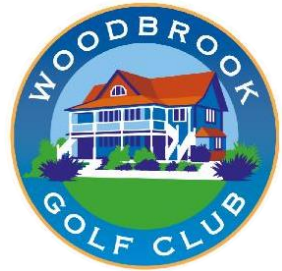


# Course Update (February 2017)



## Fairways & Tees

- We will be returning to fairways from **1<sup>st</sup> March 2017**.
- From this date, **lift, clean and place** will apply to all areas until further notice.
- We will move off winter tees and back to white and red tees from **1<sup>st</sup> March 2017**.
- At the moment we are using a **shockwave deep tine aerator** on the fairways. This is a technique used to relieve compaction and aid drainage.
- Our shockwave programme is due to finish on **28<sup>th</sup> Feb**.

## Greens

- We had some significant scarring on our greens in recent times as a result of **Fusarium**.
- This is currently being managed by our Course Superintendent with a preventative solution mixed with a fungicide which will kill off the disease.
- We expect scarring to disappear as the growing season kicks in.

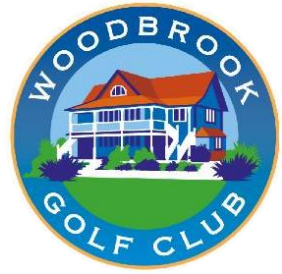
## Bunkers

- During the month of March we will be topping up sand in bunkers throughout the course.
- Bunker filling in March will allow sand to settle in advance of the playing season.

## General Housekeeping

- Rakes and bins have been purchased and will be shortly set out around the course.
- Seed will be added to divot fill bags at the end of March and in advance of the growing season.
- Please continue to carry sand bags with you each and every time you play.
- There are certain areas that **need additional protection** from traffic, the 1<sup>st</sup> tee being a prime example and from time to time the approaches to certain greens and tee boxes.
- The **'hoops' and white lines** are put out to direct and/or redirect traffic. **Please observe!!**

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## Trees

- A tree at the front of the 18th Green has unfortunately fallen due to weather and rot.
- The Course Committee has decided in the interests of health and safety to remove this tree from the fairway.

## STRI Presentation

- We had a hugely successful and informative night on 9<sup>th</sup> Feb when **Conor Nolan**, our Consultant Agronomist provided members with an insightful look at the management and maintenance programme for WGC.
- We hope to have relevant presentation materials available on our website soon.

## Machinery

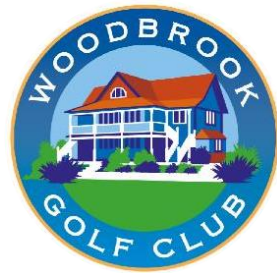
- We hope to bring a proposal to Management Council shortly for the purchase of a new Fairway Mower.



Tree Condition  
18<sup>th</sup> Hole



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## Pitchmark Repairs

- The average number of ball marks made on greens per round is **8** per golfer.
- There are on average **100** rounds of golf played in Woodbrook every day.
- That is **800** impressions **daily**, or **24,000** per **month**, or **288,000** per **year**



Are you wondering how to make a putt under these condition??!!

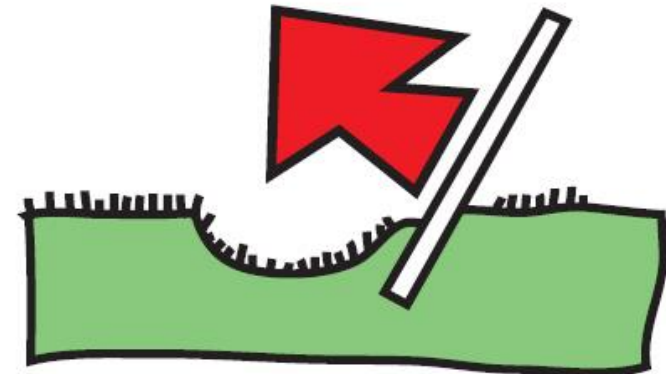
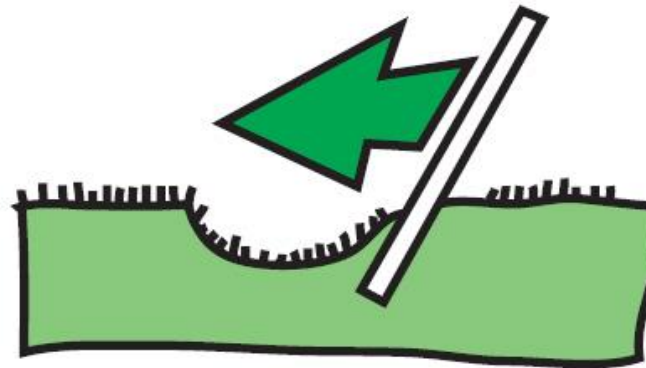
Repair your pitchmarks

Pushing the bottom of the depression upward only tears the roots, and kills the grass.

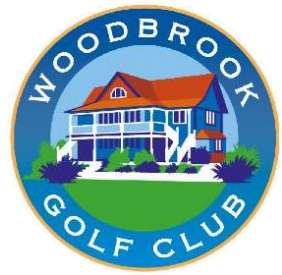
**Right:** Using the prongs to push grass at the edge of the depression toward the centre



**Wrong:** Using the prongs as levers to push up the bottom of the depression



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## And Finally!! Three Simple Rules

1

Treat the golf course with **respect**

*A golf course is a living, breathing thing and if you treat the course kindly, it will be kind to you!*

*Repair your ball marks on the putting surfaces, smooth and rake your footprints from the sand bunkers, and fill/replace your divots.*

2

Observe and follow posted **rules and guidelines**

*Check the board and with the Caddymaster*

3

Understand that if **stakes and ropes** are present, they are there to prevent you from potentially damaging a sensitive area.

*Vary your normal route and go around stakes and ropes, do not step over or on them.*