

# Mark Roe Sets Studio Standard

**M**ark Roe, the former European Tour professional and current coach and Sky Sports golf commentator, opened an indoor putting studio at Patesham Golf Centre in Surrey earlier this year.

Roe coaches on tour as a short-game specialist for golfers including Francesco Molinari and Marcel Siem, and he has worked with Lee Westwood and Justin Rose in the past, and the studio gives the Englishman an ideal off-season base for his coaching, whether it is for tour pros or club golfers, or for the professional staff at Patesham to use for their own tuition.

"As we all know the weather in the UK isn't very conducive to working on your game in the winter," says Roe. "By opening my first indoor putting studio I now have a fantastic facility where I can coach golfers all year round on a perfect putting surface.

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Tour pedigree: Mark Roe at his putting studio at Patesham Park

"I personally oversaw the design and build of the green and have incorporated a couple of tricky sloping putts as well as one long straight putt, so that golfers can work on all facets of their stroke and putting technique. I've already had European Tour professional Francesco Molinari in my studio working on his stroke and he loved it."

The studio contains a USGA-specification putting green supplied by leading manufacturer European Tour Greens, and it is also fitted with a SAM Puttlab high-speed camera system, for tuition and custom fitting. "It's amazing how little the average golfer knows about their putting stroke," adds Roe. "Seeing your stroke on camera in incredible detail for the first time is a real eye-opener. The short game, and particularly putting, accounts for such a big percentage of your overall score, so investing in

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The Patesham Academy offers a 'Two-hour definitive putting lesson' with its PGA

professionals. The lesson includes a full assessment of the golfer's current putter, its performance and. Instruction topics such as eye dominance, visualisation tests, the

physicality of putting, green reading skills, depth perception and ball roll performance are all explained and covered. The golfer then leaves with a print-out of putting readings, lesson notes and a memory stick with voiceover of the main points covered.

One of Patesham's Head Coaches, Stuart Martin, says: "No matter what standard of golfer I am working with, the information that the SAM Puttlab system gives me is invaluable. A putting lesson in the Mark Roe Putting Studio will open your eyes to improvement and really change your performance aims and aspirations as a golfer."

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