

SHORT IRON PLAY

Short irons are a key to success during any round. These clubs are numbered 7 thru 9. Your short irons can bail you out of trouble when you hit errant tee shots and will allow you to put your ball back in play. More of your shots into the green will come while playing short irons and wedges than any of your other clubs.

- When playing short iron shots it's important to play the ball in the middle of your stance so you are sure to make solid contact.
- If you're between clubs, take the smaller numbered club and take an easier swing. When in doubt it's always better to swing easy and take more club.
- Since many of your short iron shots will be made while approaching the green it's a good idea to have a target on the green. In most cases it's better to aim for the center of the green. If you aim at the center of the green and you are a bit off, or don't quite hit your target, you can still be putting.
- Be sure to take a full turn and accelerate through the golf ball just as we have covered in the full swing section.