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This page: The Maidstone Club and its classic links layout alongside the Atlantic Ocean tested the Met Area's top amateurs aged 30 and older in the 12th MGA Mid-Amateur this month. View more from the championship on page 7. (Photo: Barry Sloan)



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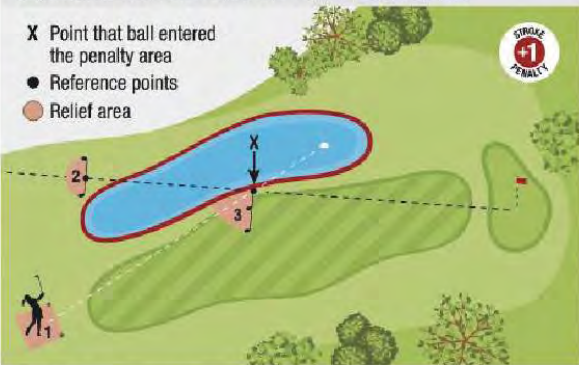
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DIAGRAM #2 17.1d: RELIEF FOR BALL IN RED PENALTY AREA

- X Point that ball entered the penalty area
- Reference points
- Relief area



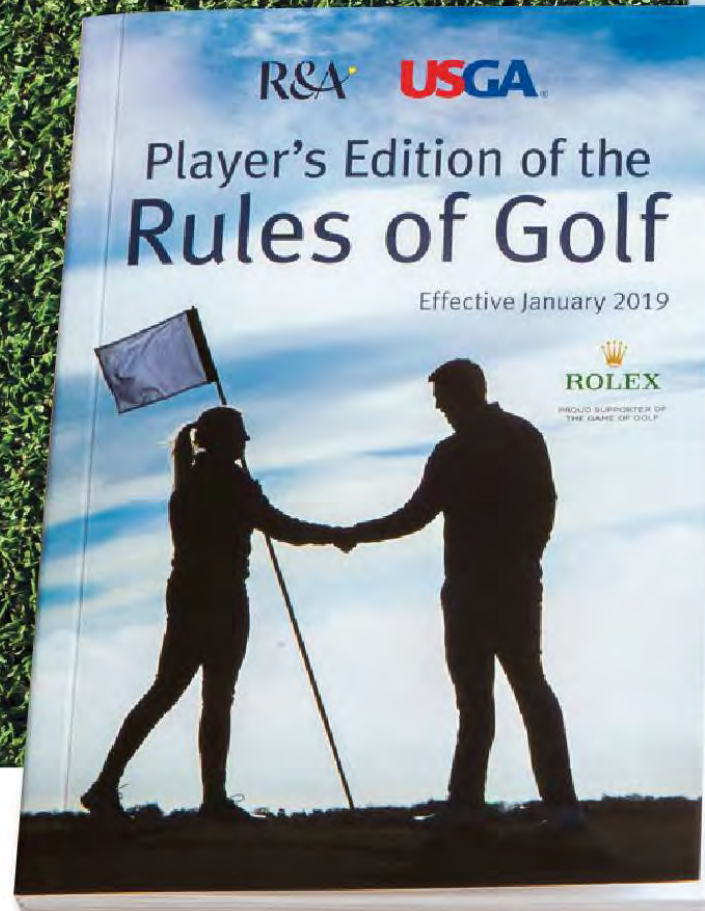
When it is known or virtually certain that a ball is in a red penalty area and the player wishes to take relief, the player has **three options**, each for one penalty stroke:

- (1) The player may take stroke-and-distance relief (see point (1) in Diagram #1 17.1d).
- (2) The player may take back-on-the-line relief (see point (2) in Diagram #1 17.1d).
- (3) The player may take lateral relief (red penalty area only). The reference point for taking lateral relief is point X.

DIAGRAM 14.3b: DROPPING FROM KNEE HEIGHT



A ball must be dropped straight down from knee height. "Knee height" means the height of a player's knee when in a standing position. But the player does not have to be in a standing position when the ball is dropped.



