



March Newsletter



We like to boast about our lighted driving range, but until we recently installed new lights, it wasn't as "lighted" as we'd like . . . but come check it out now

What if you have "the honor?"

Question: A general understanding is that the current USGA guidance is to play "ready golf" in stroke play, except when it creates a risk of injury. Does that apply when players are teeing off, or is there a rule that the player with the honor goes first?

Answer: Rules 5.6b and 6.4b indeed encourage "ready golf" in stroke play. This concept of playing out of turn safely and responsibly to save time extends to anywhere on the course — start, middle and finish of holes. There is a caveat: Players should not play out of turn to gain an advantage over another player. If the player who has the honor wants to play in order, the other player(s) should respect that and do so.

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Chris Ziemer and his son, Ely, 11, like to play our course a lot, but they recently had a chance to enjoy an even more famous layout when they attended the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am in Carmel . .

Club loses a long-time member . . .

The Fairgrounds Golf Club, which tees it up early Saturday morning, lost a valuable member Feb. 20 when **Clay Wilson** passed away at age 78.

Clay, survived by his wife, Mary, and three children, garnered a number of honors and awards with the club, which he joined in 1992.

But one of the most notable was shooting the lowest senior round at Fairgrounds, a 4-under-par 54, which included a double-bogey 5 on No. 9 ! His memorable effort included eight birdies.

It's open, but there are rules . . .

Our practice green, which we feel is the best in the area, recently re-opened and golfers have been enjoying it more and more.

To use it, we ask that you sign up in the pro first, and follow a few simple regulations: Use only 5 balls at a time; limit your practice period to 30 minutes and no more than two golfers at a time .

We also ask that you repair divot marks, rake the bunkers and **please** confine your practice to chip shots to the green, which does NOT include hitting balls to our driving range. We would appreciate that.