

December 2015 Newsletter

Special Holiday Putting Edition

Which Putter Should I Use?

Christmas is right around the corner and many fortunate golfers will receive clubs as gifts for the holiday. If you are one of these lucky people, make sure the club fits you before use it. For instance, if you swing with a 100+ mph of clubhead speed and receive a senior flex driver, it doesn't fit you and you can most likely spot the issue before you hit it. On the other hand, if someone buys a putter for you, do you know what style, length, loft and hosel type you should have? Over 90% of all golfers are playing with putters that are not properly fit for them!

What does this mean? It means more missed putts, more three putts and higher scores. At a minimum make sure you get a putter that matches the type of stroke you are trying to employ and helps you start the ball on your intended line.

Toe flow or face balance is very important when selecting the proper putter design.



Maximum Toe Flow

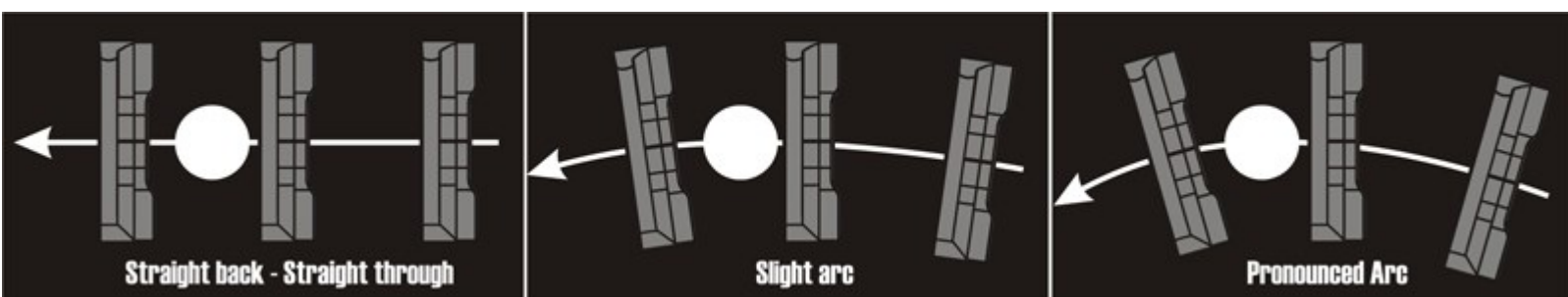
Medium Toe Flow

Minimal Toe Flow

A face balanced putter will have the putter face point to the sky when you balance the putter on two fingers (see picture below) instead of the toe hanging down as the examples above.



The type of stroke you try to make and the putter toe hang correlates. For those of you that believe in allowing the putter to swing on a natural arc, you will want to use a putter with some toe hang. The more arc your stroke has the more toe hang you will want your putter to have. Conversely, if you try to make the putter go straight back and straight through, a face balanced putter is a more appropriate choice.



Face balanced putter

Slight to medium toe hang putter

Maximum toe hang putter

The correct amount of toe flow allows the putter to swing back and through squarely to the arcing path of the putter head. A face balanced putter helps the golfer minimize face rotation on a straight back and through stroke.

I hope this helps you select the right putter style on your next putter.

Have a Merry Christmas and Happy Holiday Season.

Dale Abraham