

“Eye-catcher” at PGA Show –**Double Duty Divot Repair Putter** By: Sam Smith

There are two reasons that the *Double Duty Divot Repair Putter* caught my

eye at the PGA-Carolina Chapter

Merchandise Show in Myrtle Beach:

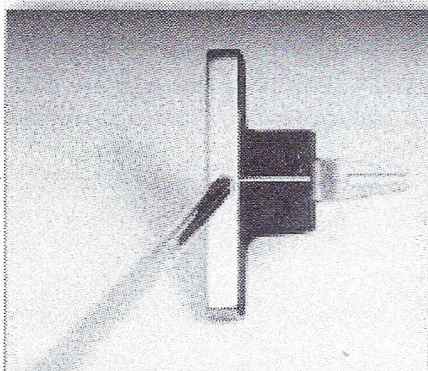
1) It takes care of an on-going problem

at golf courses – repairing ball marks;

2) It aids someone that wants to play

but is hampered with an ailment, bad

back or bad knees.



Top view of Double Duty Divot Repair Putter

Double Duty inventor, Walter Graves of Little River, SC was guided by both of the problem listed above. Graves grew up playing golf in Southern Pines with his Grandfather, a regular playing partner of the legendary Bobby Jones on his trips to the Sandhills.

Walter's grandfather, always in a shirt and tie on the course, was a stickler for the rules and etiquette of the game. Young Walter failed to repair a ball mark during one of their rounds, and Granddad took his clubs away for a week. That lesson has made Graves

more aware of the problem of un-repaired ball markers than the usual golf club inventor.

Six years ago, Walter suffered a seizure that caused server back problems that at times prevented him from bending over and fixing a ball mark. Priding himself on the practice of proper etiquette, Graves set out to design a club that would help those impaired still take of their ball marker, and as suggested one more left behind by thoughtless golfers.

Spending many sleepless night away from his wife Beth, Graves labored in his garage trying to attach a metal ball-mark repair tool to his favorite putter. Finally, after years of experimenting with wooden models, Graves came up with a proto-type model of his **Double Duty Divot Repair Putter**.

Converting his ideas from wood to metal was another challenge. The weight and balance had to be just right, after all this is a putter first. Made of 431 stainless steel, with a 72-degree shaft angle and a 3-degree face loft. The weight of the putter became a problem, but Graves meticulously hollowed out the putter to reach a comfortable 360 gram of head weight and F2 swing weight.

The USGA gave Graves a “Conforms with USGA Rules” letter in June, 2009, and the production of the **Double Duty Divot Repair Putter** was kicked into high gear by the Little River, SC based company.

Now you have a putter with a ball-mark repair tool attached, how does it work? I'm glad you asked, and so is Walter Graves.

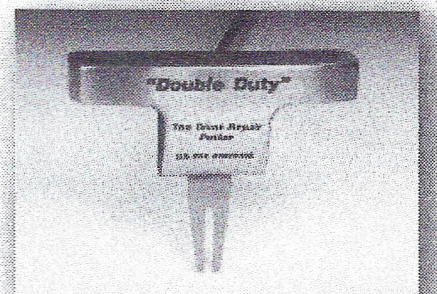
“A right handed golfer would turn the club to the right, a left handed golfer would turn the club to the left, and then on about an 80° angle pick at the ball mark. This will fluff up the

grass and dirt in the ball mark, and then you pat it down with the sole of the club. With the divot repair tool forged into the head, a small turn of the club enables anyone to repair their ball mark correctly without tearing the grass roots. With the **Double Duty Divot Repair Putter**, repairing ball marks becomes a breeze.”

The greens keepers have been most impressed with the club. They are excited that there is a club on the market that assists golfers in repairing ball marks which in turn will help them maintain the greens more efficiently. While, the PGA professionals are very impressed with the balance of the club and how true the putt is when using the **Double Duty**.

Let's no forget that is also a well balanced, comfortable weighted putter, and after a couple of putt at the PGA Show, I was convinced that this was by far the most “eye-catching” new product to hit the golf market in years.

For more information on the Double Duty Divot Repair Putter, contact Walter Graves at 843-399-4043; email: walt@DivotRepairPutter.com or log-on to their web-site: www.DivotRepairPutter.com



Double Duty Divot Repair Putter has balance and functionally