

# Putting game often overlooked Pinto Gold takes tourney title



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Many golfers breathe a sigh of relief when they finally make it onto the green. Putting seems so much easier than the rest of the game.

But is it really? An errant putt doesn't look nearly as bad as a sliced drive — yet each shot counts the same, whether the ball travels 300 yards or three feet. You will hit for more putts than drives during a round, so when you think about how to improve your game, don't forget putting.

There are fundamentals in putting just as there are in the golf swing. The putting grip is somewhat different than the normal golf grip; instead of laying the club across your fingers, as you do with other clubs, you should lay the putter across the palms of your hands.

This will help stop you from breaking your wrists when you putt — a cardinal sin. I teach the reverse overlap grip, which simply means that instead of placing

your right pinky finger over your left index finger, you do the reverse, placing the right pinky on the club. Again, when you hit it, you will catch it slightly on the upswing, giving the ball topspin.

The best ball position for putting is near the left foot (in the photo you see the ball position is just inside the left instep). You want the ball forward in your stance. Again, when you hit it, you will catch it slightly on the upswing, giving the ball topspin.

If you place the ball farther back in your stance, you are more likely to hit it on the downswing, which will cause it to skip before it begins to roll, stop short, and probably go off line.

Another fundamental is lining up with your eyes directly over the ball and keeping your head still, not only on the backswing, but also during the follow-through.

Although you will see many good golfers use many different putting stances, I advocate lining up square — that is the feet, hips and shoulders lined up parallel to the line of your putt.

Once you are set up properly, you want to make a smooth putting stroke by turning your shoulders, allowing your arms to move back and then through in a pendulum motion.

As I mentioned earlier, the deadliest fault in putting is breaking the wrists, which will cause a lot of inconsistency. The length of your backswing and follow-through should be about the same, both determined by the length of your putt.

For example, if you are 30 feet from the hole, you might take a backswing and follow-through similar to that in the photo. From four feet away, take a short backswing and follow-through, hitting through the ball just as you did on the 30-footer. If you decelerate as you hit the ball, you can leave even a four-foot putt short.

Just as in the rest of your golf game, good fundamentals are the key to good putting. Try these tips on the putting green and watch your score go down.

(Having a problem with your golf game? Write to Jim Norgart c/o Golf Tips, 2950 W. Square Lake Road, Suite 100, Troy, Mich. 48068. Selected writers will receive a lesson with PGA Golf Professional Jim Norgart at Pine Trace Golf Club in Rochester Hills.)

South Farmington's Pinto Gold baseball team won the Oxford Invitational Aug. 1 by a five-run margin over host Oxford.

Both teams were 3-1 in the tournament and split their two games, but South Farmington had a superior run differential. Oxford won 20-14 and South Gold responded with a 14-3 victory.

South Farmington's Pinto Blue team finished third in the same tournament with a 2-2 record. To win the championship, Pinto Gold had to beat Oxford by at least seven runs in the second of their two games. South Farmington defeated the Pinto Blue team 11-7 and Lapeer 19-1 in earlier games.

Kyle Miller, Anthony Paletti, Brian Bosler, Steve Paul, Jon Pearn, David Shirley, Jeff Fischer, Andrew Soley, Greg Hocking, Ryan Anderson, Joe Russo and Wesley Brooks made key contributions for the Pinto Gold.

The Pinto Blues defeated Lapeer 29-9 and 16-6 and lost to Oxford. The team was led by the play of Nick Crawford, Chris McDonald and Bobby Houchins.

The Pinto teams are made up

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of players age 7 and 8. The Gold team is managed by David Shirley with assistance from Todd Brooks and Greg Anderson. Bob Okopy manages the Blue team, and his coaches are Mike Kish, Cary Whipple, Tom McDonnell and Bob Houchins.

### Bulls finish 46-9

The Bloomfield Bulls, runners-up in the Pee Wee Reese East-Central Region and champions of the Little Caesars Baseball Federation, finished the season with a 46-9 record.

Brent Schoenbach pitched the Bulls into the regional final game with a five-hit performance against the Sterling Heights Orioles Aug. 1, but the Bulls lost to the Orioles in the final Aug. 2 in Toledo.

Pete Ziguoras had the game-winning RBI in the 4-3 victory, and Marc Boggio and Evan Feldman also delivered key hits. Mark Flanbaum, Steve Jackson and Gary Penta made outstanding defensive plays.

Jason Rogowski threw a no-hitter earlier in the tournament against the host team from Oregon, Ohio. The Bulls won 11-0 as Ryan Kravetz had two key hits.

The Bulls also defeated the Audio Athletics (Lansing), Anthony Wayne Travel (Toledo) and the Stowe Sox (Columbus).

Feldman, Brent Zak, Jason Haffelbower, Jackson and Ross Patterson made pitching appearances in those wins. Rogowski and Feldman hit home runs. Boggio, Jackson, Ziguoras, Penta and Flanbaum also contributed at the plate. The Bulls roster also includes Brad Jaffe, Matt Zald, Robert Wittenberger, Andrew Burt and Kent Taylor.

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Ed Gundry tripled twice in a losing cause, while Tom Davey also had two hits, including a two-run single.

Baltimore reliever Jason Hucks, who came on in the third, held Livonia scoreless the rest of the way to pick up the win.

