

## *Hoobie Rules*

*(“or, when in doubt, what would a Hoobie do?”)*

“What if your ball comes to rest in a tire track or rut made by maintenance or grounds keeper equipment?”

### ***Hoobie Rule #1 (25)***

- If it’s in your own fairway and in as much as we are, for the time being, moving the ball in our own fairway, the situation is most likely not a problem.
- Through the green, outside your own fairway the rules of golf apply... USGA Decision 25/16 Rut Made by Tractor

***Q. Is a rut made by a tractor considered a hole made by a greenkeeper and thus ground under repair? If not, should the Committee declare such a rut to be ground under repair?***

***A. Such a rut is not a hole made by a greenkeeper. The Committee would be justified in declaring a deep rut to be ground under repair, but not a shallow indentation made by greenkeeping equipment. Or, when in doubt play it as it lies!***

The Rules Committee will be working with the Pro and Superintendent to continuously improve and/or keep the course adequately marked and hopefully, identifying “ground under repair” will become less of a problem.