

A Players Guide to Course Care



Repair of Pitch Marks on the Green

A pitch mark is an indentation on the green where the ball has landed. The sooner a pitch mark is repaired, the quicker the scar can heal and recover.

All players should carry with them a pitch repair tool and use it to repair their own and other noticeable ball marks that have been missed.

When it comes to repairing pitch marks, it is important to know the right way to do it as done properly it really aids recovery:

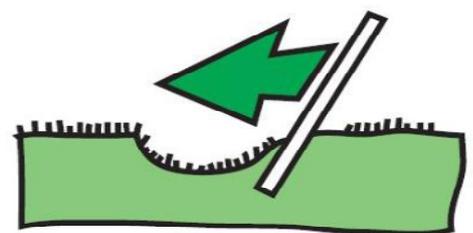


1. Insert the prongs into the turf at **the edge** of the depression.
2. Then push the edge of the ball mark towards the centre using the tool in a gentle twisting motion.

Note: *do not insert and attempt to heave up the depression as this leads to tearing the root and killing the grass.*

3. Tamp down the repaired area using the base of your putter.

Right: Using the prongs to push grass at the edge of the depression toward the centre



Divots

A divot is a slice of turf taken from the ground when a golfer takes a shot. Golf etiquette requires all players to repair their divot to the best of their ability out of respect for the course.

TEE DIVOT

If a divot is taken when playing your tee shot, the divot should **not** be replaced here. As divots are most often on a par 3 hole where an iron shot is played, use the sand seed mix provided in the box by the tee to repair the damaged area, using the scoop to fill the scarred area before firming down with your foot.



FAIRWAY DIVOT

The fairway is where you will find the most divots and here there are two alternative courses of action to take to repair them, but first you need to ensure that you have the tools for the job by taking a bag of sand seed mix from the pick-up/drop-off point before commencing your round.



BEST METHOD TO REPAIR DIVOT

The best action to take is to find the piece of grass that you sliced out and carefully replace it. Set it back in place then sprinkle a little sand/seed mix around the rim before firming it back in place.



ALTERNATIVE METHOD

Using the contents of the divot repair bag, fill the divot till level then firm down with your foot.

Note: divot bags may be topped up from the sand/seed boxes located on the tees of all par 3 holes.



Bunkers

There is nothing more frustrating than hitting a ball into the bunker and finding upon arrival your ball sitting at the bottom of someone else's divot or footprint. All we ask is that you show consideration for others by following these simple tips.

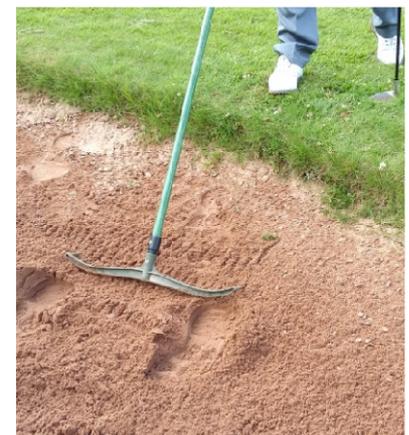
1. Firstly, avoid stepping down into a bunker as this pushes the sand off the bank and means you have deeper footprints to rake out. Look for a convenient low spot where you can both enter and exit.



2. Take the rake into the bunker with you but be careful to ensure nothing is done to improve the area of your intended stance or your line of play.

The rules do allow the player to smooth sand or soil in the hazard, at any time including before playing, provided this is for the sole purpose of caring for the course.

3. After your shot, work your way backwards to your point of entry carefully raking the bunker as you go. Care must be taken to avoid leaving ridges and furrows.



4. Step out of the bunker, complete the raking and then leave the rake preferably with the handle parallel to the line of play so the next person will not benefit from a ball stopped short.