



2011-12 Weekly Clinics

11/16 – 11/17 Short Game – Putting: Green Reading & Alignment

Green Reading

- Find the high and low areas on the green
 - Determine if the putt is uphill, downhill or sidehill
 - Look for landmarks
 - Bodies of water near the green
 - Drains
 - Mountains
 - Valleys
- Find the grain of the green
 - Look at the color of the green
 - Look at the cut of the hole
 - Know how the grain affects each putt

Alignment

- Make every putt a straight putt
 - Use a marker to put a line through the label on your ball
 - Determine your aiming point based on your read of the green
 - Align the line on your ball to the aiming point you have determined
 - Address the ball by first, matching the line on your putter to the line on your ball
 - Take your stance by aligning your feet parallel to the line on the putter and on the ball
 - Be sure your knees, shoulders and eyes are aligned to match your feet
- Once you have aligned correctly, stroke the putt with the correct speed as though it is a straight putt and let gravity and the grain of the green do the rest

For more detailed information on alignment and reading greens visit www.VolkerGolf.com in the Tips and Articles Section.