

Ball Marks

Ball marks, those indentations caused when a ball lands sharply on a soft green, have been ruining good putts since the days of Old Tom Morris. **Unrepaired ball marks take two to three weeks to properly heal, leaving behind unsightly, uneven putting surfaces.** On the other hand, a repaired ball mark only takes half that time to heal.

Beginner or pro, it is **your responsibility** as a golfer to fix your own marks. If you're truly a steward of the game, you'll fix any others you see while your partners are putting. Here's how:



1. Use a pronged ball mark repair tool, knife, key or tee.



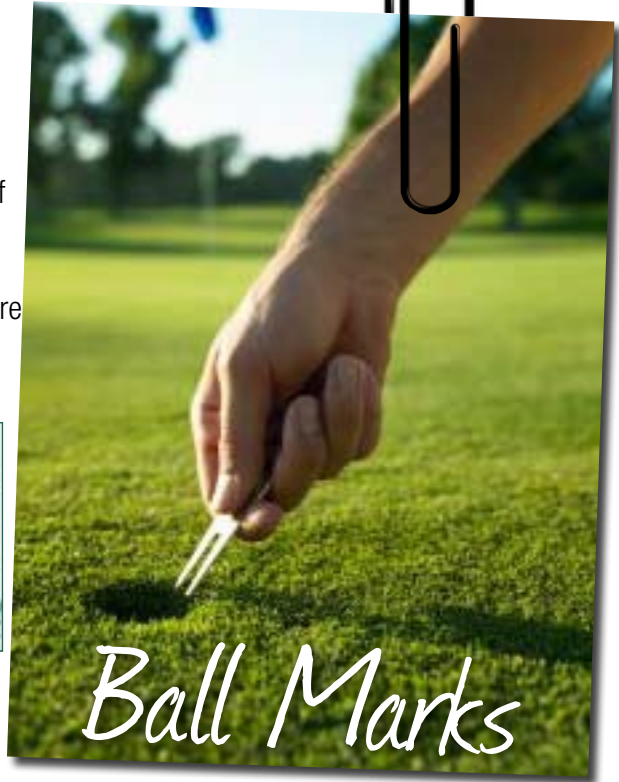
2. Insert it at the edges of the mark - not the middle of the depression.



3. Bring the edges together with a gentle twisting motion, but don't lift the center. Try not to tear the grass.



4. Smooth the surface with a club or your foot. You're done when it's a surface you would want to putt over.



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