



Tee Divots

Two hundred players... each swinging 75 times and making 30 putts... results in approximately one half acre, 19,000 square feet of turf in the form of divots flying thru the air per week. Excellent proof of these figures can be had by observing tee areas after heavy weekend play.

USGA recommends a minimum of 100 square feet of usable tee space per 1,000 rounds of golf per year on a par 4 or 5 hole — 200 square feet on a par 3 hole.

Compaction

If 200 people play a course every week day, the golf greens would receive some 36,000 pounds of foot pounding; double the weight on Saturday and Sunday would provide the equivalent of 36 tons of weight on each green. These same people provide double the compaction on each tee if we are to assume the tee is only ½ the size of the green.

A more accurate analysis would show that compaction becomes considerably worse on our greens and tees when we guide our traffic pattern to specific areas such as the cup on the green and a set of markers on the tee.

July Mid-Atlantic Picnic

Our annual family outing held at Maryland's Eastern Shore at Nassawango Country Club, featured their famous delicacy, hard shell crabs. Ben Stagg, our host, and Lou White, with the assistance of the Eastern Shore wives organized a successful day of food and entertainment.

Most of the children were well amused with the swimming and hayrides while the adults were well occupied eating crabs. The feature attraction was John Gross with his "picking hands" for he cleaned crabs so fast we hardly had time to eat them. The word of John's talent spread quickly and the seats at his table were filled with hungry crab eaters. Next year we will auction John's "picking hands" off to the highest bidder. When it came time to clean the tables, John had the biggest mess, but we all agreed Paul Barefoot ate the most.

After our appetizer of hard shelled crabs, we were served a delicious dinner featuring barbequed spare ribs. Needless to say, everybody ended up with sticky fingers, but it sure was delicious.

This year our picnic had a surprise guest, George Gumm and his family from Indiana. George resided in Ocean City several years ago and was commander of the golf course at Ocean City Golf and Yacht Club. George played golf that day with Brian Finger, in fact they were the only two who played; not everybody will play golf when it is 90 degrees, especially when there is an alternative of a swimming pool or cold beer.

We want to thank our hosts for their efforts in planning and carrying out such an enjoyable outing.

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