



The Niners enjoyed their time at Apex Golf.

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What is the origin for the term 'taking a mulligan'?

The Niners official first day of league play is in a few days and it may be a good time to talk about a term and its use while playing — “taking a mulligan.” Most golfers know the term as a “do over”. There are a couple of stories regarding its origin, one named after David B. Mulligan

who decided to replay a correction shot and another by John A. (Buddy) Mulligan who, after striking a dud on the first tee, took another one. In both cases their teammates allowed the players to have a do over and the term was coined and widely accepted. That being said, is the concept of entitlement associated with the name Mulligan? Maybe that explains, considering my maiden name is Mulligan, why during my not so illustrious golf career I often was allowed to take one. Or was it that my playing partners just took pity on me? Although taking a mulligan is not allowed in the USGA rules when tracking your handicap, next time you play casual golf with an individual named Mulligan, don't be surprised if they choose

to take the unofficial mulligan.

Along the lines of proper play and etiquette, new to the Niners this year is the Mentor Program. This program is primarily designed to assist new members with league play and guide them through the Niners processes while enjoying the recreational game of golf. This program has been implemented with success so far. In addition, this program is also open to other Niners who may have been new last year and would like to have a mentor help with areas of uncertainty.

In an effort to strengthen and add to all Niners knowledge of rules, the Niners are offering a Rules Brush Up event. Niners rules chair Bonnie Bohm will talk about various rules, any misconceptions related to rules

and rules that always seem to be troublesome. All Niners are encouraged to come regardless of how long you have played the game or how well you may know the rules. Keep in mind things change and so do rules. Mentors and mentees are strongly encouraged to attend. It will be in the CCC clubhouse cardroom at 10 a.m. on April 8.

Coming up in May will be our first Scramble with the theme “Spring Ahead.” This will be on May 12. Look for more details in a few weeks. In the meantime, if you have yet to volunteer, there are still plenty of opportunities. For more information contact Niners vice president Kat Budiao or President Joann Carvalho, or you can email info@ladiesninersgolf.com.