



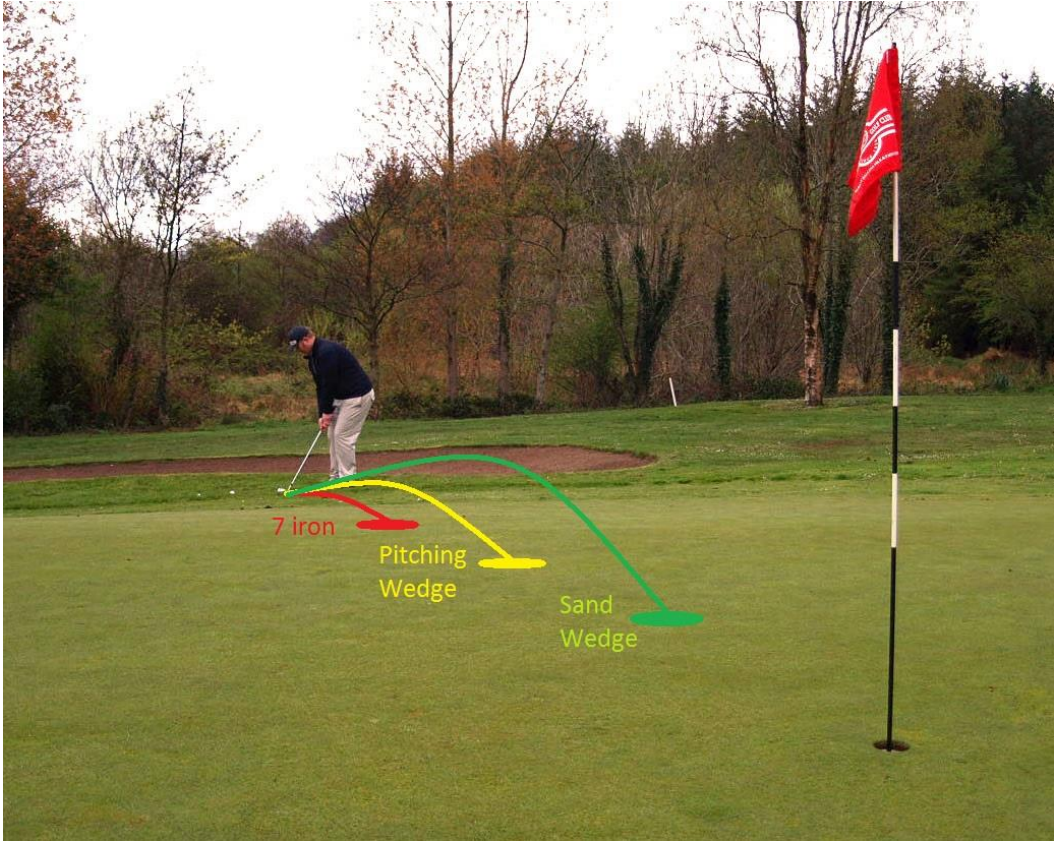
Around the Green

Pick the right club to play the right shot.

Every day on the practice ground I see players struggling with their short game and it isn't always because of their mechanics. Too often players either choose the wrong shot or the wrong club to play the desired shot with.

If you are a player who plays all their shots around the green with one club perhaps the following advice can help.

- Profile the shot. i.e. how is the ball lying?, where can I land the ball and get a dependable bounce?, where is the flag in relation to this landing area? Once we have answered these questions we can select the club.
- Club selection. The club selection depends on what type of shot we are trying to play. If the shot we are trying to play is more time rolling than in the air we should be choosing a 7 iron. If the shot is landing 50% of the way to the hole and rolling out the remaining 50% we should select a PW and if the shot requires the ball to land 70% of the way and roll out the remaining 30% we should choose a SW or LW.



- Execution.

### The set up.

Choke down on the grip. Put your feet roughly the length of the club head apart. Place a little more weight on your front foot and lean slightly towards the target. Have the ball in the middle of your stance.



### The swing.

Try to keep an even tempo to the swing, thinking along the lines of a pendulum. We should try to control the distance we hit these shots by the length of the swing and the club we select keeping a similar speed throughout.



## Follow Through

We want to feel and hear a brush of the grass with the sole of the club which indicates a shallow angle of attack. The follow through should mirror the length of the backswing, making sure we pivot on that front leg and face the target with a smooth rotation of the body. This ensures we get a great view of the ball heading for the hole.

