CARE OF THE COURSE

BALL MARKS

When a golf ball impacts the greens surface, in most cases, it leaves an indentation in the green referred to as a "ball mark". If this ball mark is not repaired it will take up to three weeks to heal, while a PROPERLY repaired ball mark will heal in 3-4 days. While it's understandable that on some occasions you may not be able to find your exact ball mark, what we suggest is that you always try and find yours and one other. If everyone were to repair at least two, we should be able to cover for each others' missed ones and everyone will benefit in the form of smoother putting surfaces!

For a ball mark to heal in a timely manner it is EXTREMELY important that it is repaired properly according to the diagram below.

REPAIRING BALL MARKS PROPERLY:



CORRECT WAY

- 1. Discard loose piece of turf
- 2. Insert repair tool outside back of ball mark
- 3. Pull turf toward the center of the hole
- 4. Gently tap repaired area with your putter
- 5. This action stretches undamaged turf over ball mark providing instant recovery

WRONG WAY

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- 1. Do not replace loose piece of turf. It will die and delay healing process.
- 2. Do not pry up center of depression with repair tool as it exposes soil and will delay recovery
- 3. Do not insert repair tool and twist it. This only breaks more turf loose.



Here is a picture from the 1st green of Fox Run at Glenview Champions Country Club. Each golf ball represents a ball mark that was left un-repaired! They say a picture is worth a thousand words. We hope you agree!

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