

555 GOLF ACADEMY

'WHERE PASSION MEETS PERFORMANCE'

The PUTTING AFTER DARK DRILL

I really never gave this 'Bullet-Proof DRILL' much serious thought until one of my colleagues caught me on the way to the parking lot one night. Being invited to join him could not have been declined. I often invited him to have a look at various things and seldom accepted **"NO"** for an answer. Boss or not, I was obligated! It was pretty dark too!

Mike had a 'small little battery powered lantern' sitting just behind the hole. We could see the 'Cup' but nothing between it and the 'Ball'. I rather facetiously asked him how I could read the 'Green'. He replied, **"Do it tomorrow!"** A good sense of humour is always an asset. This guy could play too! Great attitude! There was a parking lot light providing ample illumination at the 'BALL LOCATION' but he had a lantern at that end too! Boy Scout! 'Always Be Prepared'! It was a 'Titleist PRO-V' so I agreed to strike it!

So I went along with the 'DRILL'!

He told me that the 'Putt' was dead straight so the 'Ball Rolling Line' (BRL) was the same as the 'Target Line'. I could see the 'Target Lantern' but he did not allow me to 'PACE IT OFF' to determine the 'Distance'. Mike instructed me to **"Just Look At And FEEL It"**. He added that it was 'twenty-two feet' when he paced it! You can have two tries at it in the dark! So I took a look while doing my **'ENERGY MANAGEMENT SWINGS'**.

Then I followed my 'PreSHOT Routine' (**'B.E.S.T.'**). Did my **'Three Brush Strokes'**. Insured that my **'CLUBFACE AIM'** was correct and 'Pulled The Trigger'. No point in looking! Could not see the Ball Rolling Down the 'BRL'. Then, a moment later I turned my Shoulders to see what was happening at the other end. By golly, the Ball came to rest about 12 to 17 inches past the hole just to the right side. My 'WEIGHT' was correct. My 'LINE' was just off!

I immediately moved to the second Ball which was about three inches farther away from my 'Foot or Body Line'. I 'SET-UP' again but with a slightly adjusted **'Clubface AIM'** and **'Clubhead PATH or ALIGNMENT'**. I remembered the **'Length Of The Stroke'**. My **'Inching Rule'** was the same. I 'Pulled The Trigger'. Waited a moment until I felt the Ball was getting close. Then, starting to 'Turn My Shoulders' out of the 'SET-UP Configuration', I heard the Ball drop into the **'Bottom Of The Cup'**.

Largely by 'ROUTINE', 'TRUST' and 'FEEL' is the way all good 'PUTTS FALL'. Thanks Mike!

"Welcome Aboard!"
"Enjoy The Ride!"

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