



# SOS-- Stamp Out Slow play at Sterling!

This year the SFWGC Board of Governors is urging, encouraging, begging all members to join the effort to speed up our play on Ladies Day. We are adding our efforts to that of Paul Grillo, his staff and the SGA to focus everyone's attention on this pervasive problem at Sterling Farms GC. We are privileged to have a block of time made available to us on Tuesday mornings, and do not want to jeopardize this privilege.

**GOAL**-Our goal is to have the first half of the Ladies' Day field finish play in 4-4 ½ hours, and to have the second half of the field finish within a 5 hour time limit-hopefully less. Paul Grillo has developed a comprehensive list of "[Tips to Help Speed Up Play](#)", which will be distributed to all golfers. In addition, we are requiring that whenever possible, **continuous putting** be employed.

**RULES AND REGULATIONS**-The charter of the SGA and Sterling Farms Golf Course already includes the following rules and regulations relating to slow play and rangers:

- Players must keep pace with the group in front of them, even if nobody is behind them.
- The rangers have the authority to tell a slow group to allow the following group to play through.
- The rangers have the authority to require a group to pick up their balls and move ahead into position in the field, if other options have failed.
- The rangers this year will also have the authority to remove players from the course after two attempts to speed up their play have failed.
- Players must accept warnings pertaining to Rules/slow play violations by all Sterling Farms employees (especially rangers) **WITHOUT CHALLENGE. No verbal abuse will be tolerated. Players who are abusive or refuse to obey a ranger will be suspended for a period of time to be determined by the Executive Director.**
- **Rules violators will be given a warning notice for the first offense. Subsequent violations will result in suspensions ranging from 15 days to the entire season. The Executive Director, Superintendent and SGA members may give immediate suspensions to violators without notice.**

The policy of the Board of the SFWGC is to fully support the staff of Sterling Farms, and to enforce the Rules and Regulations as outlined above. If we all do our part, we can make our Ladies Day a truly enjoyable experience for all.