



# The Divot March 2017

## The Official News Letter of the Sunflower Hills Patrons Club

Although Mother Nature has kept this winter relatively dry she has kept the temperatures on a roller-coaster ride! With the 2017 golf season almost upon us she will hopefully be kinder for the rest of the spring season! The Sunflower Hills Staff would like to extend our thanks to all patron members for their support of the golf course. Without our members' support, positive comments and ideas, our jobs just would not be the same. Sunflower Hills continues to strive to bring our patrons a great golf facility with outstanding service at the best value.

### Tournament Calendar

During the next few weeks Sunflower Hills has a busy tournament calendar. Please take the time to go over the following dates that the course will be closed.

Wednesday March 8th ----- Course closed until 1:00pm  
Wednesday March 15th ----- Course closed until 1:00pm  
Wednesday March 22nd----- Course closed until 1:00pm  
Wednesday March 29th ----- Course closed until 1:00pm  
Wednesday April 5th ----- Course closed until 1:00pm  
Wednesday April 12th ----- Course closed until 6:00pm  
Wednesday April 19th ----- Course closed until 1:00pm  
Wednesday April 26th ----- Course closed until 1:00pm

It is always a good idea to call ahead and reserve a time whenever possible. Weekday tee times may be made up to ten days in advance. Holiday tee times can also be made ten days in advance. The privilege of having an opportunity to make reservations for weekends and holidays does not guarantee that the time requested will be available.

We would also like to remind all of our members to make a special effort this time of year to repair their own ball mark and one other on every green. A fresh ball mark on the green will heal within 24 hours if repaired immediately. A ball mark left unrepaired for 24 hours will take 2 weeks to heal. In addition, please replace your divots in the fairway and rake any bunkers that you might have been in. The small amount of time that a player invests in these things not only makes the course look better but will also make everyone's game more enjoyable.

### 2017 Ghin Handicaps

For those patrons who have not yet purchased their 2017 patron card, remember that due to the billing practices of the KCGA, if you had not purchased your 2017 membership by February 1, 2017 we were forced to drop you from the handicap roster. Never fear, none of your handicap information was lost and your scores and Ghin

number can be reinstated as soon as you purchase your 2017 membership.



### Value Added To Your Membership!

Sunflower Hills has become a participating member of the Sunflower Golf Trail. Membership in the Sunflower Golf Trail is

free to all MEMBERS of participating golf courses. Every participating course offers a daily \$25 fee for **VISITING MEMBERS** that includes green fees and a golf cart. If Sunflower is closed for a tournament or you are just traveling across Kansas, check out one of participating Sunflower Golf Trail Courses: (Call ahead for tee times)

Carey Park in Hutchinson  
Cherry Oaks in Cheney  
Emporia Municipal in Emporia  
The Fort in Hays  
Hesston Golf Park in Hesston  
Hidden Lakes Golf Course in Derby  
Mariah Hills in Dodge City  
Prairie Trails in El Dorado  
Quail Ridge in Winfield  
Rolling Meadows in Junction City  
Salina Municipal in Salina  
Stagg Hill in Manhattan  
Sunflower Hills in Bonner Springs  
Turkey Creek in McPherson  
Wellington Golf Club in Wellington

### Thursday Ladies Golf League

Did you know that Sunflower Hills has a Thursday morning Ladies League? Let your wife, sister, cousin, mother, daughter and/or your friend know this too. Our Ladies League officially starts in May and goes through October and we play 18 holes every Thursday morning. For more information please contact Pat Seber-Bradley psbradley@att.net. We look forward to having you join us.

### Junior Golf Volunteers Needed!!!!

We need Junior golf volunteers to assist with various Junior classes and leagues. If you are interested please contact Jeff Johnson for more information.



## Upcoming Patron Tournaments:



### Marlowe's Mudders Tournament

**Saturday March 11th**

Entry fee for this event is \$20.00.

