

## **Upholding the Legacy: The Imperative of Golf Course Etiquette at Spring Lake Country Club**

Dear Members,

At Spring Lake Country Club, our collective dedication to preserving the pristine condition of our golf course not only reflects our respect for the game but also ensures an exceptional playing experience for every member following in our footsteps. Taking personal responsibility for the care of the course—by conscientiously replacing divots, raking bunkers and repairing ball marks—this is a testament to the high standards and mutual respect that define Spring Lake Country Club. This not only helps maintain the beauty and integrity of our beloved course but also exemplifies the core values of stewardship and pride that each member brings to our club. Through such acts of consideration and care, we safeguard the quality and enjoyment of our golfing experience for all members, now and in the rounds to come.

### **The Impact of Neglect: A Visual Reminder**

Recently, an eye-opening photo captured on our course illustrated neglecting basic golf etiquette. The image showed a spot where an individual had taken five shots, leaving behind a series of divots without attempting to replace them. This serves as a stark reminder of the lasting impact our actions can have on the course.



These divots will not regenerate without proper care and attention.

### **Why Fixing Divots, Raking Bunkers and repairing Ball Marks Matter**

Replacing divots, raking bunkers and fixing ball marks are not just acts of courtesy; they are essential practices that maintain the health and playability of our greens, fairways and bunkers. Unrepaired divots can lead to soil erosion, unsightly patches, and potential hazards for other players. Similarly, unfixed ball marks on the green can cause the grass to die, leading to bumpy, uneven surfaces that detract from everyone's playing experience.

### **The Ripple Effect of Good Etiquette**

Conversely, when we take the time to repair our marks, rake our bunkers and replace our divots, we contribute to a cycle of care that elevates the entire golfing experience. It ensures that the course remains in optimal condition, reducing the need for extensive maintenance and preserving the natural beauty of our surroundings. Moreover, it reflects our collective commitment to excellence and respect for the game and our fellow members.

### **A Call to Action**

We commend the vast majority of our members who consistently demonstrate exemplary golf course etiquette. Your efforts do not go unnoticed and set a powerful example for all who enjoy our club's facilities. Let us all commit to being diligent stewards of our golf course, taking pride in our actions, and encouraging others to do the same. Together, we can ensure that Spring Lake Country Club remains a symbol of quality and sportsmanship, where the spirit of the game thrives in harmony with its natural setting.

As we move forward, let's each pledge to leave the course better than we found it, ensuring a legacy of excellence and respect for all who follow in our footsteps.

With appreciation and respect,

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