### Livonia clobbers Detroit

University of Detroit Mercy's Lawrence Scheffer clubbed two homers in Hines Park's lopsided 11-1 victory Friday over Michigan Sports.

The draftee from Little Caesars socked a solo homer and clubbed a two-run shot in the eighth to elude out the victory.

Brian Burns added two hits for the winners.

Winning pitcher Andrew Margolick tossed a five-hitter in going the distance. He walked only one.

"He threw a great game, there were only two hard-hit balls the whole day," Wanzel said. "Scheffer, the night before, went through the entire Detroit lineup with Andrew and told him how to pitch to each batter."

On Thursday, UDM-bound Steve Ross (Redford Catholic

Central) scattered nine hits and three walks over nine innings, lifting Hines Park past Cleveland, 6-2.

Jim Solak, an outfield draftee from Walter's, had a solo homer.

Davey belted a three-run double in the first, while teammate George Leung also collected two hits. Shortstop Gary Pierce also made two key defensive plays.

### LCBL bounces back

On Wednesday, Hines Park mounted a 13-hit attack in a 9-5 win over Milford, Mass., as Scheffer knocked in four runs, including a three-run homer.

Solak and Leung each contributed three hits, two runs and an RBI.

Kaple, the right-hander from Eastern Michigan and Redford CC, pitched the first six innings to earn the decision. He gave way to Del-Wal pick-up Todd Boike. But Ross had to come on in the eighth, going the final 1 1/2 innings, to earn the save.

Hines Park, the LCBL regular season and playoff champs, closed out the summer with a 25-9 overall record.

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**PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING**  
DATE: AUGUST 19, 1993  
TIME: 7:30 P.M.  
PLACE: Farmington Hills City Hall  
31555 Eleven Mile Road  
Farmington Hills, MI 48336  
Special Approval 78-7-93

ITEM:  
The City of Farmington Hills Planning Commission will give formal consideration to an application for Special Approval (SA 78-7-93) which requests approval for an Electrical Distribution Substation in an RCA, Multiple-Family Residential District classification. The property involved is located on the northwest corner of Freedom and Drakes Roads. Part of Sidewalk #23-242-008 & 007. The applicant in this matter is Dennis M. Kelly for Detroit Edison Company. Any person who is interested in participating in the discussion of the Special Approval request. The application for Special Approval and the Zoning Text and Map may be observed at the Farmington Hills Planning Office on any business day between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

DALE A. COUNTAGAN, DIRECTOR  
Planning & Community Development  
City of Farmington Hills

Public August 8, 1993  
Item SA 78-7-93  
Phone: 313-7943

REPORT OF CONDITION	
Consolidating domestic and foreign subsidiaries of the MICHIGAN NATIONAL BANK OF FARMINGTON HILLS in the State of Michigan, at the close of business on June 30, 1993, published in response to call made by Comptroller of the Currency, under title 12, United States Code, Section 161. Charter Number 10660 Comptroller of the Currency Midwestern District.	
Statement of Resources and Liabilities	
<b>ASSETS</b>	Thousands of dollars
Cash and balances due from depository institutions	523,510
Noninterest-bearing balances and currency and coin	30,135
Interest-bearing balances	210,042
Federal funds sold and under agreements to resell	0
In domestic offices of the bank and of its Edge and Agreement subsidiaries, and in IFAs:	
Federal funds sold	460,050
Securities purchased under agreements to resell	20,000
Loans and lease financing receivables	
Loans and leases, net of unearned income	6,242,132
LESS: Allowance for loan and lease losses	176,500
LESS: Allocated transfer risk reserve	0
Loans and leases, net of unearned income, allowance, and reserve	6,065,632
Assets held in trading accounts	144,166
Premises and fixed assets (including capitalized leases)	172,249
Other real estate owned	129,361
Investments in unconsolidated subsidiaries and associated companies	0
Customers' liability to this bank on acceptances outstanding	926
Intangible assets	66,875
Other assets	346,160
Total assets	6,176,746
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	
Deposits:	
In domestic offices	7,524,212
Noninterest-bearing	1,653,156
Interest-bearing	5,871,076
In foreign offices, Edge and Agreement subsidiaries, and IFAs:	
Noninterest-bearing	0
Interest-bearing	39,880
Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase in domestic offices of the bank and of its Edge and Agreement subsidiaries, and in IFAs:	
Federal funds purchased	200,151
Securities sold under agreements to repurchase	294,732
Demand notes issued to the U.S. Treasury	145,001
Other borrowed money	33,285
Mortgage indebtedness and obligations on capitalized leases	4,650
Bank's liability on acceptances executed and outstanding	420
Subordinated notes and debentures	15,100
Other liabilities	659,007
Total liabilities	8,574,613
Limited-life preferred stock and related surplus	0
<b>EQUITY CAPITAL</b>	
Perpetual preferred stock and related surplus	0
Common stock	84,918
Surplus	170,201
Undivided profits and capital reserves	587,617
LESS: Net unrealized loss on marketable equity securities	0
Cumulative foreign currency translation adjustments	0
Total equity capital	812,736
Total liabilities, limited-life preferred stock, and equity capital	6,176,746

The undersigned directors, attest to the correctness of this statement of resources and liabilities. We declare that this has been examined by us, and to the best of our knowledge and belief has been prepared in accordance with the instructions and is true and correct.

*James M. Baker* Directors *7/30/93* Date

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