

RMGA President's Newsletter – May 2025

1. New Rule on Hole #14

We want to make everyone aware of a rule change on hole 14. Previously, it was considered out of bounds on the right side next to the cart path, from 150 yards to the green. There was a white stake marking that area as out of bounds and it was a two-stroke penalty plus loss of distance. Now you will notice red stakes on the entire right side of 14, so it becomes a penalty area, not out of bounds. If your ball lands to the right of the red stakes, you take a one stroke penalty and drop your ball within two club lengths of the nearest relief, no closer to the hole. If you are unsure of what to do, ask one of your playing partners and I'm sure they will help you determine where to drop.

2. What Tees Should you be Playing?

As we all age, we find that we cannot hit the ball as far as we used to. This creates confusion about what tees we should be playing, and many folks have decided to move up a set of tees. Here is a simple formula that might help you make your decision. Take the distance you hit a 5 iron, let's say it's 150 yards. Take that yardage and multiply it times 36, in our example that would be $150 \times 36 = 5,400$ yards. That is the distance you should be playing, so at Rosedale that would be the black tees. If you hit your 5 iron 160 yards the yardage would be 5,760 yards so you should probably be playing the white tees. It's not a perfect formula, but it gives you a better idea of what tees to play. Rosedale's white tees are 5,882 yards, Black tees 5,440 yards, Red tees 4,951 yards and Combo tees 4,319 yards.

3. Clubhouse Online App

Many of you are interested in seeing the tee sheet for the following day to see if there are any openings or available tee times. There is a very simple way to get that information, and it is available free of charge, and it's called Clubhouse Online. Here is how to download and access your account. Search for the Clubhouse Online Mobile App in the App Store on your smart phone, open it and install it. Once installed please contact Jessica in the Membership office and she can give you your username and password. It's very easy to use and helpful when looking for tee times.

4. Remember, the Course is Closed for Greens Aerification on May 27th and 28th

Enjoy your Summer!

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