

KEEPING GOLF COURSE LENGTH CONSISTENT

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A committee from the Northern California Golf Association is continually rating golf courses so handicaps will be equitable throughout Northern California. The ratings are based on yardage, wind conditions, hazards and other physical conditions which effect the playability of holes on the course. The most important consideration is yardage. Before the rating teams play the course it is measured from tee to the center of the green and permanent markers are placed on the tee from the spot from which the measurement is made. For regular play it is important to place tee markers and locate pin placement so as to maintain the yardage of each hole as close as possible as it was when it was rated.

This can be accomplished by developing a system for the person who set the cups and places the tee markers. A simple system can be as follows:

Set up three cards and alternate setting each time tees and greens are changed.

# 1			# 2			# 3		
Hole	Tee	Green	Hole	Tee	Green	Hole	Tee	Green
#1	Front	Back	#1	Center	Center	#1	Back	Front
2	Center	Center	2	Back	Front	2	Front	Back
3	Back	Front	3	Front	Back	3	Center	Center
4	Front	Back	4	Center	Center	4	Back	Front
5	Center	Center	5	Back	Front	5	Front	Back
6	Back	Front	6	Front	Back	6	Center	Center

Continue on for the entire 18

You as the golf course superintendent play a vital role in helping your golfers maintain handicaps that will allow him to compete equitably on any course rated by the United States Golf Association regulations.

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Rhizome -- An underground, rootlike stem; underground creeping stem; a rootstock.

Stolons - Creeping, trailing or reclining stems or runners above ground which may produce roots or new stems and become independent plants.