## USCA

## Reduced Flight Golf Ball Testing

FINAL FINDINGS

Respondent Base Reflects Avid Golfer Demographics; Skews Private




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## Scoring and Accuracy Show Primacy Among Desired Performance Characteristics...Long Drives are Lowest in the Hierarchy

Q. Please rank the following in the order of the satisfaction they give you during a round.


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## Core Golfers Reflect Overall Findings; Less Emphasis on Scoring; Long Drives Directionally Eclipse Putting Prowess

Q. Please rank the following in the order of the satisfaction they give you during a round.


## Scoring and Accuracy Drive Avid Player Enjoyment

Q. Please rank the following in the order of the satisfaction they give you during a round.


Respondents Perceive Putting, Driving as the Strongest Parts of their Game
Q. Please rank the following parts of your game from strongest to weakest.


## Core Players Less Declarative in Identifying The Strongest Aspect of Their Game

Q. Please rank the following parts of your game from strongest to weakest.


Similarly, Avids are Balanced in Self Identifying the Best Aspect of Their Game
Q. Please rank the following parts of your game from strongest to weakest.


## 40\% of Respondents See Themselves as Big Hitters

Q. How far do you typically drive the ball?


## A Closer Look at Self Reported Average Driving Distance, By Segment

Q. How far do you typically drive the ball?

|  | TOTAL | GENDER |  | TYPE OF COURSE |  | TYPE OF GOLFER |  | MEN'S HANDICAP |  | WOMEN'S HANDICAP |  | AGE |  | AVERAGE DRIVE DISTANCE |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | MALE | FEMALE | PUBLIC | PRIVATE | CORE | AVID | HCP 15+ | HCP <15 | HCP 15+ | HCP <15 | <60 | 60+ | <221 | 221-249 | 250+ |
| 150 or less | 7\% | 2\% | 19\% | 8\% | 5\% | 8\% | 5\% | - | - | 39\% | - | 5\% | 10\% | 14\% | - | - |
| 151-200 | 29\% | 13\% | 69\% | 25\% | 35\% | 23\% | 30\% | 22\% | 1\% | 56\% | 90\% | 17\% | 51\% | 61\% | - | - |
| 201-220 | 12\% | 16\% | 3\% | 13\% | 11\% | - | 16\% | 26\% | 11\% | 6\% | 3\% | 12\% | 13\% | 26\% | - | - |
| 221-230 | 13\% | 18\% | 2\% | 13\% | 13\% | 23\% | 10\% | 20\% | 18\% | - | - | 13\% | 14\% | - | 41\% | - |
| 231-240 | 11\% | 13\% | 3\% | 13\% | 6\% | 8\% | 12\% | 14\% | 16\% | - | 3\% | 13\% | 6\% | - | 33\% | - |
| 241-250 | 8\% | 10\% | 3\% | 9\% | 7\% | 15\% | 7\% | 8\% | 11\% | - | 3\% | 11\% | 3\% | - | 26\% | - |
| Over 250 | 21\% | 28\% | 2\% | 20\% | 22\% | 23\% | 21\% | 12\% | 43\% | - | 3\% | 29\% | 4\% | - | - | 100\% |
| Mean | 220.6 | 236.5 | 180.6 | 221.4 | 219.1 | 225.5 | 221.2 | 224.5 | 250.4 | 166.1 | 192.4 | 232.8 | 197.5 | 185.6 | 237.3 | 276.0 |

## The Ubiquitous "Feel" Heads the Golf Ball Selection Hierarchy

Q. Please rank the following in order of importance to you when purchasing a golf ball.


## Post Play Summary: Nearly Nine in Ten Enjoyed Their Round with the Reduced Distance Golf Balls <br> Q. Was your round with the golf balls that we sent you, enjoyable?

| Yes | $14 \%$ |  | MALE | 86\% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | FEMALE | 88\% |
|  |  |  | PUBLIC | 88\% |
|  |  |  | PRIVATE | 82\% |
| No |  |  | CORE | 91\% |
|  |  |  | AVID | 84\% |
|  |  |  | HCP 15+ | 90\% |
|  |  |  | HCP <15 | 80\% |
|  |  |  | HCP 15+ | 95\% |
|  |  |  | HCP <15 | 81\% |

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## Respondents Assess Their Performance with the Reduced Distance Balls

- Putting and short game least affected

O Driving Distance is underwhelming
Q. On a scale of 1 to 5 , how did you play compared with your typical round?


