



# Tee to Green

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## Understanding Out of Bounds

By Joe Alonzi

"Out of Bounds" is defined as: the ground on which play is prohibited.

When out of bounds is defined by reference to stakes or a fence, or as being beyond stakes or a fence, the out of bounds line is determined by the nearest inside points of the stakes or fence posts at ground level excluding angled supports.

When out of bounds is defined by a line on the ground, the line itself is out of bounds. The out of bounds line extends vertically upwards and downwards.

A ball is out of bounds when all of it lies out of bounds. A player may stand out of bounds to play a ball lying out of bounds.

With this in mind, I would like to give you some of my thoughts on the Superintendents' responsibility to properly define the boundaries within the area of competition.

If you define out of bounds by use of stakes, they should be white, approximately four feet in length and extend about three feet from the ground. The rules of golf state that the stakes should be imprinted with the words "out of bounds" or the letters "O.B." or the following should be printed on score cards: "Out of Bounds - defined by inside points, at ground level, of white stakes."

At Fenway, we paint our out of bounds stakes every winter and always try to start the season with seventy-five to one hundred extra stakes to replace those that are broken or misplaced. Our score cards do have the out of bounds statement on them.

This next recommendation I find to be very time consuming and is not something that I have practiced in the past. It is

recommended that the ground at the base of the stake be painted with white paint. This would help an official when making a decision on a missing stake or if in fact a stake is missing.

I don't know how many of you are familiar with Fenway but we have eleven holes that have out of bounds. Some of the areas are easily defined. Others are not. Whether its a row of privet hedges or a woodline or any plant material, the underbranches are constantly growing and causing what may have been a perfectly clear line of sight between two stakes in March to be an impossible guess in July! We trim the lower growth yearly and both the Assistant Superintendent and Foreman are aware of this problem and try to keep a look-out for overgrowth as well as missing or broken stakes. One more comment on stakes, be sure to identify the beginning and the end of your out of bounds boundary. This is easily done by placing a second stake on the out of bounds side a foot or two away from your first stake and again at your last stake. When a fence serves as your boundary, care should be taken to avoid the following conditions:

1. Fence should be in good repair without holes.

2. The fence should not be curled up at the bottom. This condition could cause several situations none of which could be good. A ball could possibly roll under the curled portion of the fence or bounce and come to rest on top of the curled portion, in either case the ball could be in bounds - yet, no relief is possible without penalty. Rule 24. Obstructions states that "objects defining out of bounds, such as walls,

fences, stakes, and railings;" are not considered obstructions.

Also, if the fence is bowed or leaning towards the course so that it is inside the out of bounds line formed by the posts. Again the fence is not an obstruction and no relief would be granted.

The concrete bases to which your posts are anchored into the ground, over the years may have heaved due to frost or for whatever reason are above ground level - a ball resting on or near the concrete base, although in bounds - no relief is granted. From what I could find, the only relief granted from a boundary fence are the angled supports or guy wires if they extend onto the course.

I have often heard golfers say; "The USGA recommends that out of bounds should not be within the boundaries of the golf course". In doing some research for this talk, I found this to be the opposite. Internal Out of Bounds is recommended for the following reasons:

1. For safety - a parking area - a driving range

2. To preserve the integrity of a hole - a long par four or a long par five - dogleg - by playing through an adjoining fairway, the length of the hole could be drastically reduced making a tough par a possible birdie. This would most definitely hurt the integrity of the hole as well as create a safety problem!

On the other hand, upon playing the adjoining hole, the out of bounds would not create an advantage and should be noted on the score card that the stakes are for the adjoining hole. It is also recommended that the stakes be treated as immovable objects so as to keep the out of

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Not many superintendents will disagree that 1988 was one of the toughest summers in recent memory to grow fine turfgrasses in the Metropolitan area. In many cases, superintendents lost significant amounts of turf in spite of their efforts to try every possible solution to save the dying grass. When you "throw the book" at a problem and still lose, you quickly realize that the science of turfgrass management is far from exact and in need of substantial research to provide answers to an ever changing list of questions.

A primary purpose of this association is to disseminate information to its' members by making available the research data necessary to solve these new problems as they arise. Unfortunately, state universities are providing less and less funds to support turfgrass research at their experiment stations on our behalf. It is now up to the turf industry and groups like the MetGCSA to raise the funds necessary to carry out research projects to provide the answers we so desperately need.

Your Board of Directors feels that we should take a more active role in identifying exactly which research projects will most benefit Met area golf courses by conducting an annual survey of the turfgrass problems our members are most often confronted with year after year. And even more importantly, we need to devise a plan to consistently raise funds to support the research we need on an annual basis.

