



## Seniors News Letter 7

### **I Spy with my little eye.**

An interesting conversation took place during the Seniors AM AM between two teams of visitors. The topic was the range finders and when can I use them?

We do see a lot of golfers reaching for that all important range finder to check that vital 25 yard shot. Now arguably do you really need a range finder? Especially when playing on your home course. Some will argue, no you don't. So is this just another fashion statement.

*And the confusion goes on.*

So what are the rules surrounding Range Finders.

### **Distance Measuring Devices R&A**

**You may get information on distance or direction** (such as from a distance-measuring device or compass).

#### **WHAT'S THE RULE?**

**Rule 4.3a** allows the use of distance-measuring devices so long as the player does not access any information that is prohibited under this Rule (details below). The first breach of this Rule means the player gets a loss of hole penalty in match play or a two-stroke penalty in stroke play. A second breach of Rule 4.3 during the same round results in **disqualification**. NOTE: A golf course or the Committee in charge of a competition does have the option to prohibit the use of distance-measuring devices by Local rule.

#### **□So what's Not Allowed. R&A**

- Measuring elevation changes,
- **Interpreting distance or directional** information (such as using a device to get a recommended **line of play** or club selection based on the location of the player's ball),  
or
- Using an alignment device (see definition in Equipment Rules) to help align the ball.

As we can see from the statement above you may get information from a distance measuring device as long as it does not interpret distance? Well what does a range finder do if not **interpret distance**. It's all in the name.

Line of play, well every shot you take is made from your line of play? So each time you use your range finder you are determining in some small way your line of play.

We could also argue that this creates a potential advantage for those using range finders in competitions. Also states:

**Rule 4.3a** Using equipment (other than a club or a ball) that artificially eliminates or reduces the need for **skill or judgment** that is essential to the challenge of the game.

As always one opinion does not fit all. *Have fun with this one. And look it up?*

I play in the low 80s. If it's any hotter than that, I won't play.

If you are going to throw a club, it is important to throw it ahead of you, down the fairway, so you don't have to waste energy going back to pick it up." - *Tommy Bolt*

### ***Some locals who like the odd game of golf: Golfdigest***

#### **Mark Wahlberg 8.7**

Oscar nominee ("The Departed") making more films, fewer birdies

#### **Hugh Grant 7.4**

Puts game on display often at Dunhill Links in Scotland

#### **Kevin Sorbo 7.2**

From TV's "Hercules" to "Andromeda" to making movies

#### **Samuel L. Jackson 6.9**

Highest-grossing actor of all time, according to Guinness Book of records

#### **Kurt Russell 8.2**

Former caddie was Stuntman Mike in Tarantino's "Death Proof"

#### **Kevin Costner 11.2**

Filming "Swing Vote"; still plays in the AT&T at Pebble Beach



Gary Player and Yao Ming during the World Celebrity Pro-Am 2016 Mission Hills China Golf Tournament.

I always thought that the long and short of golf was long and short shots, I now know differently.

### ***Birthday Boy***

Many Happy Returns to Roger Demers who now shoots 80 he wishes.  
Live long and prosper Obi-wan Kenobi.

Roger is one of the main stays at Hagley. Past Seniors Secretary always ready to lend a hand. Roger is a fountain of knowledge.

Over the years he has welcomed new members to the seniors' section and always made them welcome. Myself, being one of those members. In fact the first game of golf at Hagley was with Roger and Clive Prichard.

I remember standing on the first tee thinking who are these men of mystery?



Congratulations to the European Ryder cup team for an outstanding performance.  
Some stats to get your head around:

### **44th Ryder Cup player stats**

#### **EUROPE**

Ludvig Aberg: Played 4, won 2, lost 2, halved 0

Matt Fitzpatrick: Played 3, won 1, lost 2, halved 0

Tommy Fleetwood: Played 4, won 3, lost 1, halved 0

Tyrrell Hatton: Played 4, won 3, lost 0, halved 1

Nicolai Hojgaard: Played 3, won 0, lost 2, halved 1

Viktor Hovland: Played 5, won 3, lost 1, halved 1

Shane Lowry: Played 3, won 1, lost 1, halved 1

Robert MacIntyre: Played 3, won 2, lost 0, halved 1

Rory McIlroy: Played 5, won 4, lost 1, halved 0

Jon Rahm: Played 4, won 2, lost 0, halved 2

Justin Rose: Played 3, won 1, lost 1, halved 1

Sepp Straka: Played 3, won 1, lost 2, halved 0

### **UNITED STATES**

Sam Burns: Played 3, won 1, Lost 2, halved 0

Patrick Cantlay: Played 4, won 2, lost 2, halved 0

Wyndham Clark: Played 3, won 1, lost 1, halved 1

Rickie Fowler: Played 2, won 0, lost 2, halved 0

Brian Harman: Played 4, won 2, lost 1, halved 0

Max Homa: Played 5, won 3, lost 1, halved 1

Brooks Koepka: Played 3, won 1, lost 1, halved 1

Collin Morikawa: Played 4, won 1, lost 3, halved 0

Xander Schauffele: Played 4, won 1, lost 3, halved 0

Scottie Scheffler: Played 4, won 0, lost 2, halved 2

Jordan Spieth: Played 4, won 0, lost 2, halved 2

Justin Thomas: Played 4, won 1, lost 2, halved 1

Further Congratulations go to Hagley Ladies : Linda Raybuld & June Davis for getting to the finals of the Daily Mail foursomes.

The Senior Section wishes them both every success.

*Thank you for reading.*

