



MAKE THE PUTT

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CUT YOUR CUT STROKE

This easy drill gets your putts rolling on line every time

THIS STORY IS FOR YOU IF...

1. YOU TEND TO SLICE YOUR PUTTS.
2. YOU CAN'T GET THE BALL ROLLING ON YOUR INTENDED LINE.

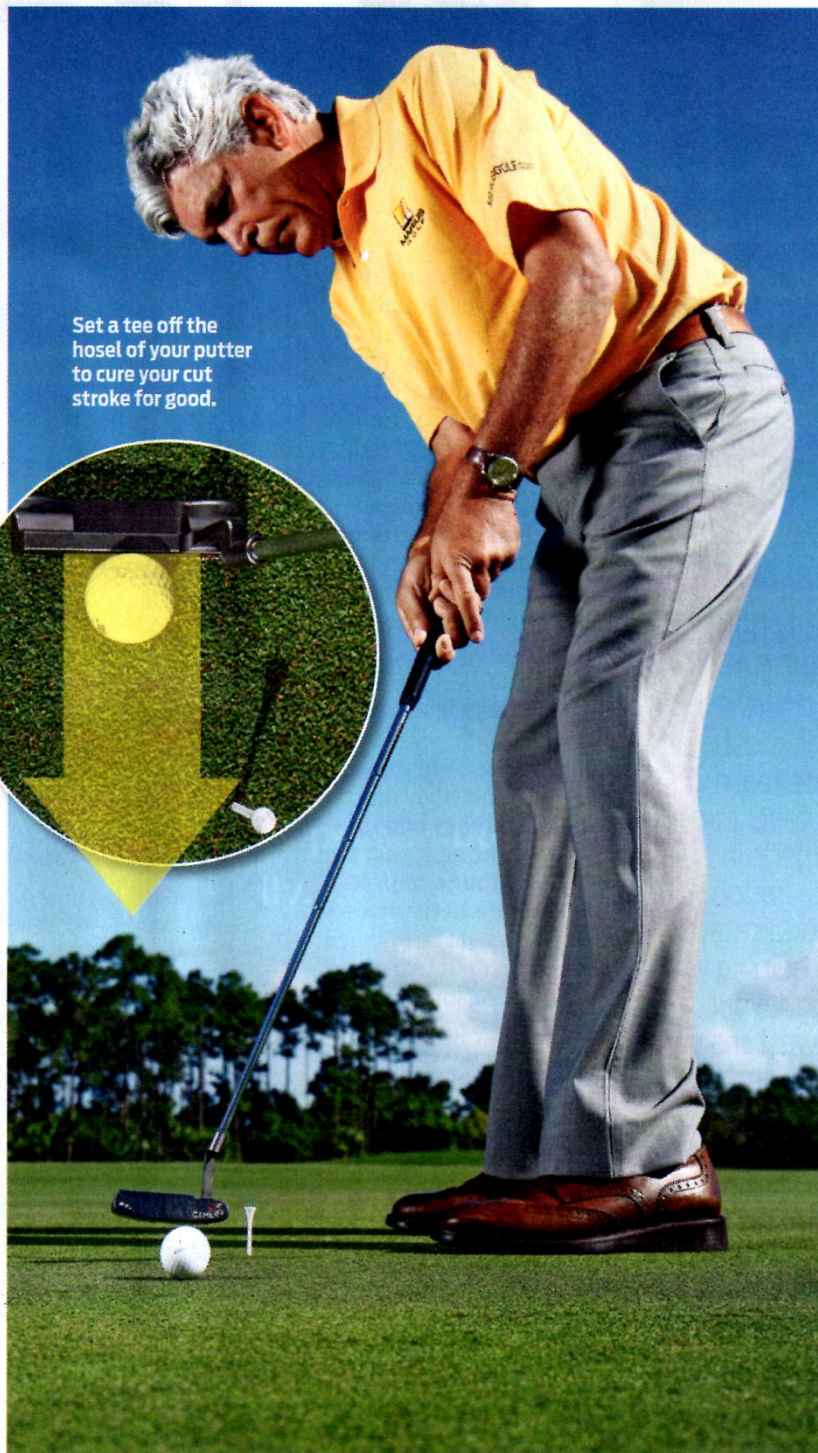
THE FAULT

You tend to cut across the ball through impact, imparting slice spin. You know you're doing it because your putts rarely roll smoothly and end-over-end, and it's very rare that you actually start the ball on your intended line. This faulty stroke is also detrimental to your distance control on long and mid-range putts, and it causes you to miss a lot of short ones, as well.

THE DRILL THAT FIXES IT

Take your normal address position and have a friend place a tee a few inches in front of the hosel of your putter and just slightly inside the heel section of the putterface [*inset*]. Your goal is to stroke putts without ever contacting the tee, and the only way to do this is to move the putterhead down the target line as you make contact with the ball.

If you're still having problems after trying this drill a few times, place a second tee a few inches behind the toe of your putter. When you take your backstroke, avoid making contact with this second tee. Your ultimate goal is to swing your putter back slightly inside your intended line, then motor the putter directly down the line through impact. Get this right and your cut stroke will disappear as if by magic.



Set a tee off the hosel of your putter to cure your cut stroke for good.



WATCHIT!

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