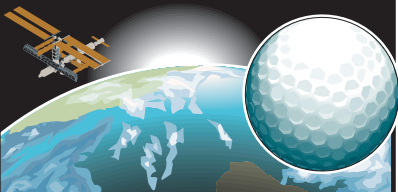


Record golf drive

Cosmonaut Mikhail Tyurin will use a scandium alloy *Element 21* six-iron to hit a golf ball from the International Space Station into Earth orbit. The ball is expected to orbit Earth for about four years, travelling some 590 million miles



1971: U.S. astronaut ***Alan Shepard*** hits golf ball on moon. Low gravity allows it to travel “miles and miles”

Sep 1974: American ***Mike Austin*** sets longest golf drive in competition – **515yds** – at tournament in Las Vegas

Sep 1990: Canadian ***Kelly Murray*** sets world record on ***Fairmont Hot Springs*** airstrip – **684.8yds**

Jan 2005: Australian ***Stuart Appleby*** breaks record in Melbourne – **696yds**

Feb 2005: Britain's ***Paul Slater*** sets new world record at London City Airport – **720yds**