During the past ten years or so we have donated anywhere from \$250 to \$1000 to various projects going on at local universities. Our total annual donations have been roughly \$3000. Although these donations have shown good intentions on our part, the total benefit of this approach to our members is perhaps not as good as it could be. By supporting one key research project at a time, with the studies performed on Met area golf courses, and following it through until we are satisfied that we have the answers, we can provide our members and clubs with information that will benefit them directly.

How can we best raise these funds and how much do we need? As with everything else, the cost of turfgrass research has also escalated rapidly during the past decade. Consequently the Board feels it is necessary to raise in the vicinity of \$10,000 each year in order to provide significant support. Last year we studied the idea of conducting an annual research fund raising golf tournament, only to discover that the time and effort required to conduct such an event is more than we have to give during our busy time of year. The proposal we are making this year is to increase membership dues and designate a percentage of those funds to cover the costs of supporting research on an annual basis.

How much of a dues increase is necessary or acceptable? You will ultimately be the judge of that at our annual meeting in November. I hope you will agree with this line of thinking and vote in favor of the suggested dues increase. We all stand to benefit from this approach through the favorable publicity it will generate, and of course, from use of the valuable research information which will help to solve our ever changing turfgrass problems.

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## Two man Best Ball

1st Place Joe Alonzi  
with a 58 Peter Rappoccio

2nd Place Tony Grasso  
with a 60 Dave Frechette

3rd Place Bob Lippman  
with a 61 Bob De Palma

4th Place J.C. Fulwider  
with a 62 Bob Tosh

Longest  
Drive: Ed Connaughton

Closest to  
the Pin: Peter Rappoccio  
J.C. Fulwider with  
a hole in one

## Championship Flight Results

### Handicaps 0-10

Chuck Fatum 72  
Mike Medonis 72  
Matt Ceplo 75  
Mark Millett 76  
Earl Millett 77  
J.C. Fulwider 78  
John Carlone 79  
Les. Kennedy 79  
Peter Bly 80

### Second Flight Results

#### Handicaps 11-19

Peter Rappoccio net 70  
Tony Grasso net 71  
Joe Alonzi net 71  
Tim Moore net 75  
D. Mahoney net 75

## Third Flight Results

### Handicaps 20 and up

Vincent Sharkey net 68  
Bob Tosh net 69  
Harry Ward net 70  
Tony Bevelo net 71  
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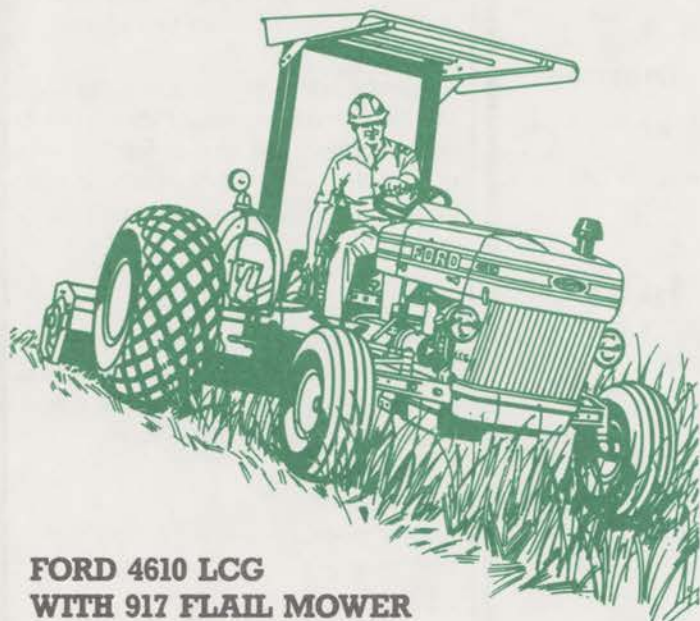
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bounds consistant. At Fenway we have a situation where the employees parking lot is located between the 18th fairway, 9th green, 10th tee and the 6th green.

In the past we have marked this out of bounds. I have seen players hit good shots and trickle out of bounds, having to take the appropriate penalty, and I have seen players hit a bad shot hit the pavement and come to rest on the 10th tee or the 6th green area while playing the 18th hole and be deemed in bounds.

It was for this reason, that while hosting the Met PGA last September, Charlie Robson asked if we could close off that parking lot and remove the out of bounds. This is fine when parking is not a problem, but had there been a need for that space and you wanted to make that a fair situation, I came across a recommendation whereas a local rule could be adopted and it would read:

"A ball which crosses a public road defined as out of bounds and comes to

rest beyond that road is out of bounds, even though it may lie on another part of the golf course." This could certainly apply at Fenway and on many other similar situations.

I feel that it is the Superintendents responsibility to understand the rules and by doing so, the element of doubt is greatly reduced.

### SHREWD THINKING

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Mullane, who lives in New Fairfield, Connecticut, with his wife Lynne and their two children, has been with the Bedford Hills, New York tree care company for 13 years. He is a graduate of the University of Massachusetts with a degree in arboriculture and park management.

