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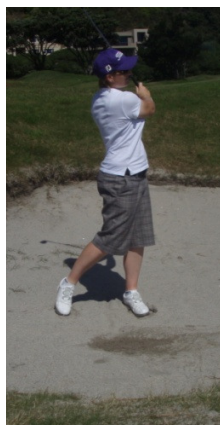
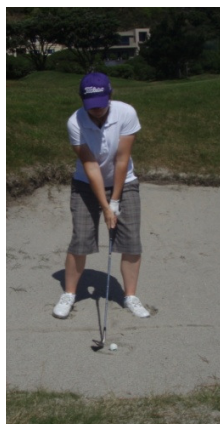
GREENSIDE BUNKERS MADE EASY



I often hear complaints that bunkers are the most difficult shot in golf. I will confess that they are difficult but only because we don't practice or play them often enough to get good at them. There are many reasons for why we find bunker difficult 1. A greenside is the only place on the golf course where you don't make contact with the ball first. 2. The club golfer doesn't have the pleasure of playing on the PGA tour where each course they play has strict guidelines on how the course must be presented. E.g. depth of rough, speed of greens,

how much sand in greenside & fairway bunkers.

We need to change your focus from the ball to the sand, the simplest way to think about a bunker is to imagine you are going to take a mini pizza out of the bunker and place it on the green.



BASIC TECHNIQUE

GRIP;

- Hold the club the same as you would with an iron shot onto the green

ALIGNMENT;

- Aim clubface towards the target with your feet parallel to that

SET UP:

- Dig your feet into the sand about a couple of inches
- Ball in the middle of stance
- Feet shoulder width apart

SWING

- Use a half to full swing. The length of the swing is often determined by the length of the shot. Simply the longer the distance the bigger the swing.

PRACTICE DRILL

- First practice without the ball and only with the pizza base

TIPS

To get extra height with your shot; visit your local professional purchase a lob wedge.

To get consistent results with distance control you need to practice taking a consistent amount of sand. The more sand you take the less the distance will travel