The USGA and The R&A this month announced the publishing of golf's new Rules ahead of their Jan. 1, 2019 effective date. Accompanying the latest Rules of Golf book – which includes some of the most significant changes made to the Rules in more than 60 years – is the brand new Player's Edition of the Rules of Golf. This shorter, more user-friendly version of the Rules appeals to golfers at all levels of the game with easy-to-follow diagrams and charts, a simpler writing

style, and a "Purpose of the Rule" description to better define why the Rule exists. A new Official Guide to the Rules of Golf, designed for golf administrators and club officials, will also be available in print form in November. The Guide features Interpretations (which replace the current Decisions), Committee Procedures, and Modified Rules for Players with Disabilities. All of the new books are available in digital formats online at usga.org/rules and on the official USGA Rules of Golf app.

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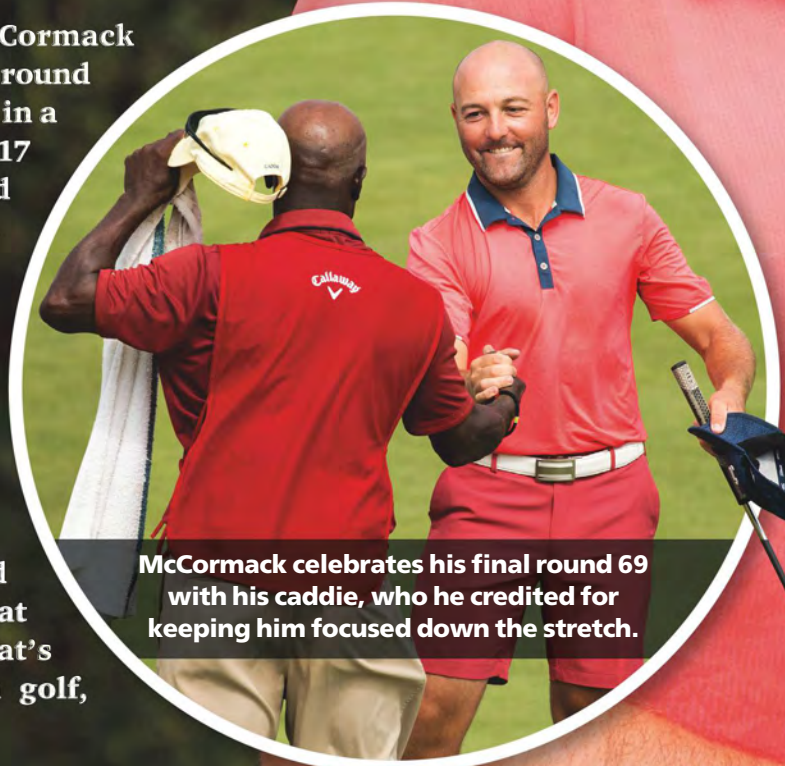
Darren McCormack began the final round of the 12th MGA Mid-Amateur Championship four shots back, but with the wind at The Maidstone Club returning to its typical form following a benign opening round, the Irishman felt right at home.

“Condition wise, it felt a little bit like home—fast, firm, a lot of wind,” explained McCormack. “Some of the holes, especially on the back nine really look a lot like Ireland, so a few shots today I had to hit low and I fell back to the shots I played when I was younger.”

