

## Are A few more yards of the tee really that important?

Most amateur golfers are obsessed with the long ball and will spend the bulk of a practice session beating driver. This belief that 15 extra yards will put them a club or two closer, therefore making the game easier is a common one.

Let's take a closer look at this theory and apply it the PGA Tour. Surely the longest players on tour would play the best right?

Below is a list of four players with some basic stats and how they relate to money list for the 2013 season.

|                | Driving Distance | Greens in Regulation | Putts 3-5 feet | Putts 5-10 feet | Driving Accuracy | Up and Down | Money List |
|----------------|------------------|----------------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------|-------------|------------|
| Bubba Watson   | 5th              | 5th                  | 119th          | 65th            | 126th            | 120th       | 44th       |
| Dustin Johnson | 2nd              | 39th                 | 151st          | 79th            | 171st            | 142nd       | 19th       |
| Steve Stricker | 124th            | 2nd                  | 8th            | 2nd             | 3rd              | 4th         | 7th        |
| Zack Johnson   | 153rd            | 15th                 | 76th           | 52nd            | 8th              | 53rd        | 9th        |

Yes watching someone hit the ball 330yards is amazing, but when one of the most **seasoned players** on tour is continually taking your lunch money..... is all that distance really that important?

Next time you practice trying shifting your focus to another skill set and if you need help stop by the Golf Academy.