule only applies to golf strokes. All dropped balls taking relief of any kind must be played as specified in the Rules. OR
  - Nudges are allowed for all balls in the fairway whether they result from a stroke or a drop. Drop areas whether defined by club length or a line are irrelevant

Pros	Cons
Some holes have obvious GUR which is unmarked	Negates basic golf principle of “Play the ball where it lies”
Course should be in better condition	Individual interpretation of GUR and divots may vary - there are several drop rules that may be affected
People do it anyways	Effects handicaps entered into GHIN and prizes But precedence exists with gimmes, etc

- Revisit yearly as course improves

Changes In 2024 Season - Broken Tee

- BT developing 10 yr master course improvement plan in development
  - Jeremiah Stumpff is working with Rick Phelps (son of original course designer)
  - Will share the plan when complete

- Current planed course improvements
  - Focus on improving holes 1-6
  - Sodding planned for ‘bad’ areas of 3 and 6 w/ ‘bent’ grass
  - Better sand and sharper edges in sand traps
  - Repaving the cart path between holes 3/4 and 9
  - Large effort to improve drainage

2024 Changes - Broken Tee

- GUR
  - CGA is moving away from marking areas so BT will as well
  - May need to add some local rules

- Tee times will be in 10 min windows

- Minor fee increases - Mon - Thurs 18 holes
  - Adult $40
  - Senior (62+) $32
  - Cart $22 pp +$7 for single rider

- Carts
  - New fleet arriving soon
  - Will have ball washers and coolers

Price for Buckets of Balls

Small 20 balls $3.50	Large 80 balls $10.50
Medium 50 balls $7.00	Jumbo 120 balls $12.60

Changes In 2024 Season - Broken Tee

- Updating tee boxes
  - Going to a different color and updated markers
- BT suggests using USGA/CGA 7-iron recommendation
  - Select tees based on how far you hit your 7 iron
  - Not about ego but maximizing enjoyment and performance on the course
  - Biggest factor to improve pace of play

7-Iron Distance (Yds)	Best Course Length	Broken Tee Closest Fit	Broken Tee Suggests
80 -	3,500 - 3,700		
95	4,100 - 4,300	Short Red 4849 Yards	Black/White
110	4,800 - 5,000	Red 5344 Yards	Black
125	5,400 - 5,600		Red/Black
140	5,900 - 6,100	Gold 5820 Yards	Red Red/Blue (11-12)
155	6,400 - 6,600	White 6307 Yards	Blue Blue/Green (0-5)
170 +	6,700 - 6,900	Blue 6797 Yards	Green

Changes In 2024 Season - Broken Tee

- New Score Cards

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Out	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	In	Tot	Net
Green	328	431	397	344	194	538	202	406	545	3385	151	402	397	548	366	499	414	189	446	3412	6797	
Blue / Green	298	380	360	304	169	490	173	362	508	3044	151	402	397	548	366	499	414	189	446	3412	6456	
Blue	298	380	360	304	169	490	173	362	508	3044	140	393	373	538	346	491	398	166	418	3263	6307	
Red / Blue	270	324	320	278	120	453	160	324	474	2723	140	393	373	538	346	491	398	166	418	3263	5986	
Red	270	324	320	278	120	453	160	324	474	2723	129	387	363	528	328	483	334	137	408	3097	5820	
Black / Red (M)	227	283	249	213	110	411	128	289	407	2317	129	387	363	528	328	483	334	137	408	3097	5414	
Red / Black (F)	270	324	320	278	120	453	160	324	474	2723	118	385	352	519	322	475	328	129	399	3027	5750	
Black	227	283	249	213	110	411	128	289	407	2317	118	385	352	519	322	475	328	129	399	3027	5344	
Black / White	227	283	249	213	110	411	128	289	407	2317	118	272	286	429	322	394	279	129	303	2532	4849	
Par	4	4	4	4	3	5	3	4	5	36	3	4	4	5	4	5	4	3	4/5	36/37	72/73	
Pace of Play	:16	:32	:46	:58	1:09	1:26	1:38	1:53	2:10		:09	:23	:37	:54	1:08	1:25	1:41	1:51	2:07			
Male Hdcp	11	5	13	3	15	1	17	7	9		18	12	8	2	14	10	4	16	6			
Female Hdcp	13	7	5	11	17	9	15	3	1		18	10	4	2	16	6	12	14	8			

