

# 555 GOLF EDITORIALS

## 'PERFORMANCE EXCELLENCE'

### STANCE WIDTH

#### Putting & Chipping A Chip Is A Putt With A Hop!

Our 'Putting Inching Technique' is used to control consistent 'Delivered Energy' ('Distance') and it demands 'Consistency'. Any variable 'Stance Width', by its very name, fails to accomplish that end. We need less 'VARIABLES' and more 'CONSTANTS' in our golf or it becomes a frustrating mess!

You can design a 'Variable Stance Width' for longer 'Putts & Chips', but it will not stand up to heat in the kitchen! There is a lot of physiology involved herein. Happy to discuss it with you if necessary!

Here is what we do!

Find a 'Stance Width' that is very comfortable for your 'Putting' any length. Use it generally for Chipping'. Remember, 'A Chip Is A Putt With A Hop!' Keep it simple!

Once established, your 'Stance Width' does not vary much all the way across your bag! More 'Consistency' will be the outcome. Too wide of a stance inhibits or prohibits 'Pivot Load & Release'.

I want to ask you ... if you were allowed to carry a yard stick on course and use it on the greens to modulate your 'Stroke Length' and 'Delivered Energy', would you? Of course you would!

A consistent 'Stance Width' will accomplish the same purpose if you understand '555 Methodology'.

My 'Stance Width' is ALWAYS 14 inches from the 'Ball Location' to the 'Outside Brace Foot'. I practised and perfected this 'Stance Width' to my direct benefit for decades. It will work for you too!

Here is what this method does for me. If I make a smooth 14" stroke, on a level Stimp 8-10 green (slow), I may get a 'One Inch Per Foot' result. If it is faster, I may get a '2 Inch Per Foot' result. Our rule is 'One Inch Per Foot And Then Add One More Inch For The Back Of The Cup'. We work to not come up short!

We learn about the green speed when we warm up on the practice green ... first and last job before we tee off. Always centralize your 'Warm Up' around 'Putting & Chipping'. These small procedures are core!

If I can control my 'Stroke Length', I can control my 'Distance'.

With my 14 inch width, I have about 10 inches from the 'Ball Location' to the inside of my 'Brace Shoe'. That means I control my 'Ball Rolling Distance' ('BRD') to 10 feet Stimp 8-10. That means I control my 'BRD' to 20 feet Stimp 10-12. We discover the dependable 'Distance Energy' results with some simple practice regimens. One is called the 'Down & Back Drill'. You get the idea? ("AskUs!")

I personally use four 'Primary Stroke Points' and then adjust as required. 1) Half way from the 'Ball Location' to my 'Inside Brace Shoe' ... 5 inches, 2) to the inside of my Brace Shoe ... 10 inches, 3) to the

'Brace Toe' ... 12 inches and 4) to the outside of my Brace Shoe ... 14 inches. This gives me 'CONTROL & CONFIDENCE' even when the 'Stuff' is hitting the fan!

If I want to roll the ball farther I add 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 more inches outside my 'Brace Shoe' to the major reference point we call our 'Optimal Stroke Length' ('OSL' ... "AskUs!"). I can tell you with confidence that I roll my ball 36 to 40 feet with about Stimp 10-12 on a level recently mowed green and with a 'Stroke Length' travelling from the 'Ball Location To The Outside Of My Brace Shoe'. You can find your own formula and accomplish that control as well!

When I work at my 'Putting & Chipping', getting the details right, (using the same 'Energy Modulation' principles and method' for both), nobody beats my 'Short Game'. Don't fool around with 'Variable Stance Width'. It is a short trip to nowhere! Strive to accomplish 'Constants' every day out there.

But I know, it really is your parade and we all have 'Free Will' ... power to decide for oneself.

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Let me add this please?

The 'Putting Stance Width' that I have perfected is also my 'Short to Mid Iron Stance Width' with but minor adjustments. Perfecting 'Constants' is a never-ending and rewarding pursuit for me!

'Consistency Is King'.

This 'Putting Stance Width' enables full and free 'Pivot Load & Release' ... a huge ball striking asset.

I could talk, write and show you this for hours, but this is 'The Truth About Putting & Chipping'.

No use reinventing the wheel and getting caught up in 'Crap Shoot or Get Lucky Golf'!

In the commercial cockpit ('Flight Deck'), my day job over an illustrious career, we are NOT allowed to 'Reinvent Any Wheel'. Lives are at stake. Any changes were made very carefully, slowly and uniformly.

Here, with golf, only your 'Pure Personal Pleasure' is at stake! How important is that?

With bad decisions, you can readily cast aside your 'FUN' traded for 'Frustration and Pain'.

Stay in touch with your '555 Golf Certified Master Teaching Professionals'.

We are the best and we care about YOU!

**"Welcome Aboard!"**  
**"Enjoy The Ride!"**

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