## Respondents Assess Their Performance with the Reduced Distance Balls

Q. On a scale of 1 to 5 , how did you play compared with your typical round?

|  |  | TOTAL | GENDER |  | TYPE OF COURSE |  | TYPE OF GOLFER |  | MEN'S HANDICAP |  | WOMEN'S HANDICAP |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | MALE | FEMALE | PUBLIC | PRIVATE | CORE | AVID | HCP 15+ | HCP <15 | HCP 15+ | HCP <15 |
|  | My approach shot distance was | 31\% | 34\% | 23\% | 29\% | 33\% | 21\% | 34\% | 20\% | 55\% | 20\% | 27\% |
|  | My drives were | 29\% | 28\% | 33\% | 27\% | 33\% | 29\% | 32\% | 16\% | 42\% | 30\% | 40\% |
| 1-2 Slider <br> (Worse) Summary | Spin was | 21\% | 24\% | 13\% | 20\% | 24\% | 21\% | 22\% | 22\% | 31\% | 11\% | 16\% |
|  | My approach shots were | 21\% | 22\% | 19\% | 20\% | 23\% | 21\% | 22\% | 7\% | 37\% | 10\% | 25\% |
|  | Overall I played | 20\% | 21\% | 20\% | 19\% | 24\% | 19\% | 22\% | 9\% | 32\% | 15\% | 27\% |
|  | My short game/scrambling were | 14\% | 14\% | 13\% | 14\% | 13\% | 8\% | 15\% | 11\% | 17\% | 6\% | 20\% |
|  | My putting speed control was | 13\% | 11\% | 19\% | 11\% | 19\% | 7\% | 15\% | 15\% | 13\% | - | 32\% |
|  | Wind affected shots | 8\% | 8\% | 8\% | 7\% | 10\% | 9\% | 8\% | 4\% | 12\% | 6\% | 11\% |
|  | My putting accuracy was | 7\% | 6\% | 10\% | 5\% | 12\% | 7\% | 8\% | 6\% | 6\% | - | 17\% |
|  | My driving distance was | 3\% | 45\% | 38\% | 44\% | 42\% | 47\% | 45\% | 30\% | 65\% | 35\% | 44\% |

## Respondents Assess Their Performance with the Reduced Distance Balls

Q. On a scale of 1 to 5 , how did you play compared with your typical round?

|  |  | TOTAL | AGE |  | AVERAGE DRIVE DISTANCE |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | <60 | 60+ | <221 | 221-249 | 250+ |
|  | My approach shot distance was |  | 31\% | 35\% | 22\% | 22\% | 37\% | 51\% |
|  | My drives were | 29\% | 31\% | 26\% | 25\% | 32\% | 40\% |
| 1-2 Slider (Worse) | Spin was | 21\% | 25\% | 14\% | 14\% | 24\% | 36\% |
|  | My approach shots were | 21\% | 23\% | 17\% | 13\% | 29\% | 33\% |
| Summary | Overall I played | 20\% | 21\% | 19\% | 18\% | 20\% | 33\% |
|  | My short game/scrambling were | 14\% | 14\% | 12\% | 12\% | 11\% | 25\% |
|  | My putting speed control was | 13\% | 14\% | 12\% | 15\% | 11\% | 16\% |
|  | Wind affected shots | 8\% | 9\% | 6\% | 7\% | 7\% | 17\% |
|  | My putting accuracy was | 7\% | 6\% | 10\% | 11\% | 4\% | 5\% |
|  | My driving distance was | 3\% | 48\% | 35\% | 36\% | 44\% | 64\% |

