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## This ball worth a shot

Is the Polara ball for you?

I took a couple of sleeves of the self-correcting ball out for a test-drive round last week. I only played nine holes, but the course was empty, and most of the time I played five or six balls, experimenting with all kinds of shots.

**Overall.** The Polara is definitely not for golfers with a handicap of 20 or under...But it does indeed reduce the effects of a slice or hook so common among high handicappers.

**Hook/slice.** No ball, including this one, can totally eliminate a snap-hook or a banana-ball slice. But when it comes to reducing the effects of a mild-to-medium slice or hook, the Polara does help.

The difference was most noticeable when I had hit four or five Polaras with a 5-iron, trying to hook or slice, then dropped a Pro V1 and hit the same shot.

**Distance.** No difference so far as I could tell. And when I hit a ball well, it flew like a rocket.

**Feel.** On a scale of 1 to 10, from Pro V1 soft to Top-Flite rock-hard, 7 or 8.

**Bottom line.** If it doesn't bother you that the Polara is not approved by the USGA, and if you would like help but don't expect miracles in your battles against a slice or a hook, the Polara is worth a try.

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