Besides the National Arborist Association, Mullane is active in the American Society of Consulting Arborists, International Society of Arboriculture, New York

State Arborists Association (ISA Chapter), as well as tree protective associations in Connecticut and Westchester County. He also is a member of the Golf Course Superintendents of America and serves on the board of directors of the Westchester County Football Officials Association.

The National Arborist Association based in New Hampshire, is comprised of nearly 1,000 tree care firms from across the country. The trade association supplies member and nonmember firms with printed and video training materials for field personnel, educational material for management, employee recruiting material as well as Washington representation on legislative matters affecting tree care professionals.



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## Pio Salvati . . .

### Master at Elmwood

## Pio Salvati Was the Host Superintendent of Our March Business Meeting

"I'm a blue-collar worker . . . a cum laude graduate of the school of hard knocks, hard times and hard work. There are very few of us left in this field," says Pio Salvati, the genial, likable superintendent at the Elmwood Country Club in White Plains.

Salvati, who is rounding out almost 30 years of association with the Elmwood Club, swears he "pinches himself occasionally to check his whereabouts and to make sure he's not floating aimlessly around in some dream world.

Pio insists he stares in disbelief when he considers the crazy, unpredictable, incredible turns in his life has taken since he arrived in this world in a remote village, Patrica, in central Italy, a Greg Norman-like drive and two-iron from Rome.

At age 12 he was placed in a Seminary adjacent to the Vatican to begin studying for the priesthood. Pio spent almost eight years at the seminary, "totally oblivious to the outside world around him," convinced he would enter one of the orders, and devote the rest of his life to the service of The Church.

But when Pio Salvati learned of the goodies available in the real world, he decided to abandon the priesthood, the cloistered life of the seminary, and test the waters of reality, the hard life.

"Now, here I am at age 55, having given more than half my life to Mother Nature instead of The Good Lord. It's all a dream, I'm sure," he muses.

How? What strange forces were at work to cause his life to take such incredible turns? Let Pio tell the story:

"Just before my 20th birthday, I

decided that the priesthood wasn't for me. I quit the seminary. Before I knew what hit, I found myself drafted into the U.S. Army, while in Italy." That's right, U.S. Army, not Italian, even though he had taken a physical for the Italian Army.

How? Why?

"My father was an American citizen, who had spent 20 years working in the steel mills in Aliquippa, Pennsylvania. American Army authorities were really on the ball in those days. I quit the seminary in February, was drafted in the Army in March and arrived here in the Good Old, U.S.A. in April. And pronto, I went from Fort Dix, to Fort Campbell in Kentucky and back to Europe to Stuttgart, Germany before you could say a few Hail Mary's." And by the way, the plane trip that took him from Rome to Paris to the Azores to Idlewild, now Kennedy, took more than 18 hours.

Fresh out of the Service, Pio headed for White Plains to join the Austin Barrett Company as a mechanic. His primary work was visiting golf courses repairing course equipment. During one visit to Elmwood, the late Phil Turnesa, head pro at the time, suggested that Pio "come to work for us." He did.

In short order, Pio went from mechanic to acting foreman, to foreman to acting super, and finally to head supt. And during that span he was fortunate to school under such masters as Rober Laird, Skip Cameron, Bob Kenyon, Ted Radko, Harry Nichol, and when Nichol left, Salvati took over as Supt. June 1, 1975. That was his cum laude teaching staff, for sure.

"Obviously, Someone Up There was

pulling the strings, nudging me along . . . It's all a dream for sure," laughs Pio.

Perhaps the name has something to do with it. Salvati means Savior, you know. "Can't you see the halo," he roars. Or maybe it was all those Sunday blessings at St. Peter's Square at the Vatican by then Pope Pious XII during my years in the seminary.

Whatever. It sure turned out for the best. "I wouldn't trade jobs with anyone anywhere. This is my Heaven on earth - the green, rolling fairways at Elmwood."

"I love the job . . . I love the members . . . the surroundings. How fortunate I am to have worked for people like Al Fayer, who was president at Elmwood when I celebrated my 25th anniversary. The club rewarded me and my wife, Celia, with a three-week tour of Italy and France."

"And now having someone like Dr. Raymond Topol as my greens chairman again. I have worked under Dr. Topol for almost 20 years, less the two terms he put in as Elmwood President. These good people make the job so much more enjoyable. Mrs. Topol is right. She says Dr. Raymond and I are not just good friends. 'They're related.'"

But behind every successful man is the marvelous woman who holds the ladder he climbs to success. In Pio Salvati's case it's his wife, the former Cecilia Ruta of White Plains, whose devotion enables Pio to devote his life to the officials and members at Elmwood. The Salvatis have three fine sons, Larry, 29 a CPA; Edmund, 26, owner of White Plains Stationery, and Damian, 23, station director at the White Plains TV cable outlet.



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