## Respondents Assess Their Performance with the Reduced Distance Balls

Q. On a scale of 1 to 5 , how did you play compared with your typical round?

|  |  | TOTAL | GENDER |  | TYPE OF COURSE |  | TYPE OF GOLFER |  | MEN'S HANDICAP |  | WOMEN'S HANDICAP |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | MALE | FEMALE | PUBLIC | PRIVATE | CORE | AVID | HCP 15+ | HCP <15 | HCP 15+ | HCP <15 |
| Mean Summary | My putting accuracy was | 3.3 | 3.2 | 3.5 | 3.3 | 3.2 | 3.2 | 3.3 | 3.3 | 3.1 | 3.8 | 3.2 |
|  | My putting speed control was | 3.3 | 3.2 | 3.4 | 3.3 | 3.1 | 3.3 | 3.2 | 3.3 | 3.1 | 3.7 | 3.0 |
|  | My short game/scrambling were | 3.2 | 3.2 | 3.2 | 3.2 | 3.1 | 3.2 | 3.2 | 3.2 | 3.0 | 3.3 | 3.1 |
|  | Wind affected shots | 3.1 | 3.1 | 3.1 | 3.1 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 3.1 | 3.2 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 2.9 |
|  | My approach shots were | 3.1 | 3.0 | 3.2 | 3.1 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 3.1 | 3.2 | 2.7 | 3.3 | 3.1 |
|  | Spin was | 3.0 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 3.2 | 2.8 | 2.9 | 3.0 |
|  | Overall I played | 3.0 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 3.1 | 2.9 | 3.0 | 2.9 | 3.2 | 2.7 | 3.0 | 2.8 |
|  | My drives were | 2.9 | 2.9 | 2.9 | 3.0 | 2.9 | 2.9 | 2.9 | 3.3 | 2.6 | 3.0 | 2.7 |
|  | My approach shot distance was | 2.9 | 2.8 | 3.1 | 2.9 | 2.8 | 3.0 | 2.9 | 3.1 | 2.5 | 3.0 | 3.0 |
|  | My driving distance was | 2.7 | 2.7 | 2.9 | 2.8 | 2.7 | 2.7 | 2.7 | 3.0 | 2.3 | 3.0 | 2.8 |

## Respondents Assess Their Performance with the Reduced Distance Balls

Q. On a scale of 1 to 5 , how did you play compared with your typical round?

|  |  | TOTAL | AGE |  | AVERAGE DRIVE distance |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | <60 | $60+$ | <221 | 221-249 | 250+ |
| Mean Summary | My approach shot distance was |  | 3.3 | 3.3 | 3.3 | 3.4 | 3.2 | 3.2 |
|  | My drives were | 3.3 | 3.2 | 3.3 | 3.3 | 3.2 | 3.1 |
|  | Spin was | 3.2 | 3.2 | 3.2 | 3.3 | 3.2 | 3.0 |
|  | My approach shots were | 3.1 | 3.1 | 3.1 | 3.1 | 3.1 | 3.0 |
|  | Overall I played | 3.1 | 3.0 | 3.1 | 3.2 | 2.9 | 2.9 |
|  | My short game/scrambling were | 3.0 | 3.0 | 3.1 | 3.1 | 3.0 | 2.8 |
|  | My putting speed control was | 3.0 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 3.1 | 3.0 | 2.8 |
|  | Wind affected shots | 2.9 | 2.9 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 2.9 | 2.7 |
|  | My putting accuracy was | 2.9 | 2.8 | 3.0 | 3.1 | 2.8 | 2.5 |
|  | My driving distance was | 2.7 | 2.7 | 2.9 | 2.9 | 2.7 | 2.3 |

## Respondents Assess Their Performance with the Reduced Distance Balls: Negative Supersede Positive Reactions-But there is Mid Range Convergence

- Bottom two box again is more prevalent than top two box in terms of observed distance. However, mean scores are in the middle
Q. Before your round, you were informed that the ball was likely shorter and had more spin than your usual ball. Please comment on your experience with the ball compared with your expectations.
$\square$ Top $2(4,5) \quad$ Bottom $2(1,2)$


| MEAN | 3.2 | 2.9 | 3.0 | 2.6 | 2.8 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

## Respondents Assess Their Performance with the Reduced Distance Balls: Negative Supersede Positive Reactions-But there is Mid Range Convergence

Q. Before your round, you were informed that the ball was likely shorter and had more spin than your usual ball. Please comment on your experience with the ball compared with your expectations.

