

STROKESAVERS WITH STEVEN GIULIANO

THROUGH THE GATE!

A great drill to help you get the ball started on the right line



In this issue, we continue to show you better ways to target your practice on getting you into the scoring zone.

One of the keys to being a great putter, especially on short putts, is the ability to start the ball on your intended line. A great way to simplify the putting process is to think about every putt you hit as a straight putt.

'Through The Gate' is a time-based drill designed for the intermediate to tour level player. The purpose is to focus on getting the ball started over an intermediate target just a foot or two in front of your ball.



REQUIRED

- 1 ball marker or coin
- 2 tees
- 5 to 10 golf balls
- Digital level or slope-measuring device

SET-UP

- Find a straight uphill putt from 6 to 8 feet (1.5m to 2.5m) by using a slope-measuring device or by testing the roll of the green.
- Mark a spot with a coin or tee where you'll begin putting from.
- Place two tees 1 to 2 feet (30cm to 60cm) in front of the ball along the target line, about the width of a golf ball apart or slightly wider depending on your ability.

COMPLETION

- Follow this target score depending on your level:
Intermediate – hole four in a row and six out of 10
Advanced – hole six in a row and eight out of 10
Tour level – hole 10 out of 10
- Record the time it takes to complete the drill and work on bettering that time the next time you complete the drill.

KEY

A key thought for this drill is to focus on the middle of the gate as your intermediate target. Too often on medium to long putts, golfers will mis-aim as they are looking at a target too far in the distance. So, bringing your initial target close to you will allow you to start the ball on the correct line more often for all putt lengths.

Good luck and I look forward to sharing another competitive scoring drill with you in the next issue!



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