



## The Hawk's Eye July 2022 Newsletter

### President's Message, By Doug Korb



Some of you were paying attention last month and inquired about the lack of a newsletter. Fear not, you weren't left off of the distribution list. Actually, there wasn't a newsletter last month. For now, our newsletter will be bi-monthly with the chance it may go to quarterly in the future. Thanks for understanding.

What's important to you? The economy, politics, religion, your golf game, inflation, family, friends? Hopefully when you get right down to it, your answer is family & friends, the other stuff comes and goes with little input by us. Hang in there long enough and it will swing your way.

But our friends are forever, and at times forever is too short. Our Tuesday group lost a friend earlier this month and he will be sorely missed by all of us. **Jim "JD" Davidson** passed away too soon (more later). JD might best be described, as someone recently described me, as "an acquired taste". The longer, you knew JD the better you understood and liked him. While JD will be missed, I hope you can stop by for his Celebration of Life event in August. Remember, he was our friend, and as always "friends first".

### Membership Update, By Mike Re



As of July 20<sup>th</sup>, Redhawk Golfers Club has 110 members. We have five new members since the last Newsletter.

Please welcome:

**Randy Burton**  
**Michael Durham**  
**Christopher Macias**  
**Dion Barba**  
**Bob Shuman**

Randy, Christopher and Dion all reside in Temecula. Michael is from Murrieta and Bob is from Menifee. Please extend a warm welcome to our new member at our next Tournament.



### Handicap Update, By Alan de la Sierra

Have you ever wondered how good a professional golfer is? Specifically, have you ever wondered what Tiger Woods' handicap would be? If so, you can read about it [here](#).

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## Rules Update, By Greg Stoffel

It was recently brought to my attention that a player was faced with a lie that involved his ball coming to rest on a bridge, within a penalty area. If you're not familiar with the rules in this case you can click here to check it out. [BridgeRule](#)



## Tournament Update, By Roger Morey

### June Tournament

#### President's Cup Results

Congratulations to **Alan de la Sierra & Greg Stoffel** for winning our SCGA qualifier with a fine net best ball of 60.

Placing second, with a net best ball of 63, was the team of **Geno Ketelsleger & Ron Bethke**, congratulations to them as well.

Both teams will be entered in the **SCGA Four Ball Net Championship**. Entry fees (\$260 a team) will be paid by the Men's Club. The qualifier for the SCGA event will be September 13<sup>th</sup>, at Temecula Creek Inn. Other qualifier sites/dates are also available. Teams that move on from the SCGA qualifier will play October 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> at La Purisima, in Lompoc, CA.

### Short Putts

#### Holes in One

On May 31<sup>st</sup> **Amanté "Bart" Bartolome** aced the 4<sup>th</sup> hole at Redhawk.



One week later, June 7<sup>th</sup>, **Jim "JD" Davidson** equaled Bart's ace with one of his own on hole #12.



Congratulations to both. The Men's Club will award each of you with a commemorative head cover.

#### Jim "JD" Davidson – Celebration of Life

February 22, 1958 – July 10, 2022

Unfortunately, JD only played 6 more holes of golf after his hole-in-one, as he was diagnosed with cancer 3 days later. JD lost his fight with the disease on July 10<sup>th</sup>. He will be missed by many, especially the Tuesday players at Redhawk.

A Celebration of Life event will be held in JD's honor on Tuesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> at Redhawk Golf Course. More details will be sent as the date nears.

If you have any photos of JD (golfing or otherwise) please forward them to Geno Ketelsleger, Alan de la Sierra or myself. We will pass them along to Helen as she's requested.

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## US Adaptive Open

Congratulations to **Greg Hollingsworth**, a former member of our Men's Club, for qualifying for the *Inaugural US Adaptive Open*. You can read more about it [here](#).

## August 9<sup>th</sup> Closure

Redhawk will be closed for play on August 9<sup>th</sup>, due to a tournament. The Men's Club is looking for an alternative course to play on that Tuesday. You'll be notified just as soon as we can secure some tee times elsewhere.

## Five Tuesdays

August has 5 Tuesdays so those of us that play on Tuesday will have a 3<sup>rd</sup> week to pick your own tees. Roger will let us know as each week approaches.

## Player Profile

Will return in the near future.

## Monthly Cartoon



A woman playing Golf hit a man nearby.

He put his hands together between his legs. Fell on the ground & rolled around in pain.

She rushed to him & offered to relieve his pain as she was a Doctor. Reluctantly he agreed.