|  |  | TOTAL | GENDER |  | TYPE OF COURSE |  | TYPE OF GOLFER |  | MEN'S HANDICAP |  | WOMEN'S HANDICAP |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | MALE | FEMALE | PUBLIC | PRIVATE | CORE | AVID | HCP 15+ | HCP <15 | HCP 15+ | HCP <15 |
| 1-2 Slider (Worse) | Distance off the tee was shorter than expected |  | 54\% | 55\% | 52\% | 51\% | 63\% | 52\% | 59\% | 46\% | 69\% | 54\% | 62\% |
|  | Approach shot distance was shorter than expected | 45\% | 47\% | 39\% | 41\% | 55\% | 35\% | 49\% | 43\% | 64\% | 27\% | 50\% |
| Summary | Approach shot control was better than expected | 39\% | 37\% | 43\% | 38\% | 42\% | 30\% | 40\% | 48\% | 36\% | 18\% | 57\% |
|  | Control off the tee was better than expected | 35\% | 33\% | 39\% | 34\% | 36\% | 32\% | 34\% | 52\% | 30\% | 33\% | 33\% |
|  | Spin was lower than expected | 30\% | 31\% | 27\% | 29\% | 32\% | 29\% | 32\% | 42\% | 30\% | - | 42\% |

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## Respondents Assess Their Performance with the Reduced Distance Balls: Negative Supersede Positive Reactions-But there is Mid Range Convergence

Q. Before your round, you were informed that the ball was likely shorter and had more spin than your usual ball. Please comment on your experience with the ball compared with your expectations.

|  |  | TOTAL | AGE |  | AVERAGE DRIVE DISTANCE |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | <60 | 60+ | <221 | 221-249 | 250+ |
|  | Distance off the tee was shorter than expected |  | 54\% | 61\% | 41\% | 50\% | 48\% | 71\% |
| 1-2 Slider | Approach shot distance was shorter than expected | 45\% | 47\% | 40\% | 37\% | 47\% | 61\% |
| Summary | Approach shot control was better than expected | 39\% | 39\% | 39\% | 44\% | 28\% | 48\% |
|  | Control off the tee was better than expected | 35\% | 40\% | 21\% | 33\% | 28\% | 48\% |
|  | Spin was lower than expected | 30\% | 31\% | 27\% | 24\% | 22\% | 50\% |

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Q. Before your round, you were informed that the ball was likely shorter and had more spin than your usual ball. Please comment on your experience with the ball compared with your expectations.

MEAN Summary

5=Higher than expected
1=Lower than expected

Spin was...

Control off the tee was...

Approach shot control was...

Approach shot distance was...

Distance off the tee was..

| TOTAL | GENDER |  | TYPE OF COURSE |  | TYPE OF GOLFER |  | MEN'S HANDICAP | WOMEN'S HANDICAP |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | MALE | FEMALE | PUBLIC | PRIVATE | CORE | AVID | HCP 15+ | HCP <15 | HCP 15+ | HCP <15 |
| 3.2 | 3.1 | 3.3 | 3.2 | 3.2 | 3.0 | 3.2 | 3.0 | 3.2 | 3.8 | 3.0 |
| 3.0 | 3.0 | 2.8 | 2.9 | 3.0 | 2.9 | 3.0 | 2.8 | 3.1 | 2.7 | 3.1 |
| 2.9 | 3.0 | 2.8 | 2.9 | 2.9 | 3.0 | 2.9 | 2.9 | 3.0 | 3.2 | 2.6 |
| 2.8 | 2.7 | 3.0 | 2.9 | 2.6 | 2.9 | 2.7 | 2.9 | 2.4 | 3.2 | 2.7 |
| 2.6 | 2.6 | 2.7 | 2.7 | 2.5 | 2.7 | 2.6 | 3.0 | 2.3 | 2.8 | 2.5 |

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## Respondents Assess Their Performance with the Reduced Distance Balls: Negative Supersede Positive Reactions-But there is Mid Range Convergence

Q. Before your round, you were informed that the ball was likely shorter and had more spin than your usual ball. Please comment on your experience with the ball compared with your expectations.

