

# **The Proper Way to Repair a Ball Mark**

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Everyone enjoys a smooth, well-manicured putting surface; however greens face one major threat...ball marks. Ball marks on greens can quickly turn the best putting surface into something that resembles the surface of the moon. At Copper Canyon Golf Club, golfers will play somewhere between 46,000 and 49,000 rounds this year. If golfers only hit the green one out of every four tries that will still equate to roughly 12,000 of these marks on each hole annually. In order to keep our greens looking and playing their best, we need your help to fix these ball marks whenever one is made. By doing this we will be able to limit the number of these marks that go unattended, ultimately leading to a much better surface for everyone. But wait! How do you fix a ball mark properly? Any ball mark that has been fixed using the wrong technique can cause almost as much damage as if it had been left alone. In order to properly fix your marks follow these steps:

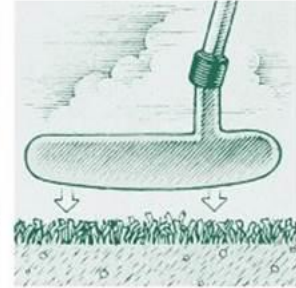
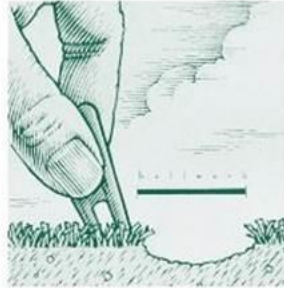
- 1) Using your divot repair tool, insert the forked end into the surface around the edges of your mark.
- 2) Push the edges of your mark toward the center using a slight twisting motion.
- 3) Tap down and smooth out the mark using the bottom of your putter. (DO NOT lift from the bottom of the mark with the forked end of the repair tool; this will break the roots of the plant resulting in a spot of dead grass).

If you do not own a divot repair tool, ask your fellow golfers or come see us in the golf shop and we will be glad to get you one so that you too can do your part in helping make this another fantastic year of golf at Copper Canyon Golf Club!

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- 1** Use a prolonged ball mark repair tool (preferably), knife, key or tee.
- 2** Insert 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 foot. You're done when it's a surface that you would putt over.



Source: Golf Course Superintendents Association of America