

## *Do you know the rule.....*

### *.....when you may not fix a ball mark*

Donald and Hillary are playing a little challenge match after the Republican Convention to feel each other out. They are all square on the 18<sup>th</sup> hole.

With Hillary already on the green in two about 8 feet in front of the hole, Donald hits a vicious spinning sand wedge onto the green leaving a huge pitch mark next to Hillary's line.

As The Donald bends to fix his ball mark, Hillary chides him not to repair it because his ball mark is so situated that Hillary's putt might hit the ball mark and be deflected into the hole for a birdie.



Donald ignores Hillary's request and repairs his ball mark.



Did The Donald have the right to repair his ball mark?

Not really, since he was requested not to fix it by his opponent.

Donald sustained the "loss of hole" penalty in match play since he intentionally denied Hillary the right to have the ball mark left in position.

Although Donald is permitted to repair his ball mark under Rule 16-1c, he must comply with Hillary's request not to repair the ball mark. You will find this ruling in USGA Decision 16-1c/2.

*THE KEEPERS*



(You can find further information on Rule 16-1 in the USGA Rules Handbook)