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Message from the President

Thanks go out to all our Men's Club members who were giving generous donations for the ladies' club's breast cancer tournament. The Ladies said it was a record haul for them on the cookie drive.

October is typically a great month for weather and golf here in SCLH. Get out and enjoy life on the golf course!!

If you have any feedback about your experience with MGCLH, feel free to reach out to me at fred.jaicks@gmail.com.

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Over the past few weeks, we've received several calls and emails asking the same question: "Didn't the PGA Tour start allowing free relief from divots?"



Let's clear this up right away:

No. There is no Rule of Golf — and no PGA Tour Local Rule — that allows free relief from a divot hole in the fairway.

So where did this rumor come from?

[The Likely Source of the Confusion](#)

At the beginning of 2026, the governing bodies introduced an optional Model Local Rule:

Model Local Rule F-2 – Limited or Extended Relief for Embedded Ball.

Some golfers heard “new relief option” and assumed it had something to do with divot holes. It does not. Model Local Rule F-2 deals strictly with embedded balls, not divot holes.

An embedded ball is when:

- A player’s ball is in its own pitch-mark (ball mark), and
- Part of the ball is below the level of the ground.

That is very different from a ball resting in a divot hole created by a previous player.

[The Principle Behind the Rule](#)

This is where it’s important to step back from the technical language and remember one of the central principles of the game.

Rule 1.1 explains that golf is played by:

“For each stroke, the player: Plays the course as they find it, and Plays the ball as it lies.”

The fairway is not guaranteed to be perfect. Conditions change because of weather, maintenance practices, and prior play. A divot is part of the course as you find it.

The Rules do not attempt to eliminate every unlucky break. Instead, they rely on players to accept the natural and sometimes imperfect conditions of the course.

That balance is part of what makes the game unique.

[Why Not Just Allow Relief from a Divot Hole?](#)

It sounds simple on the surface.

But if relief is allowed from divot holes, questions quickly follow:

- What qualifies as a divot hole?
- Does it have to be fresh?
- Does a sand-filled divot count?
- What about partially grown-in turf?

Now officials and Committees are making subjective judgments on something that changes daily. The clarity of “play it as it lies” avoids those gray areas.

[What About the PGA Tour?](#)

The PGA Tour plays under the same Rules of Golf as the rest of us, as written by the USGA and The R&A. There is no Model Local Rule that provides general free relief from divot holes, and the PGA Tour does not

play such a rule. If you see a professional taking relief on television, it will be for one of the many reasons under the Rules — not because “it was a divot.”

The Bottom Line

- Model Local Rule F-2 deals only with embedded balls.
- It does not allow free relief from divot holes.
- There is no PGA Tour divot relief rule.
- Under the Rules of Golf — and in FSGA competitions — a ball in a divot hole must be played as it lies.

Rumors spread quickly, especially when something feels like it should be a rule.

But the guiding principle remains the same:

Play the course as you find it. Play the ball as it lies.

Even when it's sitting in the middle of a divot hole.

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Rules Director

Hole in One News:

This has been reported to me by multiple sources and then re-verified.

On Friday, September 11th, on the Orchard Course, Hole #3, something truly rare and quite spectacular happened. A Hole in One.

Lee Johnson, playing from the red tees, drove his tee ball over the trees and onto the green, and into the hole, 263 yards for a hole in one on a par 4 hole.

Quite a shot, and some might say, a bit of luck. WELL DONE LEE!!

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Oct. 20th will include our annual Penny Carolan Shoot Out. Qualifiers will have a 100 yard shot to the 1st. green on the HILLS course. Competition will start 30 minutes prior to our tournament. Penny will attend the event. Payouts from Penny will be \$100 for closest, \$75 for second closest and \$50 for third place.

Please ride over and watch this competition. Thank you in advance.

For any sponsor opportunities, kindly reach out to me via text or phone call at 760.846.4095.

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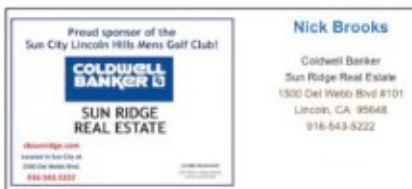
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