

**Rule of the Month for May 2022**

**Local Rule for Palm Valley Country Club-** Out of Bounds on left side of #3 on the Championship Course and the right side of #3 on the Challenge Course.

#3 Championship Course- Visualize the #3 hole near the green. As you are approaching the green and to the left of the cart path there is a water penalty area. It is marked as a lateral with red stakes. The further you go up the hill there is a red stake tied in with a white stake which designates Out of Bounds. Normally you would never see these two types of stakes so close together but the club has determined that the area is dangerous to go near.

The proper way to play this situation is as follows: If your ball goes into the water before the red penalty stake that is tied in with the white OB stake, you may drop your ball two club lengths no closer to the hole and record the penalty stroke. If the ball goes in the area past the white OB stake you MUST play the ball as out of bounds. This means you must go back and play from the previous spot. This is a stroke and distance penalty. **Rule 18.2 b**

#3 Challenge Course- Visualize standing on the tee box on #3 of the Challenge course. There is water all the way down the right side of the hole. You will notice there are white out of bounds stakes that run the length of the hole to the right of the water. Even though much of this area is golf course property (not HOA) it is still considered by the club to be a dangerous area and therefore designated as Out of Bounds. If your ball goes to the right of the water it is OB. You must hit from the same spot and in this case if you were hitting from the tee box you may tee it up again.

