

Cool stuff at the 2018 PGA Merchandise Show

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Putting Stick training aid, \$80.

The Putting Stick is a putting training aid that's 46-inches long and 1-inch wide. It's made out of cast acrylic, which means it rolls very fast. That's important, because it makes your putting mistakes more apparent, more quickly.



There's a small section of the stick that's a mirror. In the center of that there's a spot marked where you place your ball. The mirror is there so you can check and see if your eyes are over the ball. A few inches behind the ball, there's a bumper that you can slide and secure. Put the bumper further back for longer putts and closer to the ball for shorter putts. (It's designed to be used to practice putts around six feet and shorter.) Its purpose is to prevent you from making too long of a backstroke. The issue with long backstrokes is that people often compensate for them by decelerating as they through the ball. And that produces inconsistent rolls.

So, set your bumper and take your stroke. If you hit the ball square, it'll roll straight down and off the track. If you hit it with a slightly open face, the ball will roll off to the right. It'll roll off to the left of you shut the face at impact. Try to get your putter to follow the straight line of the Putting Stick to help you take it straight back and through.

One of the best things about this putting aid is that you don't have to be on a putting green to use it. You can do this on your carpet in your living room just as easily as you can do it on a practice green.

This version, the Sir Nick Faldo version, retails for \$80. —KL