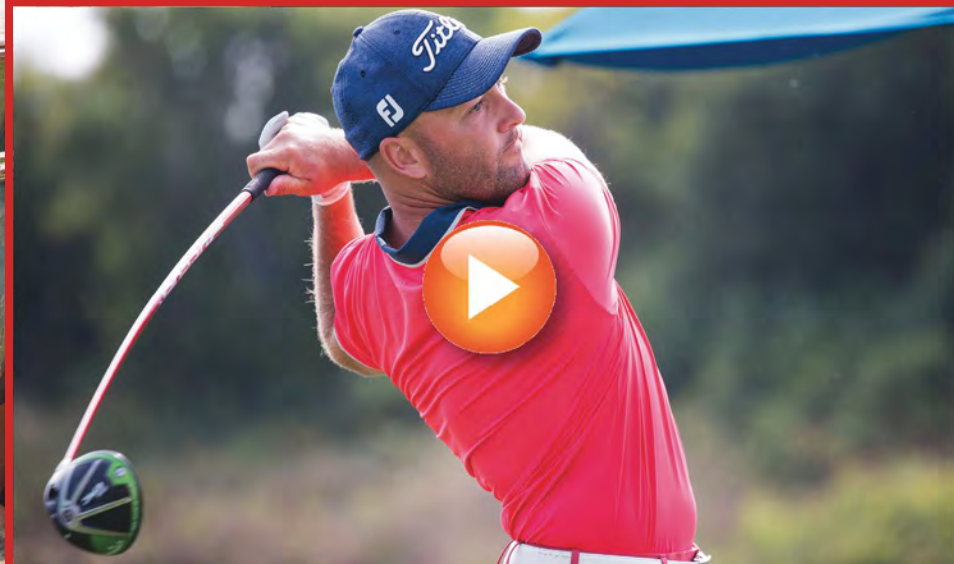
Finding comfort on the course, McCormack fired a tournament low 3-under 69. The round earned him a 1-under 143 and a spot in a sudden-death playoff alongside 2017 champion Darin Goldstein of Noyac and Ryan Hom of Nassau Players Club. Goldstein and Hom found trouble on Maidstone’s par-four 1st, but McCormack continued his stellar play by safely knocking his approach to 15 feet. He only needed two putts to win, but McCormack closed in style with birdie to clinch the Westmoreland Cup.

“I think that’s what I’m most proud of—that birdie on the playoff hole that really shut the door,” he said. “That’s probably my proudest moment in golf, I’d say.”

McCormack alongside former MGA tournament director Gene Westmoreland, who helped establish the MGA Mid-Amateur.



McCormack celebrates his final round 69 with his caddy, who he credited for keeping him focused down the stretch.



