According to the National Golf Foundation, one in four golfers is a woman and 41% of all new golfers are women. According to the newest research the average woman drives the ball 130 yards.

USGA information indicates that the average course length for women is 5600 yards and for men 6400 yards.

This same research shows that low handicap women hit the ball 65% as far as the men do and the average woman hits the ball 75% as far as men do. Using these statistics, it would indicate that the low handicap woman golfer would be most comfortable playing a course that is approximately 3,440 yards long and the average woman golfer would find golf most pleasurable on a course that is 4,800 yards. Today's average course length of 5,400 yards is too long for a number of those lengths.

Today's, ladies, watered courses have reduced the roll of the ball, which was expected when the holes were designed. On fairways treated 35% roll was expected and designed into the hole.

The course, but so that they provide the best placement to maintain interest and playability for the golfers using these tee locations.

6 By making the holes more playable for a variety of players, it is entirely possible that the course will play faster. If even six holes decrease by one shot, and it takes one minute a shot, a foursome will reduce playing time by 24 minutes.

6 Forward tees make it possible to reduce the amount of fairway mowing and sprawling by reducing the distance between the 150-yard and 200-yard mark on the front of the tee. This savings can be utilized to provide for the creation of the new forward tees.

This illustration shows how the woman player could make a 150-yard drive in regulation using additional golf clubs when using forward tees.

THROUGH THE TWO TEE SYSTEM IS GAINING MOMENTUM

1 There is now a greater diversity among women players. The type of player has changed and more women with less previous experience are playing. Because of this disparity, two tees should be created to accommodate the various types of women players. The longer yardage tee should provide for a course acreage from 4500 to 5500, while the shorter yardage forward tee should be provided for a course that measures from 4600 to 5400 yards.

2 Women are not the only consideration. The use of the golf cart has prolonged the playing activity of elderly players. They too would be able to use the forward tees to have a challenging, yet playable course that would accommodate their different in strength. Courses have extended holes for stronger players, but have neglected shortening holes for those with less strength.

3 Junior golf programs are not limited to the teen players, who have burgeoning strength and need to sharpen their accuracy skills. Instead, junior golfers are learning the game at younger and younger ages. By offering them a shorter distance forward tee placement, these young junior golfers will find golf more enjoyable, and will be more likely to continue to find golf both rewarding and interesting throughout their lives.

4 The new forward tee system would return playability of the course to the original intent of the design. These watered fairways. The new forward tee should be placed so that they not only cut the yardage

The following breakdown represents the average cost of creating a new 600-square-foot forward tee:

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<th>Item Description</th>
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<td>40 yards good sand or topsoil ($12/yard)</td>
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1 In weekday golf they (courses) need to support golf clubs, Dye said. "Before the high cost of maintenance and of running a club, they didn't need the number of players to come out and play Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday." She said that while women "weren't exactly welcome (in the past) at clubs, they're welcome now for an economic reason."