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Attest: Date:

USGA RULES GOVERN PLAY
EXCEPT WHERE LOCAL RULES PREVAIL

- PACE OF PLAY: The maximum acceptable pace of play is 4 hours and 20 minutes. Broken Tee has full discretion to help maintain this pace.
- Cart paths only on all Par 3 holes. Keep all 4 wheels on the cart paths when parking on every hole.
- If your ball strikes a power line or power tower, disregard the stroke, abandon that ball, and re-hit from, as near as possible, the spot where the original ball was played, without penalty.
- Keep carts 20 feet from all greens and tees.
- Please replace divots, repair ball marks, and rake bunkers.
- During inclement weather, play at your own risk. No horn will sound.
- Hole #2- Pollinator Area is marked with blue stakes – Do Not Enter – Free drop.
- Hole #3 - The lake on hole #4 should be treated as a lateral hazard.
- Hole #11 – Tree Nursery is marked with blue stakes – Do Not Enter – Free drop.
- No outside food or beverages may be brought onto the premises.
- Must have a valid driver's license to drive a golf cart. Only two riders are allowed on a cart.

Please play ready golf, keep pace with the group ahead, and follow proper golf etiquette for everyone's enjoyment.

	RATING / SLOPE Male	RATING / SLOPE Female	SUGGESTED TEES	
Green	72.0 / 136	—	7 iron avg. distance 170+	0-5 hdcp
Blue / Green	70.3 / 128	—	7 iron avg. distance 155	0-5 hdcp
Blue	70.0 / 124	75.6 / 142	7 iron avg. distance 155	0-10 hdcp
Red / Blue	68.6 / 116	73.7 / 140	7 iron avg. distance 140	11-20 hdcp
Red	67.6 / 114	72.9 / 139	7 iron avg. distance 140	any hdcp
Black / Red (M)	65.8 / 110	—	7 iron avg. distance 125	any hdcp
Red / Black (F)	—	72.4 / 137	7 iron avg. distance 125	any hdcp
Black	65.7 / 107	70.3 / 127	7 iron avg. distance 110	any hdcp
Black / White	63.4 / 103	67.6 / 121	7 iron avg. distance 95 or less	any hdcp

Pace of Play

- 18 hole round at Broken Tee should be 4 hrs 20 min
- League has enacted local rules to help with pace of play
  - gimmes, special drop zones - orange card
  - Holes 6 and 17 right of cart path is red penalty area
  - Limit time looking for balls to 3 minutes – biggest time sink!!
- Try to keep up with the group in front of you
  - Our MARS Golf Rules content is intended to reduce pace of play
  - Our Pace of Play Guidelines contain proven actions to help us play faster
- Broken Tee is satisfied with our pace of play, but we cannot become complacent
  - 10 min windows and using proper tee boxes will help