MEAN Summary

5=Higher than expected
1=Lower than expected

Spin was...
Control off the tee was...
Approach shot control was...
Approach shot distance was..
Distance off the tee was..

| TOTAL | AGE |  | AVERAGE DRIVE DISTANCE |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $<60$ | $60+$ | $<221$ | $221-249$ | $250+$ |
| 3.2 | 3.2 | 3.2 | 3.3 | 3.3 | 2.8 |
| 3.0 | 2.9 | 3.1 | 2.9 | 3.3 | 2.6 |
| 2.9 | 3.0 | 2.9 | 2.8 | 3.3 | 2.7 |
| 2.8 | 2.7 | 2.9 | 3.1 | 2.7 | 2.3 |
| 2.6 | 2.5 | 2.9 | 2.8 | 2.7 | 2.3 |

## Respondents Assess Their Driving Performance with the Reduced Distance Balls:

O Off The Tee, Distance and Carry Impact is Observed... Less So for Spin, Trajectory and Roll-out
Q. On a scale of 1 to 5 , please describe some specifics about your drives during your round with the golf balls we sent you compared with drives using your normal ball.

■Top $2 ■$ Bottom 2


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|  |  | TOTAL | GENDER |  | TYPE OF COURSE |  | TYPE OF GOLFER |  | MEN'S HANDICAP |  | WOMEN'S HANDICAP |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | MALE | FEMALE | PUBLIC | PRIVATE | CORE | AVID | HCP 15+ | HCP <15 | HCP 15+ | HCP <15 |
| 1-2 Slider <br> (Worse) Summary | The distance the ball carried was much shorter |  | 65\% | 68\% | 56\% | 61\% | 73\% | 73\% | 67\% | 51\% | 88\% | 42\% | 74\% |
|  | The total distance was much shorter | 62\% | 66\% | 51\% | 55\% | 76\% | 56\% | 68\% | 57\% | 87\% | 54\% | 63\% |
|  | The distance the ball rolled was much shorter | 35\% | 38\% | 29\% | 29\% | 53\% | 26\% | 42\% | 30\% | 61\% | 50\% | 31\% |
|  | The trajectory was much lower | 32\% | 32\% | 31\% | 29\% | 39\% | 31\% | 32\% | 33\% | 41\% | 29\% | 44\% |
|  | The spin was much lower | 26\% | 24\% | 32\% | 21\% | 40\% | 28\% | 28\% | 42\% | 23\% | 14\% | 50\% |

## Respondents Assess Their Driving Performance with the Reduced Distance Balls:

Q. On a scale of 1 to 5, please describe some specifics about your drives during your round with the golf balls we sent you compared with drives using your normal ball.

| 1-2 Slider <br> (Worse) <br> Summary |  | TOTAL | AGE |  | AVERAGE DRIVE DISTANCE |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | <60 | $60+$ | <221 | 221-249 | 250+ |
|  | The distance the ball carried was much shorter | 65\% | 68\% | 56\% | 51\% | 67\% | 86\% |
|  | The total distance was much shorter | 62\% | 66\% | 53\% | 51\% | 62\% | 86\% |
|  | The distance the ball rolled was much shorter | 35\% | 42\% | 18\% | 27\% | 41\% | 53\% |
|  | The trajectory was much lower | 32\% | 33\% | 28\% | 28\% | 30\% | 38\% |
|  | The spin was much lower | 26\% | 25\% | 31\% | 21\% | 20\% | 44\% |

## Respondents Assess Their Driving Performance with the Reduced Distance Balls:

Q. On a scale of 1 to 5 , please describe some specifics about your drives during your round with the golf balls we sent you compared with drives using your normal ball.

|  |  | TOTAL | GENDER |  | TYPE OF COURSE |  | TYPE OF GOLFER |  | MEN'S HANDICAP |  | WOMEN'S HANDICAP |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | MALE | FEMALE | PUBLIC | PRIVATE | CORE | AVID | HCP 15+ | HCP <15 | HCP 15+ | HCP <15 |
|  | The spin was... |  | 3.2 | 3.2 | 3.1 | 3.3 | 2.8 | 3.1 | 3.1 | 3.0 | 3.2 | 3.4 | 2.6 |
| MEAN Summary | The trajectory was... | 3.0 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 2.9 | 3.0 | 2.9 | 3.0 | 2.8 | 3.1 | 2.7 |
| 5=Much higher | The distance the ball rolled was... | 2.9 | 2.8 | 3.3 | 3.0 | 2.6 | 3.0 | 2.8 | 2.9 | 2.4 | 2.9 | 3.1 |
| 1=Much lower | The total distance was... | 2.5 | 2.4 | 2.8 | 2.7 | 2.2 | 2.6 | 2.4 | 2.8 | 1.9 | 2.8 | 2.5 |
|  | The distance the ball carried was... | 2.5 | 2.4 | 2.7 | 2.6 | 2.3 | 2.3 | 2.4 | 2.8 | 1.9 | 2.9 | 2.3 |

