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[54] **PUTTING TRAINER**

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[57] **ABSTRACT**

Apparatus for practicing golf ball putting includes two golf ball members mounted at opposite ends of a rigid connecting rod. The length of the rod is such that each of the ball members may be struck simultaneously by the striking face of a putter, and only then will the ball members move forwardly in a straight line.

1 Claim, 5 Drawing Figures

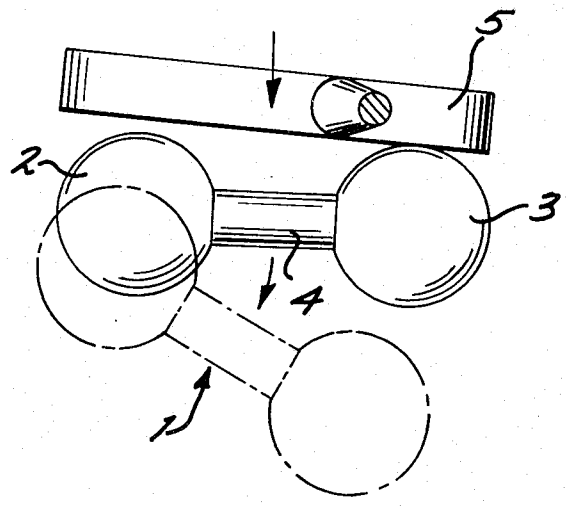


FIG. 1

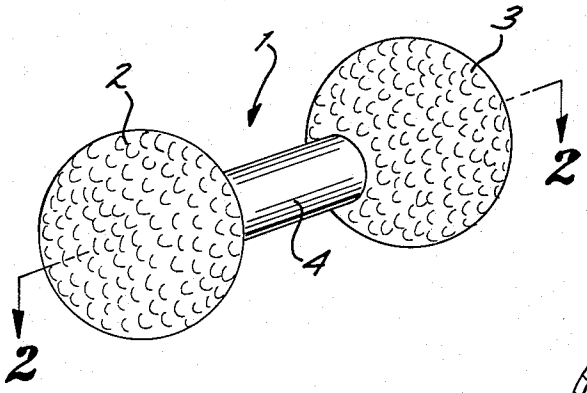


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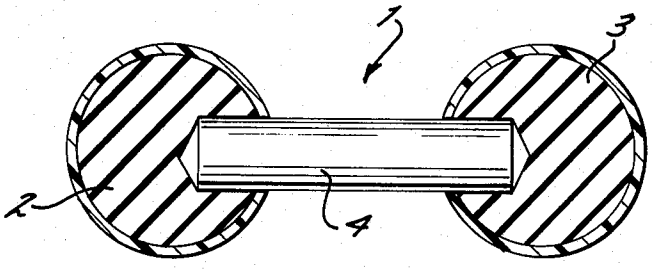
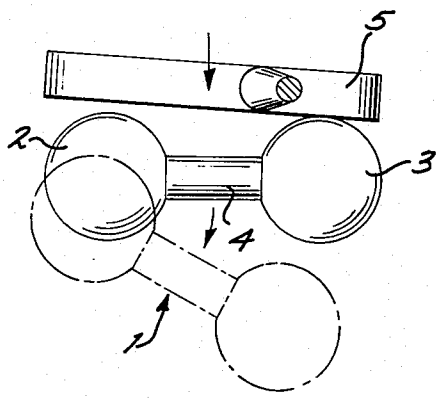


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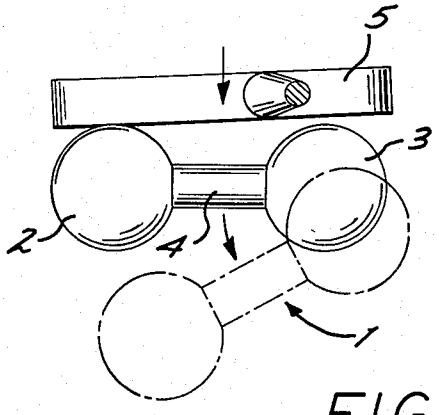


