

CHIP SHOTS- STOPPING DISTANCE FROM THE CUP	
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STARTING DISTANCE: 35 YARDS	
CLUB USED: PW	
CIRCLE TYPE OF LIE: FROM (FAIRWAY, LIGHT ROUGH, HEAVY ROUGH, UPHILL, DOWNHILL)	
YARDS RUNNING ROOM ON GREEN TO PIN: 10	
TOTAL NUMBER SHOTS (AN ODD NUMBER) FROM ONE LOCATION BY GROUP (A LETTER)	NUMBER OF FEET THE MEDIAN (MIDDLE NUMBERED) BALL STOPPED FROM THE PIN
A. 11	9
B. 11	10
C. 11	9
D. 11	7
E. 11	6
F.	
G.	
H	
I.	
J.	
TOTAL NUMBER OF GROUPS ABOVE: 5	TOTAL MEDIAN DIST: 41 FEET FOR 5 GROUPS
	AVE. MEDIAN DISTANCE: PER GROUP: 8.2

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Over many such similar shots, golfers are unaware of how far they leave chip shots from the cup. They do not know how this varies by shot conditions, such as distance of the original shot and ground conditions: rough, fringe and fairway. They do not know accurately if they are improving, staying the same or getting worse.

This occurs because they do not measure, record and accumulate data. This golfer uses the form above to record data on chip shots at the practice chipping green or while practicing on the course.

To save time measuring performance and recording it on a form, I suggest the golfers hit an odd-number of chip shots (9, 11, 13, etc.). To be comparable, they should record this data on multiple shots from the same condition, using the same club. For example, this could be a shot from 25 yards away, from light rough and using a sand wedge.

Instead of measuring the distance of every chip stops from the pin, the player measures only one ball in the group, the middle-distance ball, called the *median* shot. When hitting 11 shots, that would be the sixth closest ball to the cup.

The average median distance you stop the ball from the cup becomes your standard to beat or maintain. Store the data for future entry and comparison. Have a separate sheet for different distances, lies and clubs. The golfer will measurably improve because of more accurate observation of results, recording, accumulating and summarizing specific data and the motivation that comes from attempting to beat one's previous record.