

Winter Practice

The weather outside may not have you thinking about your golf game a lot right now, but don't miss the best opportunity of the year to work on your game.

Winter time is when we can make adjustments without the pressure of having to perform. So set up a lesson with a PGA professional and get to work on your game!! After you've done so, use the tips below to stay sharp in the winter months:

- **Putting:** If you don't own an indoor putting mat then shame on you. For as little as \$30 you can be keeping your putting skills sharp all winter long. Try this: on your putting mat, from the same location, hit 10 putts with your eyes open then 10 putts with your eyes closed. This will encourage great feel in your stroke.
- **Short game:** If you have the space to hit chips or small pitches in the house with real golf balls that's great. But if you run the risk of breaking something, try ping pong balls. Want a real challenge? Try chipping a ping pong ball up on the kitchen table and get it to stop. Good luck!
- **Full Swing:** The perfect situation is to convert your garage or large storage space into your own indoor practice facility. Nets and mats are reasonably priced and should last a few years. However, if you can simply find the space to make swings without a ball during the winter months your game will appreciate it.

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