



Golf Tips

How To Hit Pitches Over Water

Here's the situation, you're stuck in the fairway between a small lake and the green, you have 80 yards to the pin, and have about 15 yards to work with on the green. The ball sits on a slightly uphill lie. So, the good news is you have a fair bit of room to work with on the green, the bad, you're hitting a half-shot, so judging distance will be difficult. I would use a lob or sand wedge for this shot, you need the extra loft and spin to get close to the pin. There are four things to specifically remember for this type of shot. First and foremost, you must accelerate into impact; slowing down or trying to finesse the shot will likely result in erratic distance control or even a chunk. Furthermore, accelerating will give you addition backspin to help stop the ball on the green. I see many players take those long full swings and slow into impact in a pathetic attempt to hit the ball

softer. I'll let you in a secret... it doesn't work. Use a half-swing for this shot.

Second, choke down slightly on the club for added control. Third, open you stance slightly and ensure the ball is centered in your stance. If the ball is too far forward with an uphill lie, there is a tendency for amateurs to slide their bodies horizontally into the shot. Stemming from this ball position, keep in mind that you must rotate your hips and body like any other shot.

Finally, use a steady accelerating tempo. This situation requires a finesse shot, to do so you must be smooth and controlled, not erratic. Remember, there's nothing worse than coming up short on these shots, so make sure you hit the green. Finally get close enough to give yourself a putt at it. You should easily be able to hit 8 out of 10 of these shots on the surface within 30 feet with some practice.

With these tips you should have a much better chance of getting up and down.

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Last Call For Memorial Donations

“A DOLPHIN’S PROMISE UPDATE”



First, let me tell you, that you folks of West Neck Villages are SPECIAL PEOPLE! Why? Because your response to meeting our goal of \$3,500 for (1) dolphin, has grown to (two) dolphins at \$7,000 for which we are presently 90% there. Way to go, folks!

One dolphin is to be placed within the Signature Drive Circle, and the other is to be placed in the pool courtyard behind the Village Hall. Memorial donations will continue to be accepted through Friday, April 30, 2010. Checks should be taken to the Village Hall receptionist and be payable to: A Dolphin's Promise. The information sheet and forms are available at the Village Hall. Checks and donations will be forwarded to the Lance Armstrong Cancer Foundation.

Any questions, comments or concerns should be directed to Fred Stemple. His address is 2688 Majesty Lane

in the Carrollton Village at West Neck. You may also reach him by telephone at 426-1066 or by email at stemple37@cox.net.



The ceremony for the dedication and unveiling of the Dolphins will take place on Friday, May 14, 2010, at 11:30am at the Signature Drive Circle. In case of inclement weather, we will hold the ceremony inside the Village Hall.

Guests will include: the Honorable Mayor for the City of Virginia Beach, William Sessoms, and past Mayor Myera Oberndorf. Also on hand, representing the Lance Armstrong Cancer Foundation, will be President of A Dolphin's Promise, Cindy Graf.

Immediately following the ceremony, please plan to attend a "No-Host (Dutch-treat) Luncheon" at the Signature Grille. Those attending are requested to please make reservations for this celebratory luncheon by calling 689-0364 (no later than Wednesday, May 12, 2010).

Looking forward to seeing you there.
Best Regards,
Fred Stemple

