

# CARE OF THE COURSE

## Putting Greens

### Repair All Ball/Pitch Marks and Other Damage

Using the manner below, repair any pitch mark made by your ball on a putting green or green surrounds.



1. An unrepaired pitch mark.

2. Commence at the back of the pitch mark and push forward with a pitch mark fork or tee.

3. Attend to each side of the pitch mark, easing the turf forward to replace the damaged area. When undertaking the repair, turn the pitch mark fork towards the damaged area.

4. Do not lift the pitch mark fork or tee upward bringing soil to the surface.



5. Complete the repair by tapping down with a putter.

6. A correctly repaired pitch mark is important to the health of greens and for smooth-rolling putts.

7. An incorrectly repaired pitch mark can take twice as long to heal as those repaired properly.

8. On completion of the hole by all players, repair any other damage to the green such as spike marks, etc.

**Make it a habit to fix yours and one other!**

### Flagstick

When removing or putting down the flagstick, ensure no damage is done to the green. The flagstick should be properly replaced in the hole before leaving the green.

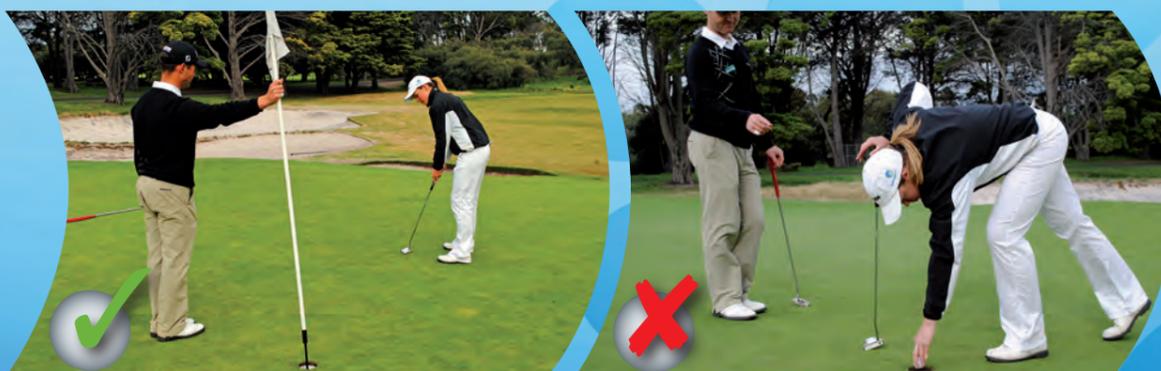


1. Gently place the flagstick on the putting green with a putter or by holding the flagstick – do not throw it onto the putting surface.

2. Return the flagstick securely to the centre of the hole – avoid damage to the hole in removing and replacing the flagstick.

### General

1. Avoid damage to the hole by not standing too close to it, especially when attending the flagstick.



2. Players should not damage the green by leaning on their putter or the flagstick, particularly when removing the ball from the hole.

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