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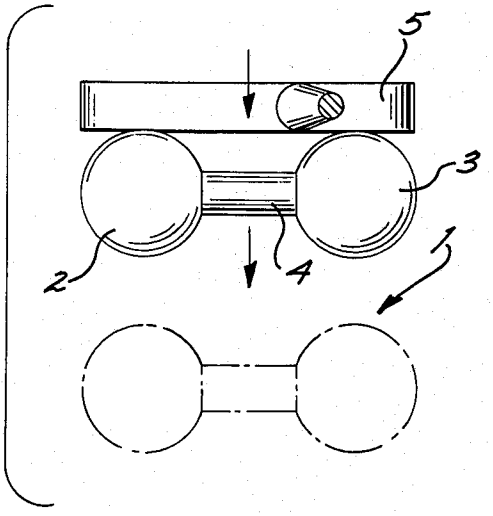


FIG. 5

PUTTING TRAINER

An object of my invention is to provide a novel putting trainer which will instantly impart to the player that the ball has been struck either correctly or incorrectly.

Another object of my invention is to provide a novel putting trainer which has approximately the feel of a standard golf ball so that the same reaction is imparted to the player as if he were putting on a standard golf putting green.

Still another object of my invention is to provide a novel putting trainer in the approximate shape of a spool or two-headed structure connected by a rigid rod.

Other objects, advantages, and features of my invention may appear from the accompanying drawings, the sub-joined detailed description and the appended claims.

In The Drawing:

FIG. **1** is a perspective view of my putting trainer.

FIG. **2** is a transverse sectional view taken on line **2—2** of FIG. **1.**

FIG. **3** illustrates one possible position of the putting trainer when struck by a putter.

FIG. **4** is a plan view illustrating another possible position of the putting trainer when struck by a putter.

FIG. **5** is a plan view of still another possible position of the putting trainer when struck by a putter.

Referring more particularly to the drawing: The putting trainer **1** includes two simulated balls **2** and **3** which are approximately the same size, weight and exterior appearance as is a standard golf ball. These balls are unually solid rubber and are approximately the same diameter as is a standard golf ball. The balls **2** and **3** are each mounted one on each end of a connecting rod **4** which is approximately ½inch in diameter and about 2.32 inches long. The balls **2** and **3** are each drilled to equally receive the rod **4** and this rod is

rigidly attached to the balls **2** and **3** by means of a suitable adhesive. The rod **4** is inserted into a hole .48 inches deep, approximately, and is positioned on dead center. Thus it will be evident that when one of the balls **2** or **3** is struck, that the second ball also moves; however, not necessarily in a true line as will be subsequently described.

The blade **5** of the putter will strike the training ball structure as shown in FIG. **3, 4** or **5.** If the putter head strikes one ball **2** or **3** in advance of the other ball, then a true path will not be achieved as shown in FIGS. **3** and **4.** One ball will advance ahead of the other attached ball indicating that the player has made an error. If the balls **2** and **3** are struck simultaneously as shown in FIG. **5,** then the training assembly will move in a straight line presumably in a direction approaching the cup. It will thus be evident that the player will plan to swing the club head correctly in order to drive the golf ball in a direction toward the cup.

Having described my invention: I claim:

1. In combination with a golf putter embodying a head that has an elongate striking surface of a first length, a putting training device for use with said putter, which putting training device includes:

a. a pair of laterally spaced spheres that are substantially the same size, weight and exterior appearance as a golf ball; and

b. a rigid elongate member which extends between said spheres and is aligned on the diameter thereof, said member having a transverse cross section less than that of said spheres, which member is of such length that the overall length of said device is not greater than said first length, with said training device rolling in a straight line on a surface on which it is supported only when both of said spheres are concurrently contacted by said striking surface.

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