Schedule and Co-Chair Sign Up

#	Date	Time	Format	Co-Chair 1	Co-Chair 2	Event Manager
1	4-Apr	9:00	Individual Stroke Play	Don Marquet	Brian Overman	Ken McDowell
2	11-Apr	9:00	Modified Stableford	Don Marquet	Bob Sedar	Ken McDowell
3	18-Apr	9:00	Individual Stroke Play	Greg Palmer	Eric Havard	Ken McDowell
4	25-Apr	9:00	Modified Stableford	Stu Mark	Doug Korbel	Ken McDowell
5	2-May	9:00	Individual Stroke Play	Don Petermann	Bob Sedar	Ken McDowell
6	9-May	9:00	2 Team Best Ball	Steve Breisch	Eric Havard	Bob Knickerbocker
7	16-May	9:00	4 Team 2 Best Ball	Buzz Angeli	Brian Overman	Bob Knickerbocker
8	23-May	9:00	4 Team Lone Ranger	Don Petermann	Lynn Duty	Bob Knickerbocker
9	30-May	9:00	4 Team ChaChaCha	Gary Hetzel	Kathy Hetzel	Bob Knickerbocker
10	6-Jun	8:30	4 Team Scramble	Stu Mark	Eric Havard	Bob Knickerbocker
11	13-Jun	8:30	2 Team Best Ball	John Alfeld	Loren Schuessler	Terry Graber
12	20-Jun	8:30	4 Team 2 Best Ball	Jayne Brown		Terry Graber
13	27-Jun	8:30	4 Team Lone Ranger	Luke Sanchez	Loren Schuessler	Terry Graber
	4-Jul		No Play			
14	11-Jul	8:00	4 Team ChaChaCha	John Alfeld		Terry Graber
15	18-Jul	8:00	4 Team Shamble	Greg Palmer	Lynn Duty	Terry Graber
16	25-Jul	8:00	2 Team Best Ball			Tom Ripper
17	1-Aug	8:00	4 Team 2 Best Ball		Jayne Brown	Tom Ripper
18	8-Aug	8:00	4 Team Lone Ranger			Tom Ripper
19	15-Aug	8:00	Annual Tournament	Sandy Mossman	Lisa Cox	Tom Ripper
20	22-Aug	8:00	Annual Tournament	Lisa Cox	Sandy Mossman	Tom Ripper
21	29-Aug	8:00	4 Team ChaChaCha			Kathy Rieger
22	5-Sep	8:30	4 Team Scramble			Kathy Rieger
23	12-Sep	8:30	2 Team Best Ball	John Alfeld		Kathy Rieger
24	19-Sep	8:30	4 Team 2 Best Ball			Kathy Rieger
25	26-Sep	8:30	Individual Stroke Play			Kathy Rieger
26	3-Oct	9:00	Modified Stableford	Steve Breisch	Luke Sanchez	Andy Munoz
27	10-Oct	9:00	Individual Stroke Play			Andy Munoz
28	17-Oct	9:00	Modified Stableford			Andy Munoz
29	24-Oct	9:00	Individual Stroke Play			Andy Munoz
30	31-Oct	9:00	Modified Stableford			Andy Munoz

Cochair Duties

- Returning members are asked to sign-up for at least one day
  - Two co-chairs per round - first and last tee times
- Duties include
  - Checking people in and collecting $5
  - Placing/collecting CTP Stakes
  - Coordinating prize envelopes
- See Bob's Email on how
- Sign up today - I will hound you!

Fees and Assessments

CGA GHIN Fee	$ 43.00
CGA Club Dues ($75)	$ 1.20
Tournament Prize Fund	$ 15.00
Broken Tee Fee	$ 15.00
(Increase in 2025 to $20)	
Operating Costs	$ 1.00
Broken Tee Grill/Picnic	$ 4.80
Total	$ 80.00

Voluntary Assessment for Hole-in-One Fund is $5.00. Once you're in the pool you don’t have to pay again until someone wins it. Also if you're not sure if you are in the pool you can check Mars Assoc. website or contact me.

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR YEAR 2023

Total Balance Jan. 1, 2023		$1,677.70
Hole In One Balance 1/1/2023		$280.00
League Balance 1/1/2023		$1,397.70
League Receipts		
Dues	$4,960.00	
Mars	$100.00	
Weekly Surplus	$92.00	
		$5,152.00
Disbursements		
CGA League Fees	$75.00	
CGA Member GHIN Fees	$2,709.00	
Broken Tee Member Fees	$930.00	
Prizes 2023	$1,380.00	
Broken Tee Grill	$150.85	
Picnic	$301.00	
First Bank Fees	$0.00	
		$5,545.85
Total League Balance Dec. 31, 2023		$1,003.85
Hole In One Balance 1/1/2023	$280.00	
Paid Out 2023	$0.00	
Receipts in 2023	$80.00	
		$360.00
Total MARS Golf 1/1/2024		$1,363.85

Other Fees

- Our weekly fees remain the same
  - $5 fee. Payouts for Closest to the Pin (2) and flight winner awards as specified in Cochair Guidelines
  - Tournament entry fee included in Club dues
  - Remember you also need to be a member of the Mars Organization

- Mail check made out to **Mars Golf** for $80 ($85 if you want to be in Hole-I-One Pool) to:

Don Johnson
548 E Phillips Dr N
Littleton CO 80122

Or you can send your fees by Zelle to Mars Golf
donjohns.dj@gmail.com

Handicap System – Tom Ripper

- Handicap Changes for 2024
- New Golfers
- Accurate Posting of Scores
- Handicap Index Calculation
- Playing Handicap Calculation (Strokes)

