



CHICAGOLAND'S PREMIER GOLF DESTINATION GUIDE

## PGA PROFESSIONAL GOLF TIPS FOR MAY



If you are like most golfers, you'll use your driver off the tee and your hybrids and woods for long fairway shots and find yourself close to the hole with only a short distance to cover. Sometimes you have a straight shot to the hole with no interference, and sometimes you have to hit over a bunker or rough. Often, the green is elevated so examine the lie, and determine the type of shot to execute.

### PERFECTING THE "BUMP AND RUN"

One kind of chip shot from around the green is the "bump and run". This kind of shot has the ball "bump" onto the green and "run" right into the hole, ideally. To launch the ball on a lower trajectory, use a lower lofted club such as a 6,7 or 8 iron. Your stance should be open, and the position of the ball should be back toward your foot away from the hole. Do not open up the face of the club. Keep your legs close together, and hold the club firmly with your hands ahead of the ball. Strike the ball and the ground simultaneously with your arms, using a downward swing, and then hit through the ball for the follow-

through. The goal of this shot is to make it or position the ball on the green so that you will have a good putt.

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### USING THE FLOP SHOT

The flop shot is used when something is between your ball and the hole, like a bunker or a water hazard. Use a more lofted club, and open up the club face and get the club underneath the ball to pop it up into the air for a high trajectory that avoids the trouble. Use an open stance, lean into the ball and bend your knees. Know where you want the ball to hit the green. Cock your wrists and hit downward, keeping your left wrist straight through the shot. The ball should follow a high trajectory over the hazards and onto the green.

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