

A Feel For Better Chipping By Trent Wearner

When chipping the ball from just off of the green, most golfers adhere to one of many club selection methods. Some use one club no matter where the hole is located while some rely on several clubs using more lofted clubs when the hole is cut close to them and less lofted clubs when there is a fair amount of green between their ball and hole so that it will roll the majority of that distance.

Whichever method you prefer, practicing your feel for these important shots shouldn't be ignored. One process for honing your feel is to grab one club and hit one ball to every hole on the chipping green. Then change to a different club and proceed to hit a ball to every hole again. Continue doing this with several clubs and feel free to use any club in your golf bag for this drill. You may find out that there are some advantages and disadvantages to using a certain club in a certain circumstance so while you may not want to use that club to that hole if you were faced with the same shot while playing, practicing this way can enhance your feel, versatility, and adaptability.

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