Handicap Changes for 2024

- Course and Slope Ratings for shorter golf courses (e.g., par-3 courses)
  - Broken Tee has requested ratings for their par-3 course
- 9-Hole scores to count towards handicap index immediately
  - Previously sat in limbo until another 9-hole score was posted
- Treatment of holes not played
  - Minimum 9 holes played (previously 7 to 13 holes played used to determine 9-hole score and 14 to 17 holes played used to determine 18-hole score)
  - GHIN calculates expected score differential based on current handicap index (previously used net par)
  - Scores must be entered hole-by-hole into GHIN

Score differential from holes played + Expected score differential for holes not played = 18-hole score differential

New Golfers

- Pay annual league dues to Don Johnson
- Contact Tom Ripper to be added to our GHIN roster
  - tomripper303@gmail.com or 303-470-0245
- Provide the following information
  - Name
  - Email address
  - GHIN number if you already have one
- New golfers don’t compete for prize money or pay the $5 weekly fee until they have established a handicap index (54 holes posted in GHIN)
- See the MARS Golf website to understand how we operate
  - www.marsretirees.org
  - Click “Golf Club” under "Clubs” pull down
  - Links to member guide, bylaws, league’s local rules, cochair guidelines, pace of play guidelines

Accurate Posting of Scores

- The Rules of Handicapping require us to post all rounds played into GHIN
  - This includes rounds played in other leagues and non-league play
  - Excludes rounds not played in accordance with the rules of golf, rounds played out of season, rounds played alone, rounds played on courses that aren't rated, or fewer than 9 holes played
- For MARS rounds
  - All scores (except Scrambles & Shambles) will be uploaded from Golf Genius to GHIN
  - All members must confirm their score for each hole with their group's scorekeeper
- For non-MARS rounds
  - Every member is responsible for same day posting of their scores
  - GHIN automatically determines the adjusted gross score if scores entered hole by hole
  - If scores entered as 18-hole total or 9-hole totals, player must determine the adjusted gross score
    - The GHIN app includes a course handicap calculator

Handicap Index Calculation

- Handicap Index is the average of the lowest 8 of the most recent 20 score differentials
- The Playing Conditions Calculation (PCC) determines whether playing conditions on the day differed from normal conditions to the extent that an adjustment is needed to compensate
  - PCC is an integer value from -1 to +3 that may be applied to a day's score differentials based on statistical analysis of posted versus expected scores

Score differential = (113 / Slope Rating) × (Adjusted gross score – Course Rating – PCC adjustment)

Tees	Gender	Course Rating	Slope Rating
Black/White (was Short Red)	Female	67.6	121
Red (was Gold)	Male	67.6	114
Blue (was White)	Male	70.0	124

Playing Handicap Calculation (Strokes)

Course Handicap = Handicap Index × (Slope Rating / 113) + (Course Rating – Par)

Tees	Gender	Par	Course Rating	Course Rating – Par	Slope Rating
Black/White (was Short Red)	Female	73	67.6	-5.4	121
Red (was Gold)	Male	72	67.6	-4.4	114
Blue (was White)	Male	72	70.0	-2.0	124

- Handicap allowances were established to create equity since higher-handicap players typically have more variance in their scores and an increased potential to shoot lower net scores

Playing Handicap = Course Handicap × Handicap Allowance + or − Par Adjustment

Format	Handicap Allowance
Individual Stroke & Modified Stableford	100%
4 Team 2 Best Ball, Lone Ranger, ChaChaCha, 2 Team Best Ball	85%
Scramble (Foursome/Threesome)	25%+20%+15%+10% / 30%+20%+10%
Shamble	75%
Annual Tournament (30 or more / <30 participants)	95% / 100%

Par Adjustment
When playing from multiple tees where there is a difference in par, adjust the fewest number of players by adding or subtracting the difference in par. Normally we have more men than women playing so Golf Genius adds 1 stroke (73-72=+1) to the women's playing handicaps.

MARS Golf Local Rules

- All members need to read and be familiar with the full version of our Local Rules to understand the details and applicability
  - The full text of our Local Rules is on the MARS website
  - Local Rule summaries on the bag tags do not stand alone, they only serve to remind us of the rule subject
- Local Rules include dropping zones that have been established for our league
  - Dropping zones have been established for holes 3, 4, 5, 8, 15, and 16
  - These dropping zones may or not be marked by the course
    - If marked, use those marked dropping zones
    - If not marked, use the dropping zones described on the next slide
  - All drops are under penalty of one stroke except #16 GUR
  - Ball must remain in a marked dropping zone when dropped

Do not use any other Dropping Zones that you may see on the course. Let one of the officers know about it and the committee will determine if it should be added to our list.

