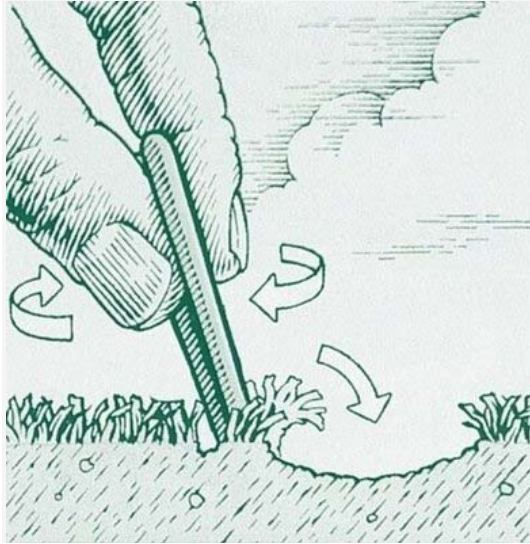


### Repairing Pitch Marks

It is unfortunate that many golfers (members included) do not repair their pitch marks. This is very evident when you count the amount of unrepaired pitch marks on our greens. One thought is that golfers riding carts usually enter the greens from either the back or sides and therefore rarely walk past where their ball had landed on the green. I am quite sure that they are not the only players not repairing. It is our responsibility to take the lead and we encourage every player to not only repair their pitch mark but fix at least one other. Here is a quick "how to" if you are not sure.



Insert your Divot tool on the outer edges of the depression.  
The next step is to push the edge of the ball mark toward the center, using your ball mark repair tool in a "gentle twisting motion," in the words of the GCSAA.

This is the step where golfers who incorrectly "repair" ball marks usually mess up. Many golfers believe the way to "fix" a ball mark is to insert the tool at an angle, so the prongs are beneath the center of the crater, and then to use the tool as a lever to push the bottom of the ball mark back up even with the surface. *Do not do this!* Pushing the bottom of the depression upward only tears the roots, and kills the grass.

Finally you will need to use the bottom of your putter to tap down and level the ground you have raised.