



TOMGC Rules and Greens

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Just a small reminder to please help the club, and the course, by doing your best to assist with pace of play during Wednesday and Saturday rounds. Remember that your basic obligation is to keep up with the group in front of you. Play ready golf and be prepared when you reach your ball to make your next shot with reasonable prudence. Check your yardage as you approach your ball so that club selection is quick and deliberate. When you are on the green, putt out whenever possible on your turn. Write down scores at the next tee box, not while parked next to the hole just completed. A little efficiency goes a long way. Thank you.

Last month's newsletter did not contain a lot of substance with regards to any particular or specific rule, as Josh Senter was quick to point out, but was more to the point of when you should be expecting some long overdue changes to the current rules. To that end, just recently, I was advised by a player that it was now ok to repair spike marks on the green, because he was pretty sure he had heard them say this was ok on the PGA tour. I'm sorry to say that this is just not so. While this is one of the rule changes expected next year, it is not yet in affect. As such, please refer to Rule 16 for what is acceptable practice on the putting green. You can of course repair a ball mark in your line of putt, and in fact, it is a good practice, while on the green, to repair your ball mark and at least one other; without holding up play of course. You can tap down and/or repair old hole plugs, but any other damage to the green is not to be repaired if it might assist the player in his/her subsequent play of the hole. You may remove loose impediments from your line of putt by any method, provided that you do not press anything down. You may not test the surface of the green by rolling a ball or roughing or scraping the surface of the green. Stay tuned for new rules updates. Good day, and good golf.