

# YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES AS A GOLFER

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Many golfers are unaware of the problems of a Golf Committee in maintaining a fine golf course. Thoughtlessness and neglect can lead to destruction on the course which is costly to repair and takes time to heal.

A fine course, such as Seattle Golf Club, requires more attention and care than many courses and this care must come not only from the Golf Committee and its staff but from the members and their guests.

## GENERAL

1. Respect your golf course and your fellow members. Treat your course as though it were your own home or your own yard. It is your course and your club—it can only be kept in good condition with your help. Refrain from throwing papers, debris, etc., around—there are receptacles at each tee for this purpose.

Read and understand the Rules and courtesies of golf. This is a must.

2. It is the responsibility of each player to give constructive criticism to the caddies. The Caddie Committee attempts to do this but the aid of each player is needed. We have many young and inexperienced caddies who need continuous instruction. The boys want to do a good job and will do so with your help. You want their respect and they deserve yours. Know your caddie. Ask his first name and use it. Most of these youngsters are from neighboring families. Watch your language and treat them as though they were your sons.

3. Be thoughtful and considerate of both your course and other players.

### 1. On The Tee

a. The teeing surface is all ground between the markers and two club lengths behind them. Do not tee up outside this area. The greenkeeper moves the markers constantly in order to preserve the tees.

b. REPLACE ALL DIVOTS or see that your caddie does so.

### 2. Through The Fairway And Rough

a. Be careful not to hit into players ahead of you. If you have a blind shot, send your caddie ahead first.

b. Do not take excessive practice swings—this is of doubtful value to your game, slows down play and cuts up the course.

c. Be ready to play when it is your turn. This will help speed up play.

d. REPLACE ALL DIVOTS even in the rough.

e. Courtesy REQUIRES that all matches be permitted to “go through” when there is a full fairway open ahead.

### 3. In Traps

a. Do not walk up or down the front of any steep sand banks in traps. Always walk out the rear or where walkway has been provided.

b. Walk as lightly as possible and as flatfooted as possible in order to eliminate heel and toe marks.

c. Upon leaving a trap repair all footprint holes and holes.

d. Do not walk through a trap unless you must do so in order to play your shot. Never let your caddie walk into or through a trap.

e. Rakes must be placed inside of traps.

### 4. On The Green

a. Always repair ball marks. This makes better playing conditions and helps maintain our greens.

b. Do not stand or walk close to the cup nor let your caddie do so when holding the flag. This produces a slight depression in the putting surface and causes putts to go off line near the cup.

c. When aligning your putt, do not squat down with all your weight on your toes. This produces a deep depression and destroys the true putting surface.

d. Be ready to putt when it is your turn. Much time is wasted in aimless walking around.

e. When lifting a ball from the green to clear the line of play, use a coin to mark the location. Scoring the green with a tee is injurious to the putting surface.