



# RAKE & FIX YOUR DIVOTS

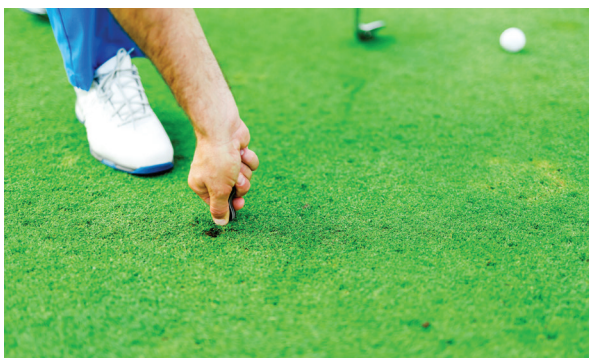
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## DIVOT DILLIGENCE

After your ball lands on the green, take a moment to check where it hit for any ball marks or divots that need fixing. Here's why it's important:

- **Keeps the green in top shape:** Ball marks can create bumps, affecting the smoothness of the green. Fixing them helps keep it in great condition for everyone.
- **Ensures fair play:** Unrepaired marks can change how a putt rolls, which could impact the game. By repairing them, you're helping keep things fair..
- **Supports healthy turf:** Ball marks can harm the grass, leading to damage or disease. A quick repair helps the grass recover faster and stay healthy.
- **Shows respect:** This is your golf course! Taking the time to fix ball marks shows respect for the course and fellow golfers.

Check out [this video](#) on how to properly repair a ball mark.

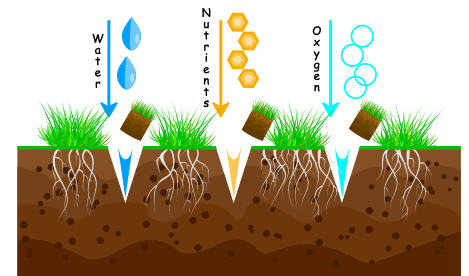


## COURSE AERIFICATION

Twice a year, in spring and fall, we close one nine-hole course each week for a month to perform essential maintenance.

The main task is aerating the putting greens, which involves removing turf

cores to prevent root compaction and keep the grass healthy. We also spread sand to fill the holes, ensuring a smooth surface as the grass regrows.



In the fall, we prepare the tees for winter by planting ryegrass, which thrives in cooler temperatures. We cut the tees short, overseed them, and keep them moist until the new grass is strong enough for regular play. During this time, tees may be moved to the front or back of the boxes until the grass is fully established. It might not look great at first, but the course will bounce back for the season.

Feel free to reach out with any questions!

## TEE IT FORWARD AND THE SILVER TEES

“Tee it Forward” is a joint effort by the PGA and USGA that encourages golfers to play from tees that match their skill level. This makes the game more enjoyable and helps improve the pace of play.

At Laguna Woods Village' 27-hole golf course, we've embraced this program by adding a fourth set of tees, called the “Silver Tees,” on Course 3. These tees are placed further forward on the fairway, making the game more accessible for new players or those with shorter hitting distances.

An added perk of the Silver Tees is that players can still use a personal or rented electric cart while enjoying Par 3 distances.





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## RULES CORNER

### Repairing damage to the putting green on your intended line of play

In 2019, a helpful rule change was introduced that allows golfers to fix more imperfections on the green. According to Rule 13.1c, you can now repair things along your line of play like:

- Ball marks, shoe damage (like spike marks), and scrapes or dents from equipment or flagsticks
- Old hole plugs, turf seams, and damage from maintenance tools or vehicles
- Animal tracks or hoof marks
- Embedded objects like stones

However, you can't repair:

- Aeration holes, grooves from verticutting, or other routine maintenance
- Weeds, bare spots, or natural imperfections
- Wear around the hole

Maybe one day we'll even get relief from divots on the fairway!

### We occasionally receive requests

from residents to help repair or retrieve a broken-down golf cart on the course. While we want to ensure everyone enjoys their game, staff aren't allowed to assist with personal carts due to potential liability from pushing, charging or handling private property. We recommend keeping the contact information for your cart repair service handy in case something goes wrong with your personal cart. Thanks for your understanding!

**A Note From  
Tom McCray**

**When enjoying our golf courses**, here are a few simple guidelines to help keep the course in great shape and ensure smooth play:

- Check in with the course starter in person with your resident ID card at least 15 minutes before your tee time. All players in your group should be present.
- For Course 1, wait for the starter to call you to the tee. For Courses 2 and 3, head to your tee no more than 10 minutes before your start to avoid congestion.
- Stick with the group assigned by the starter and remain on the course that was booked and confirmed.
- Practicing on the course is not allowed. Play one ball per hole unless the rules require otherwise.
- Follow cart signs, stay on cart paths, and avoid roped-off or wet areas.
- Remember to repair ball marks, fill divots and rake bunkers.

Thanks for helping us to keep your course in great shape!

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COURSE CONDITION LINE 949-597-4373 FOREUP TEE TIMES [bit.ly/3MVv5Dv](https://bit.ly/3MVv5Dv)