

# GOLF NEWS & NOTES

## How To Pick The Perfect Putter

(NAPSA)—Tucked away deep in every golf bag is the one club that may say more about a golfer than any other golf accessory he or she owns; the putter. Finding the perfect putter can be a lifelong pursuit for a golfer. No other club is quite as personal or elusive. “The putter is the one piece of equipment in golf with which you can truly express yourself,” says Ed Utz of Marriott Golf.

The putter fits the golfer because it exemplifies unique style. This is mostly due to “feel,” the distinct quality every golfer understands, how the putter physically feels to the golfer when stroking a putt. That one unique moment when the sport transcends from science to art in the matter of a single stroke.

### A Weighty Matter

Ed Utz, a longtime golf enthusiast, offers golfers a few helpful tips for their quest to find the ideal putter. First, consider the weight. “The right weight is critical to controlling the distance of a putt,” says Utz. The weight of your putter will contribute to how the putter feels in your hands. Many golf experts recommend that you choose a putter on the lighter side as it will offer more consistency throughout a full day on the course. However, a heavier putter may be indicated on certain “slower” putting surfaces. Grasses such as Bermuda tend to offer more resistance to the ball than bent grass and effectively make it roll slower, so the use of a heavy putter can be favorable in order to create more force.

### One Size Does Not Fit All

A second thing to consider is



**THE LONG, THE SHORT AND THE TALL—Try them all to get the one that fits your personal style.**

the height or length of a putter. This is usually determined by your personal putting stance; do you crouch over or stand upright? Putters vary in length but most traditional putters are between 33 and 35 inches long. The past couple of decades have brought new putting styles that employ putters that rise from the ground up to the navel, sternum or chin of the golfer. “One size does not fit all,” says Utz. His advice: Try them all. Test long putters, short putters, heavy putters, light putters; but most importantly, test them at the same time so you can be objective about the performance. The more you try, the more likely you will be to identify the putter that fits your personal style.

Lastly, have fun with the process. The perfect putter may be considered the Holy Grail of golf, but it is this quest that will deepen your understanding and appreciation of great putting.

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