



# Back To Basics

So many new golfers try to take on the game of golf without the help of a PGA golf professional. When you start playing without having been taught the correct basics, it's hard to hit consistent shots. It's also very difficult to change those mistakes once they have become a habit.

In the photo you will see that I am standing on two clubs. The club under my right foot is a 5-iron, while the one under the left is a 9-iron. The angle of the respective clubs shows the trajectory at which the ball will come out if the correct basics are taught from day one. I see so many golfers on the range and it is immediately obvious that they have never been taught good basics. As a result they struggle to get the ball airborne. They then try to scoop the ball in the air, which generally results in the ball going out to the right.

My advice? Make sure that you see your local PGA professional from the outset. This will ensure that you start off with sound fundamentals. To find your PGP pro, simply visit [www.pgasa.com](http://www.pgasa.com) or [www.jbgolfacademy.co.za](http://www.jbgolfacademy.co.za).

Remember what Ben Hogan once said, "Any golfer can play in the 70s with the correct coaching from day one."



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