

DUNBAR GOLF CLUB



REPAIRING PITCHMARKS ON THE GREEN

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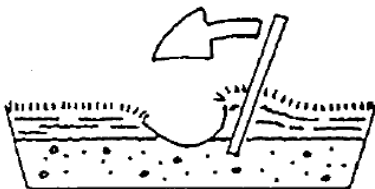
Many members and visitors do not repair pitchmarks properly FACT

Because of this the greens are not as smooth as they could be FACT

The worst "disease" affecting the greens at present is the high numbers of pitchmarks which are not repaired or are repaired incorrectly the latter being by far the biggest problem. This is very evident on many greens with some so bad that the damaged areas almost dominate the clean areas. The diagram below shows the correct and incorrect methods of repairing a pitch mark.

Please assist by repairing any pitchmark you happen to see on the green – it does not have to be one made by you – a pitchmark repaired takes a fraction of the time to recover than one that has not been repaired does.

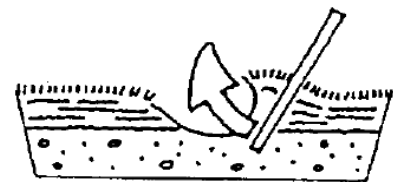
CORRECT METHOD



1. Insert repair tool just outside the back of the pitchmark
2. Pull the turf toward the centre of the mark
3. Repeat on remaining three sides
4. Gently tap required area with putter

This action replaces undamaged turf over the pitchmark providing immediate recovery

INCORRECT METHOD



1. Do NOT pry up the centre of the depression as it exposes the soil and delays recovery
2. Do NOT insert repair tool and twist it as this breaks more turf loose!

Correct repair takes only 15-30 seconds, whilst incorrect repair takes over three weeks to heal!