



**GOLF TIPS FROM BETH**  
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**As Education Chairperson for 2008, I have decided to contribute a monthly” golf tip” article. I hope this will be helpful in pursuing a more pleasurable golf experience. I would also like to encourage input and feedback, so I might address your questions and/or comments to make this forum more useful.**

**This month, I would like to address “Reading a Puzzling Putt”.**

**I am sure you have all experienced this putt. You stand or kneel behind a putt and you read the putt as you are looking at the hole. It occurs to you that you cannot see the line. You KNOW there is a break on the putt, but you are puzzled about the line.**

**Keep in mind that reading a putt begins about 40 yards from the green. As you approach, you should be looking at the contour of the green. This will give you some confidence in what the slope and movement of the green might be. Put this in your memory bank.**

**Now that you are looking at this putt, remember what the slope and movement looked like, as you approached the green. This should tell you the break, either to the right or the left. This will give you a point of reference.**

**So, you have now decided that the ball will break to the right, but you still cannot see the line. Walk to the side of your putt line so you are facing the line at 90 degrees. Look at the line your ball will travel on. Is the slope coming toward you, or is it running away from you? This will help confirm which way your putt will break and how much. Try this next time you are looking at a “puzzling putt” and it just might help.**