

MAKE YOUR SCORE CARD TALK

Putting Stroke averages based on length of first putt
from Gene Andrews copywrite 1966 from the L.A. Open.

Stroke Average Based on Length of First Putt

<u>Length</u>	<u>Stroke Average</u>
1'	1.0
2'	1.1 *
3'	1.2
4'	1.3
5'	1.4
6'	1.5 **
7-9'	1.6
10-13'	1.7
14-17'	1.8
18-25'	1.9 ***
26-40'	2.0 ****
41-55'	2.1 *****
56' and above	2.2

* statistically the pro will miss 1 out of 10, 2 footers.

** from 600 attempts at 6 foot putts, 900 putts was the total of these 600 attempts to hole out. This statistic basically means that given 2 six foot putts, the average tour player will make one and miss one.

*** this statistic means 9 of 10 putts from this length are missed.

**** this total indicates that 2 putts is average from 26 - 40 feet, for every one putt there will be a corresponding 3 putt.

***** means 1 in 10 attempts will result in a 3 putt

Mark your card as to how many putts you took on a particular hole and how long the first putt was. You can then compare your putting to the best. This also provides you GIR's and putts per GIR. You will probably find your tee to green score is high and short pitches and chips will be the fastest way to improving scores. From the distance information you can determine your trouble length and practice to improve from that distance.

As you can see, the actual data from 1966 is quite close to Pelz's probability stats from 1997. Both sets of information are based only on length since the player will be subject to uphill, downhill, sidehill, as well as what would be seen as difficult and easy putts. The only common denominator for data is therefore distance.