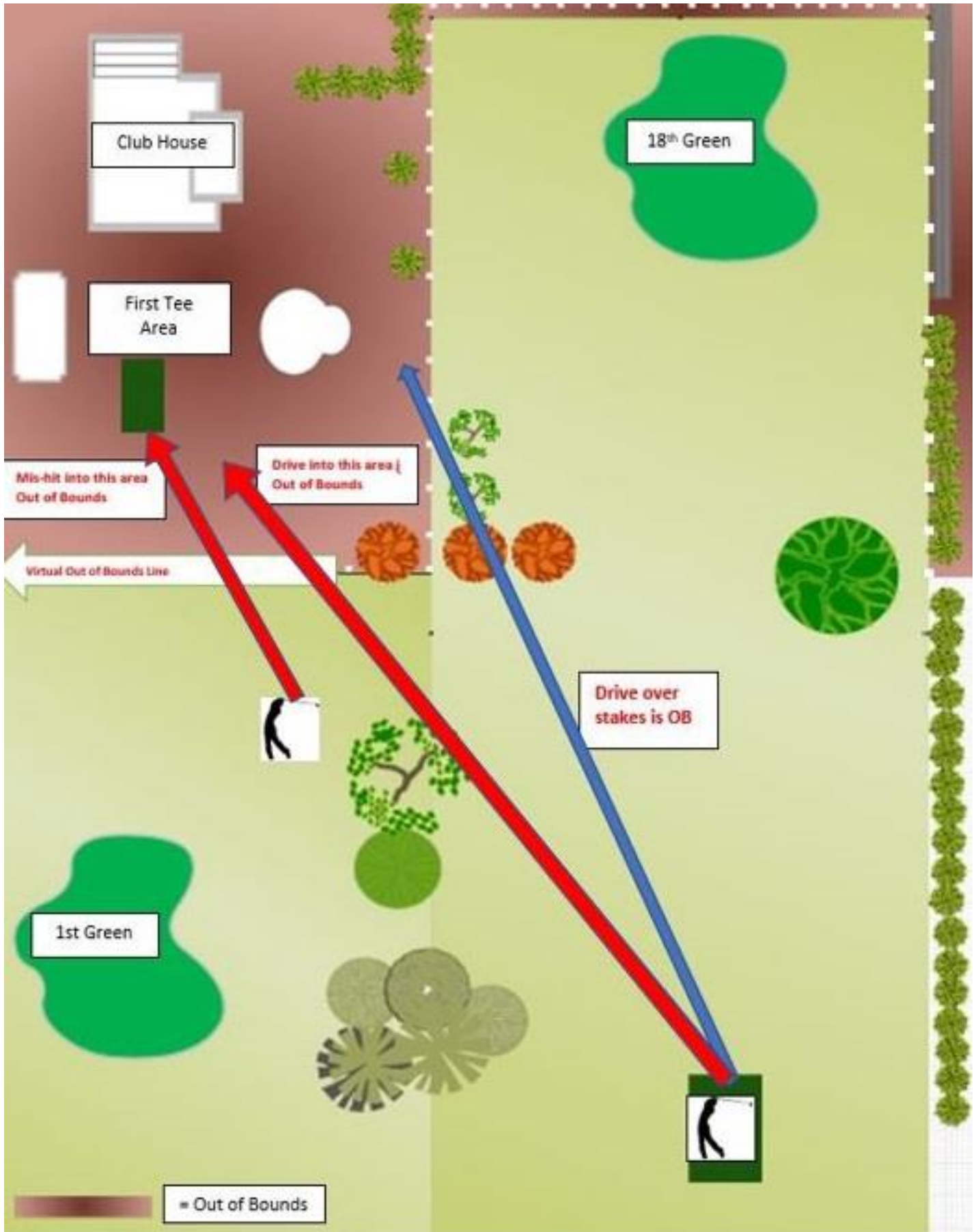


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There has been considerable confusion among Members in relation to the OB markings on the LHS of hole eighteen as it is played. The OB line starting in the trees and running down the left hand side of the course all the way to the car park is self-explanatory.

The purpose of this OB line was to ensure that no one could end up playing a shot from the first fairway, in front of the first tree line, to the eighteenth green.

The confusion seems to have arisen as to the purpose of the white stake at right angles to the first white stake that starts the OB line. As shown on the diagram above, produced thanks to the expertise of Fergus Corkery, the purpose of this stake is to indicate that the OB line runs from right to left all the way up the golf course. So why is this extra post necessary? The reason is fairly straight forward. With just a single out of bounds line running down the left hand side of the hole parallel to the first fairway it is possible for a player, hitting a shot from the eighteenth tee, to end up in the purple area of the diagram above **WITHOUT EVER HAVING CROSSED AN OB LINE** or as indicated in the diagram the same is possible with a second shot hit from short of the OB line. The two shot lines, indicated in red show this.

So technically it is not possible to be OB if your ball has never crossed an OB line. Thus the OB post just to the left of the first OB post indicating a virtual OB line running all the way up the course ensures that if you end up in the purple area of the diagram you are OB because you have crossed the virtual OB line as indicated by the second post at right angles.

Hopefully this clears up any misunderstandings as to how this OB area is defined.

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