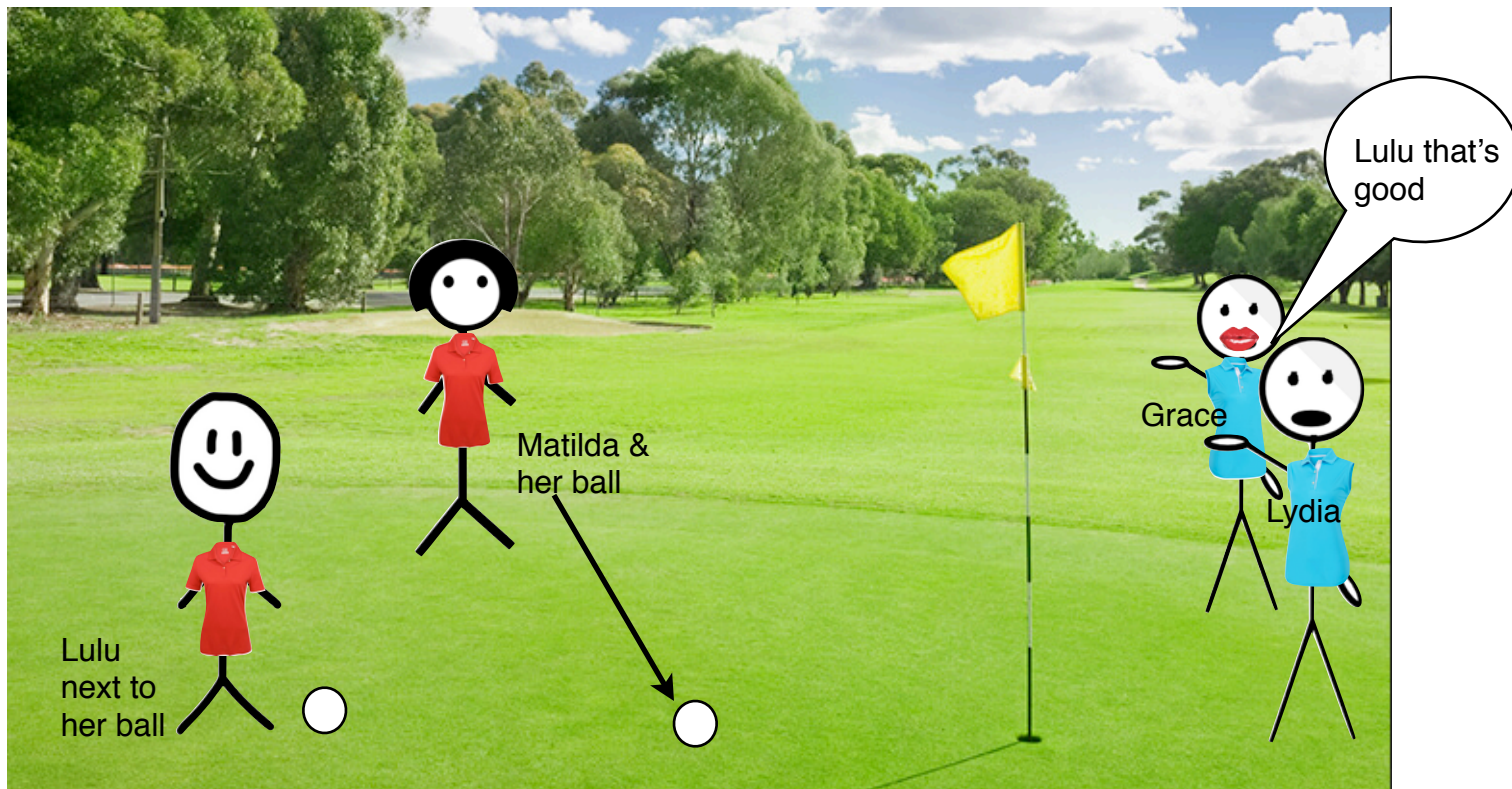


Conceded Putts

Emily Brown's Golden Rule:

"If someone concedes your putt, say thank you and pick up your damn ball"

Often that doesn't happen and there is a lot of confusion regarding this most basic of all match play situations. Using this diagram follow along below....



Lulu & Matilda are partners playing against Grace & Lydia.

The Hole is a Par 4, no one strokes.

Lydia made a 6 and Grace chipped in for a 5.

Lulu is away. (Lulu is putting for a 6. Matilda is putting for a 4.)

Grace says to Lulu - "Your putt is good" (meaning Lulu makes 6)

Lulu ignores her and 2 putts giving her a score of 7 for the hole.

At this point Matilda is now **out of the hole** no matter what she scores and the team's score for the hole is a **6**.

WHY?

Rule 23.6 Side's Order of Play - Exception Continuing Play of a Hole After Stroke Conceded in Match Play: A player **MUST NOT CONTINUE** play of a hole after the players' next stroke has been conceded **if this would help he/her partner**.

If the player does so (as Lulu did in this case above), his/her score counts for the hole stands without penalty but the partners score (Matilda) for the hole cannot count. Lulu obviously wanted to show Matilda the line.

If the player's putting DOES NOT help their partner there is no penalty. But please if someone concedes your putt, pick it up. It will help with Pace of Play.