

**“Your Golf Course” by Pat Fallon**

**Randy, the Greens Committee and every member of the Club is continually looking for ways to improve golf course conditions and the Casper Country Club golfing experience. After researching many successful programs at other courses, The Greens Committee is implementing the Membership Course Enhancement program effective May 1, 2010. Below is an explanation of the program.**

## **Membership Course Enhancement Program**

The great majority of Casper Country Club members and many of our guests agree our golf course is best maintained course in the area and currently, at the beginning of this season, it is in excellent condition. However, our greens will not remain in excellent condition if we do not continually repair the ball marks and divots. So when you reach a fairway or green, start by retracing the path of your ball from the previous shot. Assure that others in your group follow suit and also repair their divots and ball marks. If we all do the repairs, we will continue to have fairways and greens that will give us the great playing surfaces we want well into the future. Let's ALL join in and repair our divots and ball marks. It will make the golfing experience at Casper Country Club the enjoyable test we all want.

To achieve the highest level of cooperation, the Green's Committee has created a program that will assign each Member a hole to repair ball marks and monitor unfilled divots as you play each round. Each hole will be assigned to a Member utilizing the first letters of their last name.

This program is intended to increase awareness and participation in our efforts to maintain the course in its best possible condition. It is not intended to extend each round and create an unpleasant golfing experience. This program has been proven extremely successful at many other courses all over the USA. Your efforts are appreciated and thank you for making Casper Country Club the enjoyable Course that it is.

### **Membership hole assignments for ball mark and divot repairs are as follows:**

Hole 1 & 2 Members with first letter of last name starting with A or B

Hole 3 & 4 Members with first letter of last name starting with C or D

Hole 5 & 6 Members with first letter of last name starting with E, F, G, O, Q or Z

Hole 7 & 8 Members with first letter of last name starting with H, I or J

Hole 9 & 10 Members with first letter of last name starting with K or L

Hole 11 & 12 Members with first letter of last name starting with M

Hole 13 & 14 Members with first letter of last name starting with N, P or R

Hole 15 & 16 Members with first letter of last name starting with S

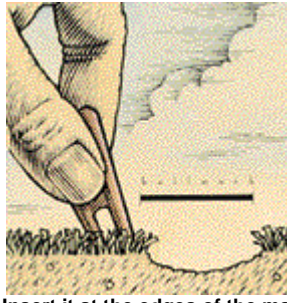
Hole 17 & 18 Members with first letter of last name starting with T, U, V or W

**Ball marks are those indentations caused when a ball lands sharply on a soft green and they have been ruining good putts since the days of Old Tom Morris. Un-repaired ball marks take two to three weeks to properly heal, leaving behind unsightly, uneven putting surfaces. On the other hand, a repaired ball mark requires less than 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 other ball marks you see while your partners are putting. There's really not much to it, but there are a few guidelines you should follow when making these repairs.**

The right way to fix a ball mark



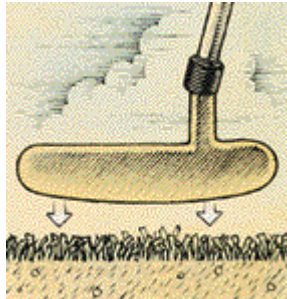
Use a pronged ball mark repair tool, knife, key or tee.



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



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



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

### What is the correct procedure to repair fairway divots?

We ask that you please use the divot sand that is provided to repair fairway divots. First, press the tuft grass down surrounding the divot by tamping with your golf club or stepping on it. Then apply sufficient sand to provide a smooth appearance level with the dirt, not the top of the grass. Do not over fill the divot. Only add sand to the dirt level – not to the top of the grass level. Please do not repair any fairway divot by replacing the turf that was removed. Normally, these small chunks of sod do not include the parts of the turf that will regenerate or grow back grass and end up being lost the first time the fairway mower goes over them. Everyone's assistance in repairing fairway divots and ball marks on the greens is needed to maintain the golf course at a high standard of excellence.

**As you can see each member is assigned two golf holes to monitor for ball marks and divot repairs. In the event that a specific hole is showing signs of apparent lack of participation from a select group of Members, that group of members will be contacted by the Greens Committee and encouraged to participate. This program has been and continues to be extremely successful at many other courses across the USA. However, like any program, it requires the cooperation of the entire membership. If followed and practiced, both the fairways and greens will bring about better enjoyment of the game for everyone.**

**If you have any questions after reviewing the program or if you are unsure of your role in this program please contact me at 235-5777 or e-mail [pat.fallon@caspercountryclub.net](mailto:pat.fallon@caspercountryclub.net). Have a great spring and see you on the course.**