Dropping Zones

- Hole 3 – drop in the fairway directly In front of the lake
- Hole 4 – drop in the rough in front of the red tee box
- Hole 5 – drop across the cart path to the east of the Hole 6 stone marker
- Hole 8 – drop in the fairway near the cart path over the bridge to the east of the sprinkler box.
- Hole 15 – For relief when ball lies near the fence between the painted lines on the cart path drop in the fairway near the southmost line on the cart path
- Hole 16A – Ground Under Repair left side of fairway near fence – drop behind manhole cover.
- Hole 16B – For relief when the ball lies near the fence to the north of the green drop near the tree just south of the cart path

Bag Tag Needs to be Updated

Plan to have it at first event

MARS Golfer Rules Clarifications

Rules violations that have been observed

Mud (or other) on Ball

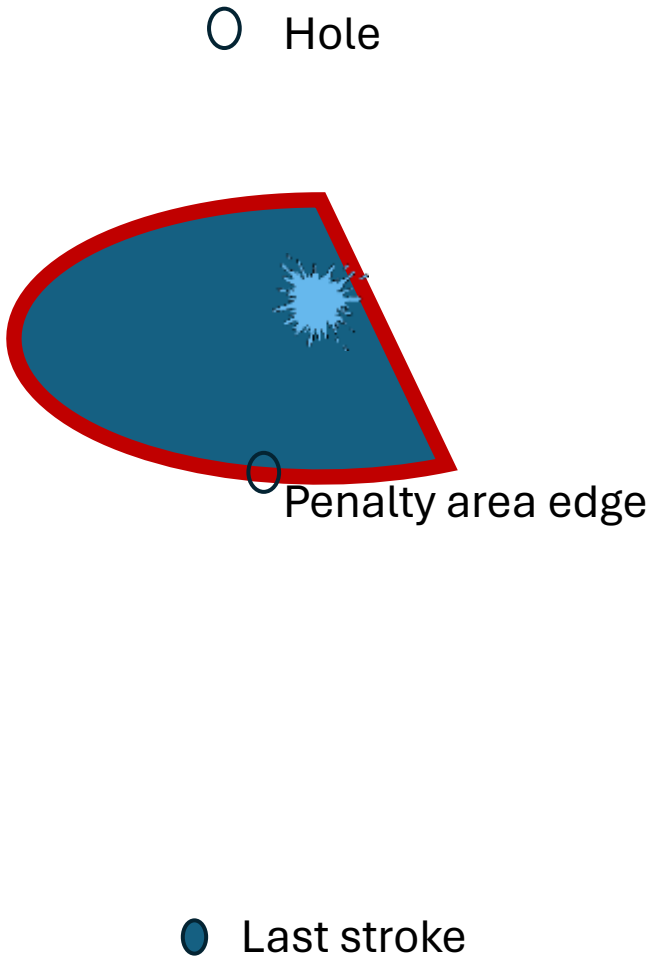
- The rules of golf generally do not allow the golf ball in play to be cleaned
  - You can mark, lift and clean the ball when on the green
  - You can clean the ball to the extent necessary to identify it or identify damage
  - You can clean the ball if Lift, Clean and Place has been authorized for the round you are playing
  - You can clean any ball that is not in play
  - You can clean ball whenever you take relief from a Penalty Area
  - One stroke penalty if you clean ball any other time, except
  - You can clean ball whenever you take free relief
    - GUR
    - Embedded ball
    - Temporary water

Marking the Ball On the Green

- You can mark the position by placing an artificial object like coin, ball marker or similar object next to the ball, behind, in front, or left and right of it.
  - Once ball is marked you can move it
  - Can’t use leaf or other natural object laying on green
- Can mark ball with end of putter when cleaning or aligning ball
- Can’t rotate ball to line up your putt without marking it

Relief from Red or Yellow Penalty Areas

- For red and yellow penalty areas
  - Drop at spot from which your last stroke was made - stroke and distance penalty



