

Do you know the rule.....

.....fixing ball marks on the green

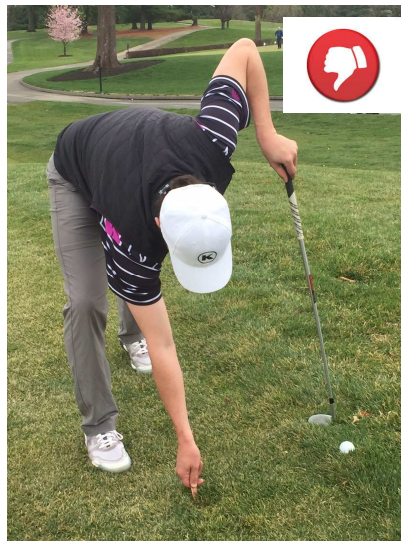
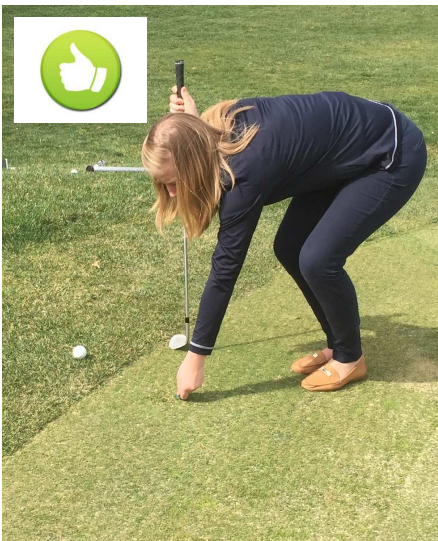
When Sally met Harry back in 1989 they decided to foster their relationship with a two-dollar Nassau out at Los Angeles Country Club.

On the 480-yard Par Five 8th hole Harry's third shot came to rest on the green five feet from the cup. Harry fixes a ball mark in his line. Sally is just off the green and as she prepares to hit her pitch from the second cut she notices a ball mark on the putting surface in her line. She walks over and fixes the mark before playing.

After she plays her shot, Harry, being the kind of guy that he is, calls a penalty on her for fixing a ball mark when her play was from off the green.

Is this relationship doomed?

Probably yes because Harry is an overly competitive sod and he is out of line on this one. Rule 16 says a player may repair a ball mark on the putting green whether or not the player's ball lies on the green so she is not assessed a penalty for this action.



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Note: Had Sally repaired a ball mark or divot located off the green that was in her line she would have incurred a 2-stroke penalty, or loss of hole in match play, for eliminating an irregularity of surface under Rule 13.