

Golf Course Etiquette

(1) You need permission from the Golf Shop to start on #10.

My rule of thumb is not to let someone start on #10 if there is a group anywhere on #9, including just starting to tee off.

(2) The proper turn time (going from #9 green to #10 tee) is 5 minutes.

This means after completing the front nine you should not take any longer than 5 minutes to get drinks and food at the turn. If you decide to stop and eat longer than this, then you lose your position and priority to go back out and tee off of #10.

(3) Please be careful with the flagsticks, they have laser reflectors on top of them.

Try to place them more carefully on the ground to prevent them from breaking off. We have had two broken in recent weeks.

(4) Please fill divots on the fairways and tee boxes with sand and fix more than one ball mark on the greens.

Those of you that ride in golf carts have two sand bottles on the cart that should be used and refilled at least twice during the round. Also, those of you with walking carts should have a sand bottle by now, if you don't, please come purchase one in the golf shop and we'll put it on for you (they are \$5). As it gets busier there is more of a wait time between shots so why not occupy your mind by doing some work and repairing divots. I've seen you standing there with your hands on your hips and staring down the group in front of you thinking "What's going on with these guys? What's the pro's number?" Fill in some divots, relax your mind while having to wait and you'll probably play better. Ha!

(5) Rake the bunkers!!

I've gotten a chance to play recently and the bunkers are a great asset to the Club now. Great job Mickey Hughes and the Maintenance Crew!! However, I've noticed that they are not getting raked properly, if at all, by our golfers. I know there is only one rake on some of them and it could be clear around the other side, and you're thinking, "Whew! That's a long walk! I'll just let someone else worry about getting this raked." What if you are playing behind this person and you end up his or her footprints or where they played from. How would this affect you and the enjoyment of your round? Please take a little more time to search out the rake and use it properly. Don't just throw the rake at the sand and give it a couple of pulls and go "O.K. all done!". We are working on getting more rakes for the bunkers.

(6) Be aware of your pace of play and of other groups around and behind you. Also, try to pair up with another single or twosome on the course, especially if it is a packed day.

Are there are holes open in front of you that weren't there when you started? If so, please let the group behind you play through that is obviously playing faster than your group and try to speed up yourself.

Golf is a social game and offers a great opportunity to meet new people. Embrace this and you might just find a new golf partner and friend for life. Some people let their insecurity with their golf game keep them from doing this. It doesn't matter how good someone is, they had to start from scratch and have experienced the same struggles that you may be going through in trying to learn this very difficult game. This game is very humbling and can make even the best golfers look foolish at times.

(7) Lastly, relax and try to enjoy your round and remember that everyone else has come out to try to do the same thing.