

MGA News Letter, May, 2011

TOURNAMENT NEWS

The 2011 Sweet Lou Classic, a stroke play event was held March 19. Those placing were:

		<u>Gross</u>	<u>Net</u>
1 <sup>st</sup> Place:	A Flight	Karl Fanning	Brent Kashwer
	B Flight	Gregg Sicka	Thomas Chavez
	Sr. Flight	Del Wilson	Alan Hulsey
2nd Place:	A Flight	Craig Cosgrove	Chance Fitzgerald
	B Flight	Scott Crane	Rick Noules
	Sr. Flight	Gary Rosser (t) Benny Crowder (t)	Herb Bowman

The 2011 4-Ball Match Play Qualifier was held April 17. Those placing were:

		<u>Gross</u>	<u>Net</u>
1 <sup>st</sup> Place:	A Flight	Derek Ellis Don Wells, Jr.	Benny Crowder Ernie Anderson
	B Flight	Gary Rosser Frank Edmundson	James Howard Jerry Mabry
2nd Place:	A Flight	Steve Pennington Ty Sanders(t) Karl Fanning(t) Jon Paine	Steve Allen Gregg Sicka
	B Flight	Terry Meacham Vic Sylvester	Herb Bowman Mickey Bowman

MGA NEWS AND VIEWS

By Jim Chittenden

In this spring of 2011 Forest Ridge is looking great! The bermuda fairways are filling in and the new greens are hard and putt true. To a great extent, it is up to us as players to help maintain these conditions. In the fairways, replace your divots and put sand in those that leave a depression. The bermuda will fill in the holes in a short period of time. On the greens, repair your ball marks. I have

seen people religiously repairing their ball marks, but in the wrong way! Here is the proper way to repair a ball mark.

First, discard any loose sod that may have been dislodged. It will not re-grow and will leave a dead spot in the center of the crater. A tee may be used to repair the ball mark, but a ball mark repair tool is best. Starting about  $\frac{1}{4}$  from the edge at the high side of the crater, insert the repair tool at a  $45^\circ$  angle. Then gently press in toward the center while giving the tool a slight (less than  $\frac{1}{4}$  turn) twist. Repeat this motion around the crater three or four times, making sure to avoid tearing the grass roots as you move around the edge. The action is similar to pinching your fingers together to close the hole. Once this is done, tap your completed repair with your putter to make the surface level. Properly done, the ball mark will be virtually invisible.

Have a great summer of golf.