

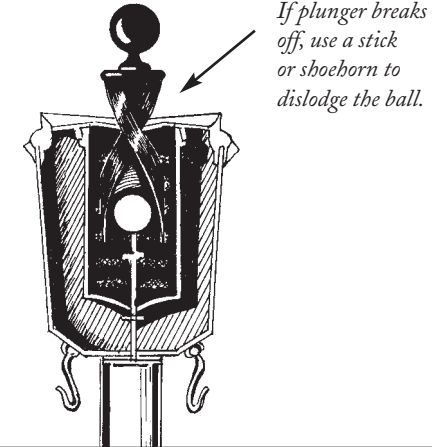
# HOW TO RETRIEVE A BALL LOST IN THE WASHER

There are two common types of ball washers. One has a vertical, central cylinder in which the ball is placed. This cylinder slides up and down on a rod surrounded by brushes and soapy water. The other common type of washer has a circular cylinder and a crank; the ball makes several rotations through brushes or a rubber squeegee and soapy water with one crank.

## VERTICAL BALL WASHER

- 1 Use a stick or shoehorn to dislodge the ball.**  
If the portion of the washer that slides up and down breaks off, the ball and cylinder may come to rest in the bottom of the bucket, out of reach of your fingers.
- 2 Attempt to scoop the ball out of the broken cylinder.**
- 3 Use a screwdriver to disassemble the washer.**  
If you are unable to pry the ball out, take apart the washer. If a screwdriver is not available, use a metal cleat tightener.

Vertical ball washer, cross section

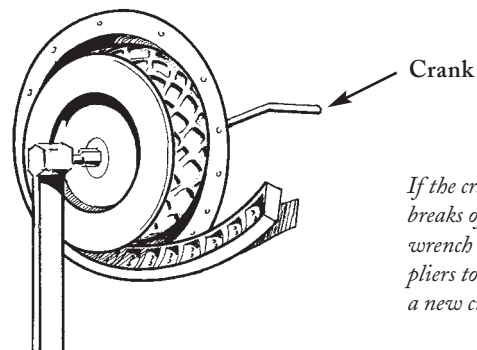


- 4 If you are unable to take apart the washer, remove the washer from its mounting.**  
The ball washer is usually attached to a post with a long screw or a cotter pin. Turn the washer upside-down.
- 5 Shake your ball out of the washer.**
- 6 Reassemble the washer.**

## CIRCULAR BALL WASHER

- 1 Make a new crank.**  
If the crank breaks off or the washer jams, use a wrench or pliers to fashion a new crank.

Circular ball washer, cross section



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### Take apart the washer.

If the improvised crank does not work, disassemble the washer (see steps 3 through 6, previous page).

### Be Aware

- Greens keepers frown upon tampering with golf equipment. It may be better to simply use a new ball.
- Golf etiquette dictates that you should not delay play. If you think it will require more than a few minutes to disassemble the ball washer, retrieve your ball, and reassemble the washer, keep moving instead.

### The Rule

No penalty is assessed for a ball lost in the washer.

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