She gently took his hands away. Unzipped his pants & put her hands inside. She massaged him tenderly for a few minutes & asked:

"How does it feel?"

He replied:

"Feels great but I still think my thumb is broken"

## Something to remember in golf.....

*If you always do what you always did you will always get what you always got.*

See you in the short grass,

**Doug Korb**, President

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## What would Tiger Woods' handicap index be?

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Technically, Tiger Woods hasn't had an official handicap since he was 20 and playing off +8.

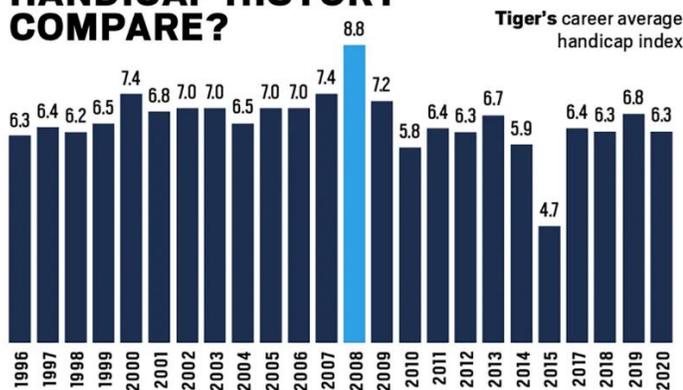
But using the 'old' USGA method where the best 10 of 20 scores count for handicapping purposes (the new World Handicap System will use the best 8 of 20), Lou Stagner, of Decade Golf, spent his lockdown calculating a differential for every round Tiger has ever played as a pro.

He then kept a running tally of what Tiger's index would have been had he submitted his scores for handicap.

That index was playing from 7200 yards on some of the most difficult courses in the USA and elsewhere around the world.

Imagine if Tiger and I competed at Redhawk Golf Course and Tiger played the Gold Tees and I played the Combo Tees. According to the USGA Handicap Rules, he would play to a +6 or +5 playing handicap and I would play to a 9. He has to give me 14 strokes. As Charlie Brown would say.... AAUGH!!! No way I am going to win!

## HOW DOES YOUR HANDICAP HISTORY COMPARE?



As the table above shows, Tiger's average index, from 1996 through to the present day, is +6.7 which is lower than any other pro's average between 2016 and 2020 on the PGA Tour.

Dustin Johnson, Jordan Spieth and Brooks Koepka are tied at the top of that list with a +6.5 index, while Rory McIlroy's is +6.0.

Tiger's current index stands at +6.5, but his best season was in 2008 when he won four times in six events and his average index was +8.8. Not even winning nine PGA Tour titles, including three Majors, in 2000 could beat that!

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## Rules Corner: How do you handle a ball that comes to rest on a bridge over a penalty area?

By [GOLF Editors](#)

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While most golfers are aware of how to proceed when a ball comes to rest in a penalty area, what do you do when you find your ball at rest on a bridge or walkway *within* a penalty area?

One thing to remember is that even though your ball may be easily playable, it's still located within the confines of the penalty area, and needs to be treated as such. So even though the bridge is generally considered an immovable obstruction, you aren't entitled to free relief.

The good news? You can play the ball as it lies, right off the bridge. Thanks to the governing bodies' [most recent changes to the Rules of Golf](#), you are also now allowed to touch or move loose impediments and touch the ground with a hand or club (such as grounding the club right behind the ball) for any reason within a penalty area. The only thing you can't do is improve conditions for your stroke.

If you aren't happy with your lie in the penalty area, you can also opt to take a one-stroke penalty and seek relief outside the penalty area. For a red-staked penalty area like the one in the video above, you have three options: stroke-and-distance relief, in which you would replay your shot from the original spot where your previous stroke was made; back-on-the-line relief, in which you note the reference point of where your ball entered the penalty area, go back on a line that extends straight back from the hole, and drop a ball within two clublengths of that spot; and lateral relief, in which you identify the spot where your ball last crossed the penalty area and drop a ball within two club lengths of that spot, no closer to the hole

If, for some reason, the penalty area isn't well defined (missing stakes, etc.) a player should use the following definition of a 'penalty area' as clarity.....

*"the edge of that penalty area is defined by its natural boundaries (that is, where the ground slopes down to form the depression that can hold the water)."*



Video: <https://golf.com/instruction/rules/rules-corner-how-handle-ball-bridge-penalty-area/>