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MGA TOURNAMENT NEWS

The 2010 4-Ball Match Play, after five matches played over six weeks, was won by the Salcher team, Gerald Sr. and Gerald Jr. They defeated Ernie Anderson and Benny Crowder, 1 up. Congratulations to both teams.

The 2010 Ridge Cup tournament was contested on April 24. There was a three-way tie at a net of 67 in the tournament and by score card playoffs, Doug Wade with Mike Sonderegger came in first, Donnie Wells with Derek Ellis came in second and Benny Crowder with Ernie Anderson came in third. Tied for fourth with a net score of 68, were the teams David Nieto with Steve Tulk and David Myers with Karl Fanning. Those are great scores in a very difficult format. Well done!

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By Jim Chittenden

The Forest Ridge Men's Golf Association is dedicated to following the "Rules of Golf". We play the ball down, we follow the Rules for lateral and water hazards and we don't ground our club in the bunkers. We follow the Rules even though no referee is there to blow the whistle. Nonetheless, it was with some shock and awe we witnessed the sterling character exhibited by Brian Davis at the recent tournament at Harbour Town.

In case you missed it, Mr. Davis was hitting his ball from a hazard in a playoff with Jim Furyk. On his backswing his club hit a dead reed lying loose behind his ball. Touching the "loose impediment" lying in or touching the hazard, according to Rule 13.4 c., carries a penalty of two strokes in Stroke play or loss of hole in Match play.

Had Mr. Davis not called the penalty on himself, a) no one else would have probably known of the violation, and b) he would have remained in strong contention with Jim Furyk to win the tournament and the purse of \$1.026 million. There was, however, no hesitation on Davis' part in calling for a Rules Official after the shot was made. The Rules Official agreed that there was a violation and, as a result, Brian lost the hole and the tournament. However, he won the admiration of people around the world for re-establishing our respect for the game of golf and those who practice it.