## Respondents Assess Their Driving Performance with the Reduced Distance Balls:

Q. On a scale of 1 to 5, please describe some specifics about your drives during your round with the golf balls we sent you compared with drives using your normal ball.

|  |  | TOTAL | AGE |  | AVERAGE DRIVE DISTANCE |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | <60 | 60+ | <221 | 221-249 | 250+ |
|  | The spin was... |  | 3.2 | 3.2 | 3.0 | 3.2 | 3.4 | 2.8 |
| MEAN <br> Summary | The trajectory was... | 3.0 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 3.1 | 3.0 | 2.8 |
| 5=Much higher | The distance the ball rolled was... | 2.9 | 2.8 | 3.2 | 3.1 | 2.8 | 2.5 |
| 1=Much lower | The total distance was... | 2.5 | 2.4 | 2.7 | 2.8 | 2.5 | 2.0 |
|  | The distance the ball carried was... | 2.5 | 2.4 | 2.7 | 2.7 | 2.4 | 2.0 |

## Total Observed Driving Distance Lags Behind Assumed Average

Q. On average, how far did you drive the ball today?


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|  | TOTAL | GENDER |  | TYPE OF COURSE |  | TYPE OF GOLFER |  | MEN'S HANDICAP |  | WOMEN'S HANDICAP |  | AGE |  | average drive distance |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | MALE | FEMALE | рUвLIC | PRIVATE | CORE | AVID | HCP 15+ | HCP <15 | HCP 15+ | HCP <15 | <60 | $60+$ | $<221$ | 221-249 | 250+ |
| 150 or less | 8\% | 2\% | 24\% | 8\% | 8\% | 10\% | 7\% | - | 1\% | 39\% | 13\% | 6\% | 13\% | 17\% | - | 2\% |
| 151-200 | 33\% | 19\% | 69\% | 31\% | 37\% | 23\% | 36\% | 30\% | 10\% | 56\% | 83\% | 21\% | 54\% | 59\% | 10\% | 7\% |
| 201-220 | 19\% | 26\% | 2\% | 19\% | 18\% | 21\% | 19\% | 32\% | 23\% | - | 3\% | 22\% | 13\% | 15\% | 33\% | 4\% |
| 221-230 | 11\% | 14\% | 3\% | 10\% | 11\% | 18\% | 10\% | 9\% | 17\% | - | - | 12\% | 8\% | 4\% | 27\% | 4\% |
| 231-240 | 11\% | 14\% | 2\% | 10\% | 11\% | 15\% | 10\% | 17\% | 12\% | 6\% | - | 13\% | 6\% | 3\% | 21\% | 13\% |
| 241-250 | 6\% | 8\% | 2\% | 7\% | 4\% | 3\% | 6\% | 2\% | 12\% | - | 3\% | 7\% | 4\% | 1\% | 5\% | 20\% |
| Over 250 | 13\% | 18\% | - | 14\% | 11\% | 10\% | 13\% | 11\% | 26\% | - | - | 19\% | 1\% | - | 5\% | 50\% |
| Mean | 209.9 | 226.7 | 169.6 | 211.0 | 208.1 | 208.8 | 211.0 | 219.3 | 234.0 | 164.7 | 177.5 | 220.3 | 191.8 | 181.5 | 225.4 | 249.6 |

## Approach Shot Performance vs Driver Performance with Reduced Distance Balls



| Approach Shot Performance $\quad$ Top $2 ■$ Bottom 2 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 43\% |  |  | 36\% | 32\% | 35\% | 27\% | 25\% | 58\% |
|  |  | 25\% |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| The spin was... |  |  | Distance ball rolled was... |  | The trajectory was... |  | Distance ball carried was... |  |
| MEAN | N 3.2 |  | 3.1 |  | 3.1 |  | 2.6 |  |

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## Approach Shot Performance vs Driver Performance with Reduced Distance Balls

