



Crystal Springs Quarry
Golf Club



Putt Until You Drop

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One of the absolute basics of good scoring is solid putting from short and medium distances. As a teacher watching golfers on the course, I see more wasted shots from the average golfer because of their inability to be proficient putters from the 3 to 7 foot range. If you can build confidence from these ranges with your putter, it will take pressure off all your other short game shots and make you a better lag putter as well.

A drill to help you increase your proficiency from this 3 to 7 foot range is to go around a hole placing tees a step apart; all at a distance that is about three feet from the hole.

Make eight stations (marked by tees) around the hole and begin anywhere you would like. Try to make at least four in a row, all the while concentrating on your alignment and speed control. Every time you make four consecutive putts, start over and try to make four more. Don't quit until you make two sets of four at every station.

Once you are confident with the three-footers increase your distance one foot and repeat the game. Continue moving back until you get to the seven foot range, which I guarantee will be quite a challenge. Putting from all directions to the same cup will force you to work on right to left, left to right, uphill and downhill putts.

In doing this drill on a consistent basis I firmly believe that you will see your scores lower and you will gain more confidence in your entire short game.