



CHIP SHOTS FROM BAD LIES

SHORT GAME TRAINING GUIDE

Tight Lies



Tour Pro's love chipping from tight lies! They can control the shot and impart backspin with a lofted wedge. This takes 1000's of hours of practice. The reality is that most amateur golfers would rather have some cushion under the ball.



A much safer option is to play a “Bump 'n' Run” chip shot, low to the ground. Glen demonstrates this method with his 7-iron. To keep the ball down and running, he plays it off his back foot and ‘hoods’ the clubface, aiming accordingly.

Hook Bump 'n' Run



The swing arc here, shows that Glen's swing path is in-to-out. With the closed face, the ball will come out low and running with hook spin. This is preferable to chipping with a 4 or 5-iron, as you can achieve better contact.



The ball runs along the short grass, so only a short swing is required. You don't need to hit the shot as hard as you would if you were putting it! Ensure ball-first contact with a 'punch' action. A great escape option from short or long range.

Against The Collar



With thick grass behind the golf ball, clean contact is impossible. Most golfers would reach for a lofted wedge to play from here. However, grass will be trapped between the clubface and the ball, so backspin is reduced and control is lost.



This is a clever choice, which is low risk but extremely effective. Use a hybrid or fairway wood and employ a putting setup. Admittedly, these clubs are much longer than a putter, so it's important to place your hands down the grip.

Hybrid Putt



The hybrid is perfect for these suspect lies, because of its rounded sole. The most important thing to remember is that you're not chipping the ball, you're putting it! Hold the clubhead off the ground and strike the ball at its equator.



The hybrid is more effective than the putter from these grassy lies and it's more powerful too. It'll take practice to get the pace of these shots right. An essential shot to have in your bag and can help you escape from some nasty spots!

N.I.T.B.Y.



Not In The Bunker Yet! Golfers dread this shot and it can really get into your head, when you're playing a shot over a bunker. To make this shot more challenging, you will invariably experience a poor, sandy lie.



If the ball is lying in soft sand or on wet, soggy turf, good quality contact is unlikely. Let's accept this and use the soft ground to our advantage. Let's 'Splash It'! Use a sand wedge, open the clubface and bring the shaft back.

Mini Splash



This increases the effective 'bounce' of the wedge. You don't want the leading edge to dig into the sand deeply. You're going to hit this chip shot 'heavy'. Much like a bunker shot, expect the ball to fly shorter, so use a slightly longer swing.



Aim to hit 1-2 inches behind the ball, somewhat like a bunker shot. Use the sole of the club to skim through the soft surface. Sand and loose soil will become trapped between the clubface and the ball, reducing ball speed.

Shallow Is Key



Don't hit down! The key here is to produce a shallow angle of attack. If you dig deeply into the soft ground, you'll get stuck and end up in the bunker! Keep the club skimming through the sand or wet turf and commit to your followthrough.



This is an advanced shot and does require some practice. However, if you can get the hang of it, you can save yourself many shots from these poor lies. You can avoid chipping into hazards or being forced to go around them.

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