Q. On a scale of 1 to 5, please rate some specifics about your approach shots during your round with the golf balls we sent you compared with approach shots with your normal ball?

|  |  | TOTAL | GENDER |  | TYPE OF COURSE |  | TYPE OF GOLFER |  | MEN'S HANDICAP |  | WOMEN'S HANDICAP |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | MALE | FEMALE | PUBLIC | PRIVATE | CORE | AVID | HCP 15+ | HCP <15 | HCP 15+ | HCP <15 |
| 1-2 Slider <br> (Worse) <br> Summary | The distance the ball carried was much shorter | 58\% | 61\% | 49\% | 51\% | 71\% | 50\% | 62\% | 47\% | 82\% | 33\% | 68\% |
|  | The distance the ball rolled was much shorter | 32\% | 34\% | 26\% | 26\% | 46\% | 28\% | 36\% | 50\% | 42\% | 40\% | 26\% |
|  | The trajectory was much lower | 27\% | 28\% | 24\% | 26\% | 32\% | 25\% | 30\% | 30\% | 39\% | 25\% | 32\% |
|  | The spin was much lower | 25\% | 25\% | 27\% | 24\% | 29\% | 21\% | 29\% | 32\% | 30\% | - | 47\% |

## Approach Shot Performance vs Driver Performance with Reduced Distance Balls

Q. On a scale of 1 to 5, please rate some specifics about your approach shots during your round with the golf balls we sent you compared with approach shots with your normal ball?

| 1-2 Slider <br> (Worse) <br> Summary |  | TOTAL | AGE |  | AVERAGE DRIVE DISTANCE |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | <60 | 60+ | <221 | 221-249 | $250+$ |
|  | The distance the ball carried was much shorter | 58\% | 59\% | 53\% | 43\% | 67\% | 73\% |
|  | The distance the ball rolled was much shorter | 32\% | 38\% | 21\% | 25\% | 40\% | 42\% |
|  | The trajectory was much lower | 27\% | 29\% | 24\% | 22\% | 30\% | 32\% |
|  | The spin was much lower | 25\% | 27\% | 22\% | 18\% | 12\% | 49\% |

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## Approach Shot Performance vs Driver Performance with Reduced Distance Balls

Q. On a scale of 1 to 5, please rate some specifics about your approach shots during your round with the golf balls we sent you compared with approach shots with your normal ball?

|  |  | TOTAL | GENDER |  | TYPE OF COURSE |  | TYPE OF GOLFER |  | MEN'S HANDICAP |  | WOMEN'S HANDICAP |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | MALE | FEMALE | PUBLIC | PRIVATE | CORE | AVID | HCP 15+ | HCP <15 | HCP 15+ | HCP <15 |
| MEAN | The spin was... |  | 3.2 | 3.2 | 3.2 | 3.2 | 3.1 | 3.1 | 3.1 | 3.0 | 3.2 | 3.8 | 2.7 |
| Summary | The distance the ball rolled was... | 3.1 | 3.0 | 3.4 | 3.2 | 2.8 | 3.2 | 3.0 | 2.7 | 2.9 | 3.0 | 3.3 |
| $5=$ Much higher <br> 1=Much lower | The trajectory was... | 3.1 | 3.0 | 3.2 | 3.1 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 2.9 | 3.3 | 3.0 |
|  | The distance the ball carried was... | 2.6 | 2.5 | 3.0 | 2.8 | 2.3 | 2.6 | 2.6 | 2.8 | 2.1 | 3.3 | 2.6 |

## Approach Shot Performance vs Driver Performance with Reduced Distance Balls

Q. On a scale of 1 to 5, please rate some specifics about your approach shots during your round with the golf balls we sent you compared with approach shots with your normal ball?

|  |  | TOTAL | AGE |  | AVERAGE DRIVE distance |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | <60 | $60+$ | <221 | 221-249 | 250+ |
|  | The spin was... |  | 3.2 | 3.2 | 3.1 | 3.2 | 3.6 | 2.8 |
| MEAN Summary | The distance the ball rolled was... | 3.1 | 3.0 | 3.2 | 3.2 | 3.0 | 2.8 |
| 5=Much higher <br> 1=Much lower | The trajectory was... | 3.1 | 3.1 | 3.1 | 3.2 | 3.0 | 3.0 |
|  | The distance the ball carried was... | 2.6 | 2.5 | 2.8 | 3.0 | 2.5 | 2.2 |

## Overall Impact of the Reduced Distance Ball is Seen as More Negative; Particularly Among Avids

Q. On a scale of 1 to 5 , how did you feel that the ball we sent you affected your round?


Overall Impact of the Reduced Distance Ball is Seen as More Negative; Particularly Among Longer Hitters
Q. On a scale of 1 to 5, how did you feel that the ball we sent you affected your round?