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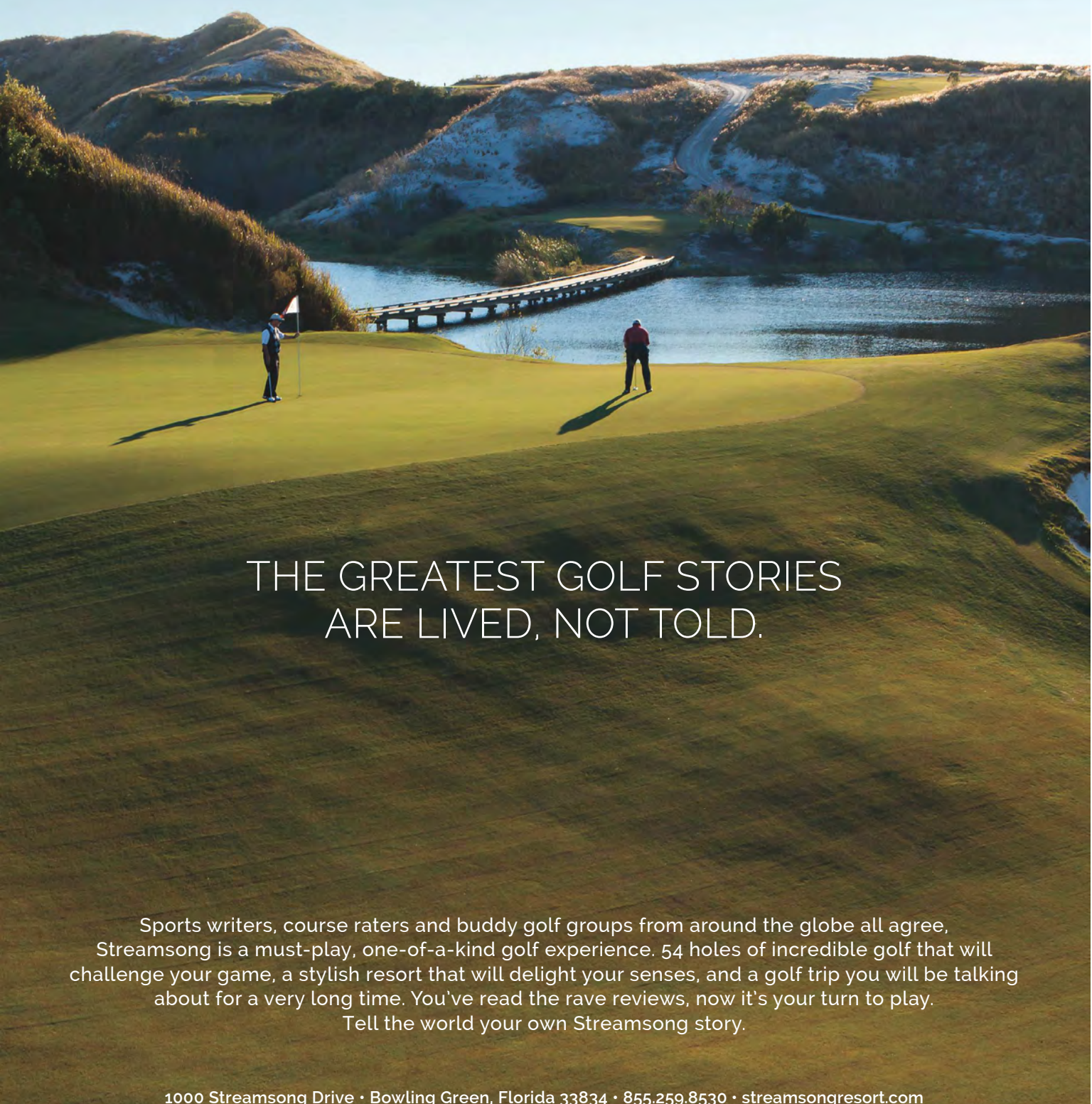
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BY SCOTT KRAMER

