



GOLF tips

by Jacques Beukes

Accuracy Assured

Amateurs truly battle with distance control around the greens, something that can mean the difference between a bogie and a par.

A drill I use with many of my students is to simply place a score card on the green that indicates the intended landing area. Now, the key is to select the correct club that will give you the desired long or short shot, keeping the landing area the same. If, for instance, you opt to use your sand wedge, the ball will pop up higher but not roll as far. On the other hand, if you select a 7 iron, the ball will come out lower and role further. Try this technique, experimenting with the different clubs in your bag.

On the course, you should also remember to look at the slopes you'll be confronted with – downhill chips, uphill chips, or slopes from left to right, and right to left.



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