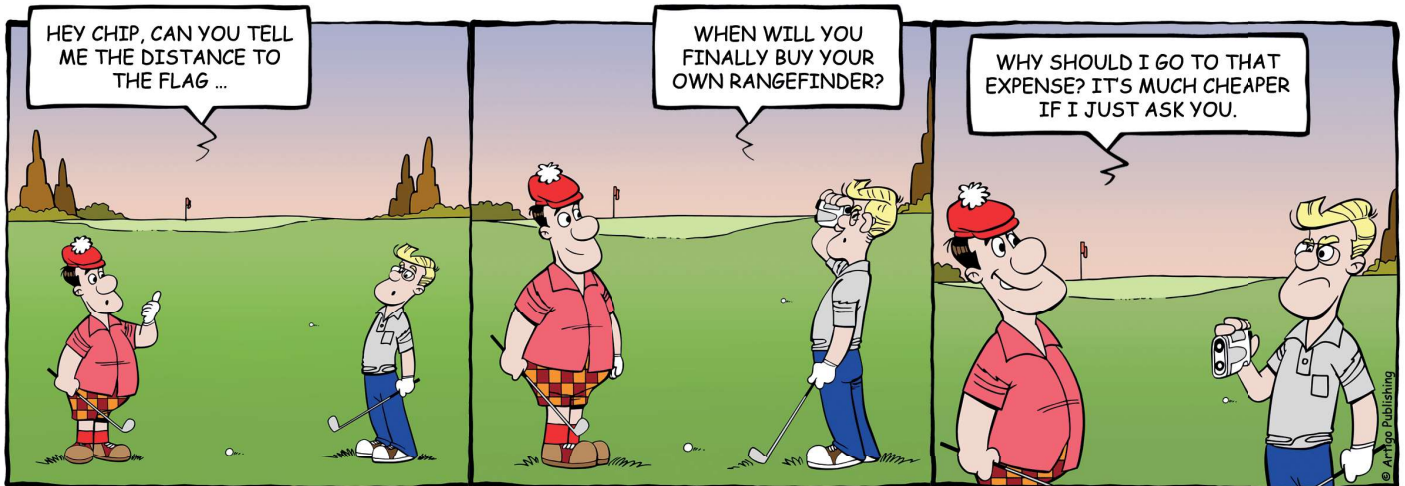


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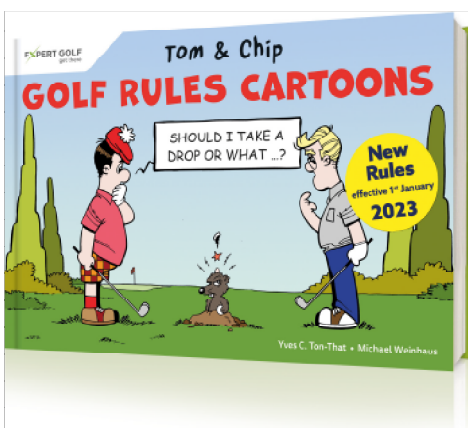
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**QUESTION:** Is Tom allowed to ask Chip for distance information, and what happens if Chip answers—is that illegal advice?

**ANSWER:** Public information such as distances is not advice. Tom may ask Chip how far he's away from the hole and Chip may answer without penalty. Advice as defined in the rules would be a comment that's intended to influence a player in choosing a club or making a stroke, or in how they play a hole or a round. Rule 10.2a and definition "Advice."

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