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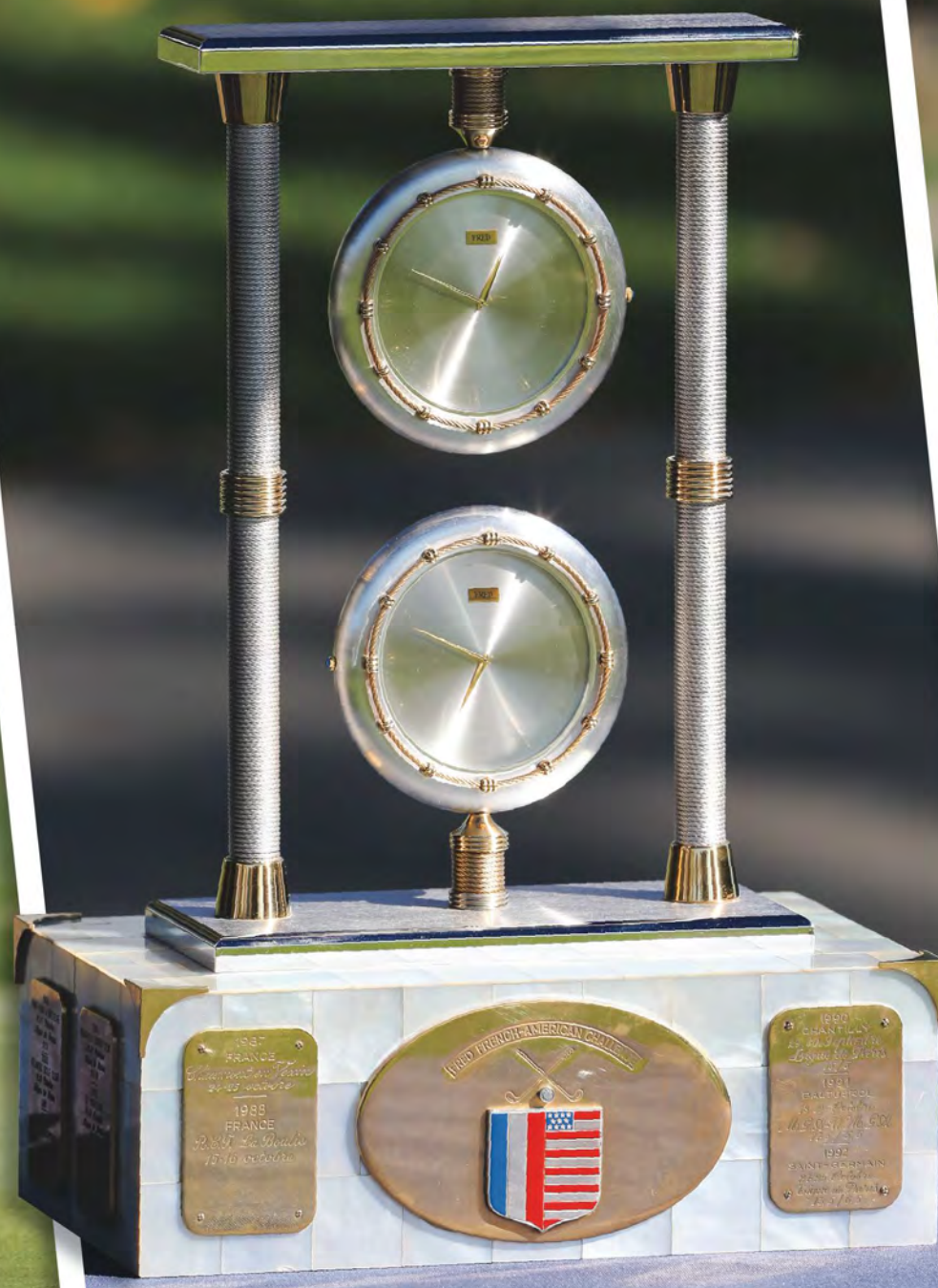
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Vive la France



Team USA isn't the only golf squad looking for a win in France, as the MGA/WMGA team squares off against the Ligue de Paris at Golf des Yvelines, Oct. 2-3, in the biennial French-American Challenge. Decorated players make up the six-man, four-woman team, as past French-American Challenge competitors Trevor Randolph (*above*), Darin Goldstein, Ina Kim-Schaad (*left*), and Liliana Ruiz will look to lead the way alongside newcomers Thomas LaMorte, Jonathan Jeter, Matt Mattare, Brad Tilley, Megha Ganne and Alice Hodge. An am-am competition precedes the French-American Challenge, while four-ball, foursomes, and singles matches decide a victor.

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A hearty group including MGA executive director Brian R. Mahoney at Garden City (*right*) combined to play more than 500 holes, including an incredible 144 by Joe Saladino of Huntington Country Club. Though unable to play on August 27, Rockaway Hunting Club held a satellite

marathon day two weeks prior, with caddie manager Ron Brescio and his team helping raise more than \$25,000 for the LICSF.

At Knollwood (*above*), alumni, area caddie managers, and friends played 1,995 holes, with MGA Foundation director Peter Nicholson tallying 108. Though Shorehaven caddie manager Joe Pica’s day was slightly slowed by competing in a match elsewhere mid-day, he returned to Knollwood to add to his total and help raise more than \$25,000 for the WCSF.

Be on the lookout for 2019’s Marathon Monday so you can join the fun and support your local caddie scholarship fund.