## REDUCED FLIGHT GOLF BALL TESTING FINAL FINDINGS

## Half Would NOT Consider Playing the Ball in the Future...However Opposition is Less

 Pronounced if Playing Partners/Competitors Were Using itQ. On a scale of 1 to 5 , would you consider playing this ball in the future?

Q. On a scale of 1 to 5, would you consider playing this ball in the future, provided that the people you were playing with, used a ball with a similar level of performance?


## Avids and Longer Hitters are Less Willing to Consider Playing the Ball in the Future

Q. On a scale of 1 to 5, would you consider playing this ball in the future?


CORE GOLFERS


AVID GOLFERS


AVG DRIVE <220


AVG DRIVE $250+$

## REDUCED FLIGHT GOLF BALL TESTING

 FINAL FINDINGS
## Opposition Remains More Pronounced Among Avids and Longer Hitters, Even if Playing

 Partners/Competitors Were Using the Same Reduced Distance BallQ. On a scale of 1 to 5, would you consider playing this ball in the future, provided that the people you were playing with, used a ball with a similar level of performance?


CORE GOLFERS


AVID GOLFERS


AVG DRIVE <220


AVG DRIVE $250+$

REDUCED FLIGHT GOLF BALL TESTING FINAL FINDINGS

## Score Distribution During Rounds Played with The Reduced Distance Golf Balls vs Reported Handicaps

Q. What was your score during your round with the golf balls we sent you?

| TOTAL |  | - Under 80 | - 80-85 | - $86-90$ | - $91-99$ | - 100 or more |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Score with Ball | 11\% | 24\% |  | 24\% |  | 30\% | 11\% |



REDUCED FLIGHT GOLF BALL TESTING FINAL FINDINGS

## Score Distribution During Rounds Played with The Reduced Distance Golf Balls vs Reported Handicaps

Q. What was your score during your round with the golf balls we sent you?

|  |  |  | ■ Under 80 | - 80-85 | $\square 86-90$ | - 91-99 | - 100 or more |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Score with Ball | CORE | 2\% | 19\% |  | 30\% |  | 35\% | 14\% |
|  | AVID | 13\% |  | 26\% |  | 24\% | 28\% | 9\% |

Q. What is your official handicap index?
$\square$ Under $10 \quad$ 10-15 $\quad$ 16-20 $\quad$ 21-24 $\quad 25+$

Handicap
CORE 5\% 32\% 32\%

16\% 16\%

AVID
27\% 26\% 31\%

8\% 8\%

REDUCED FLIGHT GOLF BALL TESTING FINAL FINDINGS

## Score Distribution During Rounds Played with The Reduced Distance Golf Balls vs Reported Handicaps

Q. What was your score during your round with the golf balls we sent you?
■ Under 80 ■ 80-85 ■86-90 ■91-99 ■100 or more

Score with Ball

| AVG DRIVE <220 | 4\% | 14\% | 24\% |  | 42\% |  | 17\% |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| AVG DRIVE 250+ |  | 26\% |  | 38\% |  | 23\% | 9\% | 4\% |


| Q. What is your official handicap index? |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | ■ Under 10 |  | $\square 10-15$ | - 16-20 | - 21-24 | - 25+ |  |  |
| Reported | AVG DRIVE <220 | 9\% | 21\% |  |  | 40\% | 14\% | 15\% |  |
| Handicap | AVG DRIVE 250+ |  |  |  |  |  | 18\% | 12\% | B\% |

## Few Bet; (Most Who did, Lost) But Almost All Felt the Competition Was Fair

Q. Did you have any bets on the game?

Q. Did you win?


Base: Those who bet
Q. Was the competition fair?


Base: Full base


[^0]:    - Mean age: 56
    - Average rounds per year: 62.7
    - $\mathrm{N}=246$

