
Tip of the Week: Are you missing the green from 100 yards out?

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When you're inside 100 yards with a good lie, it's pretty deflating to not hit the green. There are a few things you can do to improve your chances.

- Don't try to max out distance with whatever club you choose. You'll end up over swinging and likely produce poor contact. You have to hit these shots solid, so go with a club where you can make a smooth, three-quarter swing and still get the distance you need.
- Commit to playing for the center of the green or, at least, aiming away from trouble.
- A great drill for this comes from the late Ken Venturi. Place three balls in a tight row on your target line and set up like you were going to hit the one farthest from the target. Instead of hitting it, kick it and the middle ball away and try to strike the remaining ball. That forward ball position forces you to stay down longer and promotes the swing bottom you need to hit these shots solid.