Unwisely, I once wrote that I was shock-proof where golf is concerned, though disapproval still had its moments of activity.

As everyone who has ever listened to a political election speech knows, such positive assertions rebound. I assume though disapproval still had its moments that these carts are single-seaters. If of activity, not, what happens when one player has hooked? Is an otherwise tedious wait going to be alleviated by listening to a stream of vituperative epithets, and the sight of an all-in wrestling match for possession of the steering tiller.

Eventually the couple behind, losing patience will drive off (mechanically), followed as shortly as possible by the next match. We now have several carts on the same hole, including the one concerned with the lost ball which will be trying to worm its way out like a motorist from a side road. If the carts are single-seaters there will be more traffic on each hole. A barging match seems inevitable, which is why I have named this piece Dodgem-Cars. These carts are not limited to the old. The young have to use them as well. What will be the condition of their legs when playing in a 36-hole tournament elsewhere?

Furthermore, fond memories of youthful exhuberance on motor cycles and sports cars indicate some competitive dicing. With the passage of years the record for the course will be assessed in hours and minutes instead of the number of strokes used. Crash helmets, while looking odd, would leave my withers unrung as a substitute for the popular cross of the headgear of an American engine-driver and that worn by a jockey.

For the few who are open-minded over methods of defeating an opponent, there seem to be opportunities for running over his ball (quite by mistake of course), or gradually edging his cart, himself and clubs into a bunker and then claiming a penalty. Other points in the Rules present themselves. If a cart breaks down and the player completes the round on foot, he has broken a club local rule (not the Rules of Golf). Does he lose the match? Again, if he sends for a mechanic, surely he is guilty of "undue delay".

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walking powers, I should accept one for that purpose only. But when it comes to a Royal & Ancient game, Carts, are in the words of Winston Churchill (who on rare occasions directed a club in the general direction of the ball) something: "Up with which I will not put."

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