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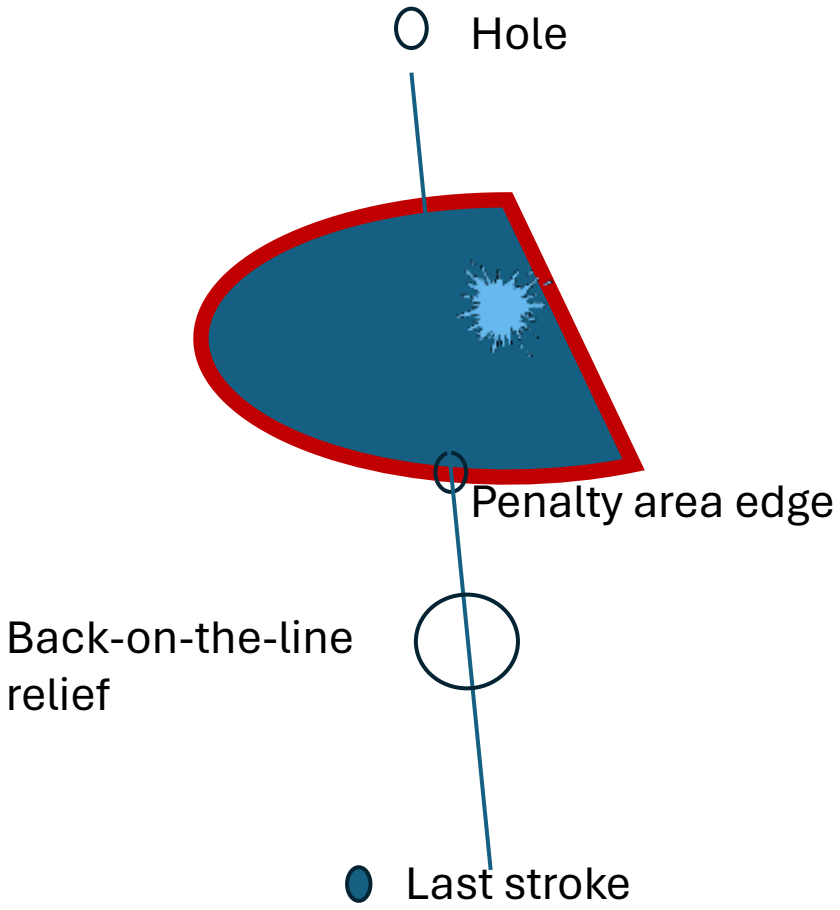

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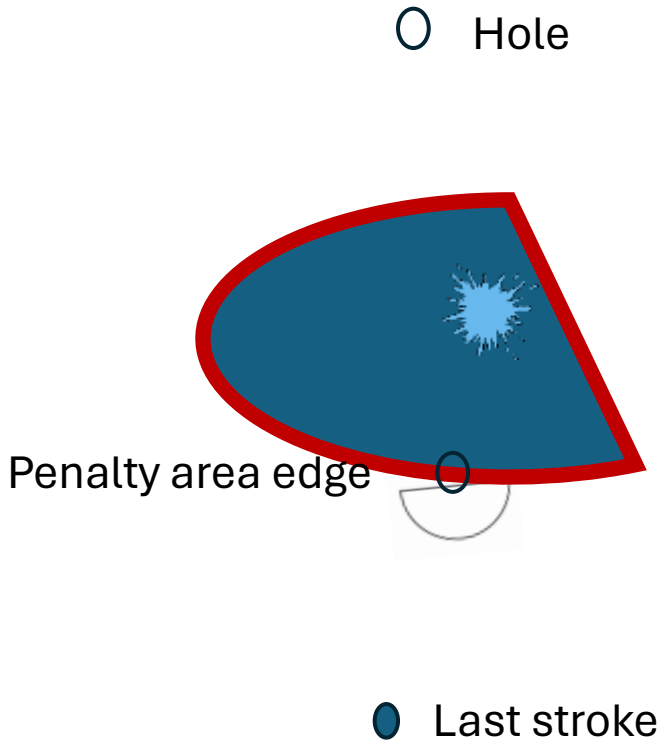

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- Can’t drop across from the splash unless following relief procedure

Other Relief Considerations

- Back on the line relief may not be available
- Relief does not guarantee a good lie
  - Ball on cart path
    - Grass on one side, weeds on the other side
    - Closest point of relief from cart path is in the weeds – You must drop in the weeds.
  - You do not have to take relief
    - You can play from cart path
- Sometimes multiple relief drops are required
  - Relief from Penalty Area puts you on cart path
  - Take relief from cart path