

RULE OF THE MONTH with Tom & Chip



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SITUATION: Tom's ball is lying on a steep slope short of the green ...



QUESTION: Is Tom penalized for causing his ball to move, and where does he play his next stroke from?

ANSWER: Tom caused his ball to move when he grounded the club. Therefore, he incurs 1 penalty stroke and must put the ball back. If the ball doesn't stay in place on the original spot, Tom must try a second time. If it still doesn't stay at rest, he must place the ball on the nearest spot, not nearer the hole, where it will remain at rest. Rules 9.4 and 14.2e.

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