

As we wind down the season and our friends from the north head home, I want to wish you all a safe trip and see you back next season.

Come watch the LPGA Teaching Professionals play here at Shadow Hills on April 28th -April 30th

### Tip of the Month

#### Reading the green

When you read a green you want to look at how slow, medium, or fast it will be by determining how much slope is going to affect the ball as it rolls to its destination.

You also want to determine if there is grain on the green, which will change the speed of the green depending on whether the ball is rolling with the grain, against it or across it.

Teaching someone to read the greens is difficult because our eyes do not always see the same things and everyone strikes the ball with a different force. These two things change the way we read greens.

Here at Shadow Hills and across the Coachella Valley we do have grainy greens. One way of telling whether you are into the grain is the grass will be dull and is usually slower, down grain will be shiny and faster.

When you approach the green, look at the high and low points of the entire green and look for the high and low slopes around the edges of green which will help you see the whole picture. If you pour a bucket of water, which way will the water flow? Not every putt rolls to Indio as you hear the announcers talk on TV. Besides we are in Indio!!

You also want to watch your playing partners putts as they roll past your line to see which way it is breaking toward the hole. Watch the ball as it approaches and lands on the green to see which way it rolls.

All these little tidbits help you become a better putter.

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