



## Travels With Terry

Globetrotting consulting agronomist Terry Buchen visits many golf courses annually with his digital camera in hand. He will share helpful ideas relating to maintenance equipment from the golf course superintendents he visits – as well as a few ideas of his own – with timely photos and captions that explore the changing world of golf course management.

## GOLFERS OBLIGATIONS

Samuel Clayton, general manager, and Hung Ji, golf course manager, at Discovery Bay Golf Club in Hong Kong, were frustrated with the large amount of ball marks on the greens and unrepaired fairway divots. Clayton decided to place large signs adjacent to the reception area and the main travel routes members take through the clubhouse in route to the course. At first, Clayton was worried the signs' harsh wording – a product of his native-Australian characteristic of being too straight forward – would offend, so he toned it down a bit. Regardless, the signs have been quite effective. Many members commented on the signs and said the idea was a great initiative. "Some members obviously have taken offense to the suggestion that they should be repairing pitch marks, which sadly the club will never win the battle with that attitude," Clayton says. "We have seen some improvement, however, it is more of a point that the club cannot be criticized for not trying." The cost for each roll-up stand in Hong Kong is about \$300. **GCI**



### Pitch Mark

Thank you for 5 seconds of your time!

By simply repairing the pitch mark in the correct way the recovery is immediate!



### Simply Lazy!

DO NOT use a club to repair the pitch mark! Use the pitch repair tools that we supply free of charge and bend your knees!



### Simply Disgraceful!

Don't walk away from your obligation!



### Pitch Marks!

The best greens in Hong Kong?

Repair your pitch marks and DBGC greens will be the best in Asia!

Did that putt for a par go off line and miss the hole after hitting an old pitch mark? If you don't repair your pitch marks the actual time to recover is 21 days!



3 days after a pitch mark not repaired



8 days after a pitch mark not being repaired



14 days after a pitch mark not being repaired



18 days after a pitch mark not being repaired

Shame on you!

### Can you see the group in front?



No?

Do not judge your pace on the group behind, look to the group in front and keep up.



### Slow Play

- ☞ Maintain your pace of play with the club's guidelines of 4hrs and 15 minutes for 18 holes.
- ☞ Monitor the pace of play time cards in golf carts.
- ☞ Slow play offenders who are officially warned by the club with 3 subsequent warnings in the time frame of 12 months will be banned from playing or reserving tee times for a period of ONE CALENDAR MONTH. During this period, the Member will not be permitted to enter a Club competition.