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# MALLET MANIA

Bold weighting schemes, face patterns and finishes highlight five new putters

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**T**he five models featured here offer timely updates to tried-and-true putter designs. The new Bocchieri is longer and even more weight-driven, not to mention yip-resistant. Titleist revisits the bigger-is-better concept that was popular a decade ago, while Yes! tweaks the venerable C-Grooves. The Rife Two-Bar has been made more appealing to better players, and TaylorMade debuts an option that's both visually stimulating and high performance.

## Titleist Scotty Cameron Futura X

\$375; [golf.com/titleist](http://golf.com/titleist)

Scotty Cameron brings back the big mallet a decade after the original Futura. It may look familiar—Adam Scott flexed a prototype version en route to his green jacket at Augusta this year. The “force-balanced,” high-MOI offering is milled from 6061-aluminum and features a T-shaped alignment bar through the center of the club. Two fixed 20-gram back weights move the CG rearward for stability through the stroke, while a pair of heel-toe plugs near the face enhance perimeter weighting.

Futura X comes in standard [33", 34", 35"] lengths with an offset, double-bend shaft.

The EL Series encompasses 28 models. The L3-M comes in Bronze (pictured), Black or Satin finish.

## Bocchieri EL Series L3-M

\$169; [golf.com/equipment](http://golf.com/equipment)

The makers of the Heavy Putter have embraced the belly ban with a new line of counterbalanced putters they claim will give you anchorlike stability from a free-flowing stroke. EL Series putters, available in 36", 38" or 40", include a 175-gram weight plugged into a 17" grip. [You're supposed to hold the club three inches below the butt end.] The goal is to move the putter's balance point higher up the shaft to increase MOI and simulate a belly-putter's pendulum stroke. Comes in three weights: Lite [840 grams total], Mid [865 grams], or Heavy [930 grams].





Three sight lines and a sloping plastic alignment device help get your eyes over the ball.



## Yes! i4-Tech Stephanie

\$180; [golf.com/equipment](http://golf.com/equipment)

The signature C-Grooves with concentric edges come in a 304-stainless steel face insert that attaches to a thermoplastic polymer layer. This construction dampens vibration while maintaining a responsive sensation at impact. In addition, a tungsten backweight adds stability. The 362-gram Stephanie has a classy, copper-tinted "Antique PVD" finish and the perimeter weighting that one would expect in a larger-headed mallet.

## TaylorMade Spider Mallet

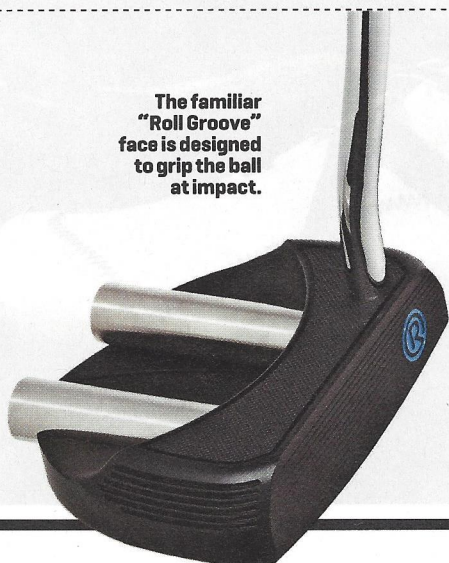
\$199; [golf.com/taylormade](http://golf.com/taylormade)

Counterbalanced putters are shaping up as excellent solutions to the anchoring ban that will take effect in 2016. [Justin Rose used the Spider Blade during his U.S. Open win.] The Spider Mallet boasts similar weighting technologies. The 360-gram multimaterial head includes a stainless steel body (in white) plus heavy tungsten weights (black) in the heel and toe. The 130-gram grip (twice as heavy as a standard grip) produces the counterbalance effect for a higher MOI and more stable feel throughout the stroke. The flange has a black-and-white decal that serves as a useful secondary alignment aid.



The soft Surllyn "Pure Roll" face insert eliminates any sensation of the ball coming off too fast.

The familiar "Roll Groove" face is designed to grip the ball at impact.



## Rife Vault 001 Legend.Z

\$235; [golf.com/equipment](http://golf.com/equipment)

Rife goes back to the future with the Legend.Z mallet, based on its hallmark Two-Bar model. Like the original, the body is milled from a single aluminum billet that elicits soft feedback. Two adjustable weight bars let you set the club between 360 and 374 grams while tweaking toe hang to fit your stroke arc. The Legend.Z has an unobtrusive, textured alignment aid. Comes in three finishes: Black, Silver or Champagne.

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