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Latest News



Well summer has finally arrived at Minthis and we have seen some excellent competitions being played in wonderful weather.

The Trackman system is a really good addition to the club alongside the shuttle to and from the driving range. The Trackman system helps golfers of all ages and abilities to enjoy the game and to improve practice sessions. If you haven't tried it yet, it is well worth a visit for all the Family young and old alike.

We welcome the new signage that is around the course it helps the overall experience of all golfers using the course and really fits with how well the course looks.

The shading at the sports bar has been well received and particularly welcome as the summer heat has now arrived.

CGF News

Some problems with the app have now hopefully been resolved and the new system for registering EDS cards is now fully operational.



Captain's Corner

An update on the Captains charity.

Minthis members contributing to the Cans for Kids collection is still going strong. Two containers have now been filled and a third one started. Minthis members are by far the biggest contributors and every can helps.

Please continue to bring your EMPTY clean alu drinks cans up to the club and deposit them in the collection cart in the Caddy masters office.

Cans for Kids sorts, bails and sells these alu cans to raise money; proceeds are used to buy medical equipment for the children's wards at Cypriot hospitals.

Recent Results

Congratulations to Elina O'Higgins on her wonderful win at the CGF Championship Ladies (gross) played at Elea 20-21st June.

A really good result and very well done.

We also had the Green-keepers revenge competition which was a really fun day (except the left handed drive which I hit about 7 yards) but 99 Red balloons may be my next golf improvement technique as it was the only drive I managed to hit all day. Apologies to the Green-keepers with some of the dents on the machinery I am sure I saw someone's ball markings imprinted on one dent. Congratulations to Andreas Schlickmann for his hole in one!

The Captains charity day was another huge success and congratulations to all winners.



Course Report

Still the praise comes for the condition of the course from members and guests alike. We cannot express enough, our thanks to all the green-keeping staff and also those who help keep the club looking and running to a very high standard. The plans for improving the irrigation and the bunkers are welcomed and we look forward to seeing even more improvements over the winter.

Members Corner

The roll up days are still working well and the feedback is how appreciative new members are on the efforts the club is making to help people feel included. It can be daunting joining a club so this is a really good way to help integrate members alongside the POETS competitions and social events.

Playing tips

Hopefully these tips help some of you?

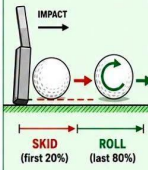
Or even more thoughts about your swing to make the game even harder - you decide!

STEPS TO PERFECTLY AIM A GOLF SHOT

- 1. STAND BEHIND THE BALL**
Visualize the entire shot.
DRAW A LINE: Imagine straight line from ball to final target.
COMMIT: Decide landing spot before addressing.
- 2. PICK AN INTERMEDIATE TARGET**
Hard to aim far. Find a spot (leaf, divot) 1-2 feet in front on target line.
FOCUS: This is your primary reference point.
- 3. AIM THE CLUBFACE FIRST**
Do not set feet first.
PLACE CLUBHEAD behind ball.
ROTATE CLUBFACE until square to the intermediate target. Focus solely on squaring the face.
- 4. ALIGN YOUR BODY ("TRAIN TRACKS")**
Build stance around clubface.
SET FEET, knees, hips, shoulders parallel to target line.
VISUAL: Ball on right rail, body on left rail.
According to @CureMySwing, your body will actually aim slightly left of the target (for a right-handed golfer), while the club aims at the target.
- 5. VERIFY AND FIRE**
Once set: LOOK at final target to verify feel.
WAGGLE/TRIGGER: Keep loose.
TRUST IT: Do not second-guess. Fire!

Source: @CureMySwing

THE SCIENCE OF PUTTING 5 RULES GOLFERS IGNORE

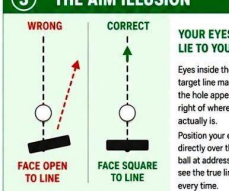
- 1 SKID THEN ROLL**


THE SKID PHASE
Every putt skids first, then rolls. A lofted putter face (3-4 degrees) lifts the ball to reduce skid and start true roll sooner. Too much skid causes wobble and offline putts.

SKID (first 20%)
ROLL (last 80%)
- 2 PUTTER LOFT AT IMPACT**

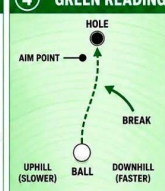

-0 DEG LOFT
3-4 DEG LOFT

DYNAMIC LOFT MATTERS
Forward shaft lean at address kills loft. Effective loft of 3-4 degrees at impact is optimal.
Too little loft drives the ball into the turf, creating a bouncy and inaccurate roll.

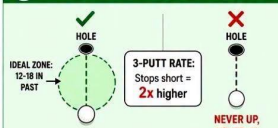
DRIVES INTO GREEN (X)
LIFTS AND ROLLS (✓)
- 3 THE AIM ILLUSION**


WRONG
CORRECT

YOUR EYES LIE TO YOU
Eyes inside the target line make the hole appear right of where it actually is. Position your eyes directly over the ball at address to see the true line every time.

FACE OPEN TO LINE (X)
FACE SQUARE TO LINE (✓)
- 4 GREEN READING PHYSICS**


HOLE
AIM POINT
BREAK
UPHILL (SLOWER)
DOWNHILL (FASTER)

SLOPE CHANGES SPEED
Uphill putts need more speed, which reduces break. Downhill putts need less speed, meaning more break. Most amateurs under-read break on downhill putts by 40%.
- 5 DISTANCE CONTROL OVER ACCURACY**


IDEAL ZONE: 12-18 IN PAST
3-PUTT RATE: Stops short = 2x higher
NEVER UP, NEVER IN (X)

LAG PUTTING SAVES STROKES
Tour pros aim to stop every lag putt 12-18 inches past the hole. This eliminates short misses entirely.
From 30+ feet, focus on a 3-foot circle around the hole, not the hole itself.
Distance control cuts 3-putt rate by up to 50%.

Source: Golf Digest / PGA Tour Research