

THREE SHORT thoughts

“The yips are that ghastly time when, with the first movement of the putter, the golfer blacks out, loses sight of the ball and hasn’t the remotest idea of what to do with the putter or, occasionally, that he is holding a putter at all.” – TOMMY ARMOUR

PGA professional Paul Marks demonstrates three tips to take care of your putting woes.



TRUST THE LINE

For a breaking putt, line up and aim your putter and your eyes at the line, not the hole. The key here is to just trust the line. This applies to a right-to-left or left-to-right putt. In this illustration the line is aimed at the tee and therefore the focus is on the tee not the hole.



CLOSING THE PUTTERFACE

A common error when hitting a breaking putt is to close the putterface on impact. To correct this, make sure you follow through towards the line with the putterface square to the line. If you find yourself pulling putts, nine times out of 10 your putterface is closing.



STROKE AND HOLD

Ensure that you hold your stroke for the flashing cameras, especially for short putts. Not only should you hold the stroke, but try holding your head still for a few seconds after the putt. Try to get into a routine of holding the putting stroke and your head still for a few seconds after the ball has stopped rolling, even if you miss the putt. ●



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