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MAKE THE PUTT

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Downhillers Made Easy

Two tricks to make sure your next putt isn't a long one back up the hill

THIS STORY IS FOR YOU IF...

1. DOWNHILL PUTTS GET AWAY FROM YOU.
2. YOU DON'T PUTT WELL ON SLICK GREENS.

THE SITUATION

You have a 10-footer heading dead downhill on a slick green. You've heard that hitting the ball on the toe is a good method in these situations, but when you try it you still hit the ball too hard.

THE SMART PLAY

Find a way to get the ball rolling gently and your results will be much better. My two keys are very simple, and with some practice you should be able to adopt them quickly.

KEY 1: CHOKE DOWN

This will give you more control over the clubhead and will effectively slow down your stroke. Don't be afraid to grip down all the way to the steel if you have to [top photo].

KEY 2: USE THE HEEL

I know you've tried hitting the ball on the toe, but the heel is the best place to deaden impact. Hitting on the heel is also easier because you have more control over that part of the club, since it's where the shaft connects to the hosel. Plus, striking putts with the toe tends to make the head "wobble" through impact.



Shorten the putter by choking down on the grip.



Deaden impact by striking the putt on the heel.

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Watch a video of this lesson and learn more about the game's premier putting expert, Marius Filmatter.