**This Event Will Be Played Regardless Of The Weather! If You Sign Up You Must Show Up!** Tee times will be assigned for this event; any Sunflower Patron that wishes to participate must sign up no later than

Wednesday March 8th.

### Masters Pro-Am

**Saturday April 8th**

Entry fee for this event is \$25.00. Entry includes prizes and dinner with beverages following your round. This event is a two-man total score. Your score less handicap, plus the Saturday score of a professional competing in the Masters (you will draw your partner's name out of a hat). All tee times until 11:00am will be reserved for tournament players only! Tee times will be assigned for this event; any Sunflower Patron that wishes to participate must sign up no later than Wednesday, April 5th.

### Masters Pro-Am

**Sunday April 9th**

Entry fee for this event is \$20.00. Entry fee includes prizes and dinner with beverages following your round. This event is a two-man total score. Your score less handicap, plus the Sunday score of a professional competing in the Masters (you will draw your partner's name out of a hat). All tee times until 11:00am will be reserved for tournament players only! Tee times will be assigned for this event; any Sunflower Patron that wishes to participate must sign up no later than Wednesday, April 5th. Players competing in both Saturday's and Sunday's events will be eligible for a two-day event.

## If you're not playing by the Rules... You're not playing Golf!

### Rule 25 Abnormal Ground Conditions

#### Definitions:

An "**abnormal ground condition**" is any **casual water, ground under repair or hole**, cast or runway on the course made by a **burrowing animal**. "**Ground under repair**" is any part of the course so marked by order of the **Committee** or so declared by its authorized representative. It includes material piled for removal and a hole made by a greenkeeper, even if not so marked. All ground and any grass, bush, tree or other growing thing

within the ground under repair is part of the ground under repair. The margin of ground under repair extends vertically and downwards, but not upwards. Stakes and lines defining ground **under repair** are in such ground. Such stakes are **obstructions**.

A ball is in **ground under repair** when it lies in or any part of it touches the **ground under repair**.

**Note:** The **Committee** may make a local Rule prohibiting play from **ground under repair** on an environmentally-sensitive area which has been defined as **ground under repair**. The nearest point of relief is the reference point for taking relief without penalty from interference by an **immovable obstruction** (Rule 24-2), an **abnormal ground condition** (Rule 25-1) or a **wrong putting green** (Rule 25-3). It is the point on the course, nearest to where the ball lies, which is not nearer the hole and at which, if the ball were so positioned, no interference (as defined) would exist.

### Rule 25-1: Abnormal Ground Condition

#### a) Interference

Interference by an **abnormal ground condition** occurs when a ball lies in or touches the condition or when such a condition interferes with the player's stance or the area of his intended swing. If the player's ball lies on the **putting green**, interference also occurs if such condition on the **putting green** intervenes on this line of putt. Otherwise, intervention on his line of play is not of itself interference under this rule.

#### b) Relief

Except when the ball is in a **Water hazard** or a **lateral water hazard**, a player may obtain relief from interference by an **abnormal ground condition** as follows:

- i) Through the Green. If the ball lies through the green, the nearest point of relief shall be determined which is not in a hazard or on a putting green. The player shall lift the ball and drop in without penalty within one club-length of and not nearer the hole than the nearest point of relief, on a part of the course which avoids interference (as defined) by the condition and is not in a **hazard** or on a **putting green**.
- ii) In a Bunker. See Rule Book
- iii) On The Putting Green. See Rule Book

The ball may be cleaned when lifted under Rule 25-1b

#### c) Ball Lost

It is a question of fact whether a ball lost after having been struck toward an **abnormal ground condition** is lost in such condition. In order to treat the ball as lost in the **abnormal ground condition**, there must be reasonable evidence to that effect. In the absence of such evidence, the ball must be treated as a **lost ball** and Rule 27 applies.



If the ball is lost in an **abnormal ground condition**, the spot where the ball last entered the condition shall be determined and, for the purpose of applying the Rule, the ball shall be deemed to lie at this spot. **All** areas affected by construction shall be treated as **ground under repair**.

### ***Have a Great March!***

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