

# ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR THE IRON SCORE CARD

## Evaluating Our Iron Play

The iron scorecard allows us to take a "snapshot" of a round of golf and provides information that establishes trends in what happens when we hit at the green. Also, the information that we gather here provides input that can be used when practicing or to help when taking a lesson.

There are a number of ways to be creative in filling out this card to get additional information that will help. For instance, you may also want to record *Right, Left, Long and Short* data when you hit a green. In my instructions, I tell you to only record this information when you miss a green. In particular, better players may want to do this. As a suggestion, if you want to record this data, use an "X" in the *Right, Left, Long and Short* boxes to keep it visually separate from the checkmarks used when the green is missed.

The sample iron score card that I filled out here as an example is quite revealing about my ball flight tendencies. I always have considered myself as having a slight draw tendency. However, the data from this round is definitely telling me that I hit most shots during this round as a straight push right (7) or a straight hit (1). I did have 2 draw shots on the back side.

I had 10 solid shots trying to hit the green. This is denoted by the circle drawn around the club that was hit. This is somewhat satisfactory, but it has always been an important goal of mine to hit the ball solid most of the time. Notice that the shots short of the green were not solid hits. My biggest problem of the day was my tendency to hit the ball right when hitting into the green.

I feel that every golfer needs to keep "greens hit in regulation" numbers. This number is just as important as your total number of putts or 3 putts per round. If you can get "greens hit" to trend up over a season, it means you are striking the ball more solid and more consistently.

Finally, you can also get some good information about your fairway metals and hybrids. You may also want to evaluate them separately from your iron shots. So, simply look closely at the data you have collected and come away with a plan or a goal to fix what is not good. Evaluate whether you may have an equipment problem, you need to take a lesson or you want to practice or play more to work it out.

### IRON SCORE CARD

DATE: 5/10/09 SCORE: 82

IRON HIT	GREEN HIT (IN REGULATION)	HOLE	RIGHT	LEFT	LONG	SHORT	FLIGHT PATTERN (1 thru 9)
8	✓	1					1
F1		2	✓				7
F1		3	✓				7
PW	✓	4					1
5		5	✓				7
F5		6	✓				4
9	✓	7					1
8	✓	8					1
F1		9	✓				7
X	4	TOTAL FRONT NINE	4	1	0	2	X

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#### HOW TO FILL-IN THE IRON FITTING SCORE CARD

- IRON HIT – The iron you hit to the green  
○ circle if you hit it solid.
- GREEN HIT – ✓ Check mark if you hit the green.
- ✓ Check mark for RIGHT, LEFT, LONG or SHORT on a missed green only.
- Put in the number to best describe the flight pattern.

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6	✓	10					3
5		11		✓			4
F5		12	✓			✓	7
8	✓	13					1
5		14	✓			✓	7
6	✓	15					3
5		16	✓			✓	7
PW	✓	17					1
6		18	✓				7
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NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ COURSE: \_\_\_\_\_

#### HOW TO EVALUATE YOUR IRON PLAY

- Greens Hit in Regulation (FRONT SIDE)
- Greens Hit in Regulation (BACK SIDE)
- Total Greens Hit in Regulation

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