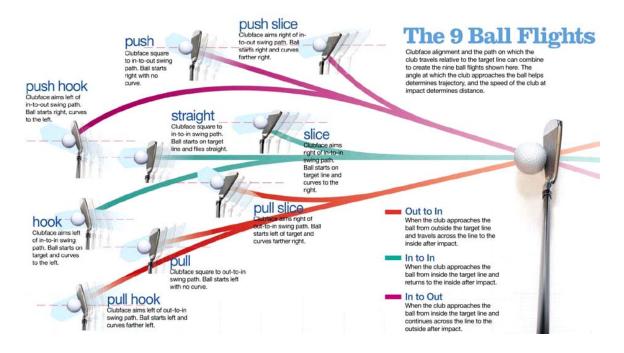
## **Curving the Golf Ball**

Every one of you has the ability to curve the golf ball at any time. Best part is that you can do this "on command" with golf lessons from a PGA Professional.

Many of you say, "Mase I have no control of the golf ball". I disagree. In the lessons that I give, WE will work on your understanding on how to curve the golf ball. You will be curving the ball on command when we are done, now un-cross your fingers.

Many of you turn your bodies and move your grips and change your swings in all kinds of varied contortions. I couldn't even hit the shots from the positions that some of you get into. We will work on being able to curve the ball - ALL FROM THE SAME START POSITION.

The ball can only fly 9 ways – see the attached diagram to see those directions and curvatures.



First, you must understand a few common things that hopefully will lead to you "feeling" the proper position to get the ball to curve. You will have to go to the driving range to practice your new shot making ability.

Assumptions we are making are that you have the proper grip and are aiming in the proper direction. If not? Then you have added more variables to the golf swing via the start position. Just means you have to overcome more variables in your actual swing. So be sure those two items are correct.

If you need to look them over go to our website, g3golf.com and look under "Tips by Mase" to catch up.

YOU CURVE the golf ball with your hands. The initial direction the ball travels on is controlled by your body/swing path action. So get your hands more active to curve the golf ball. Too many of you try to hook the golf ball with your body/shoulders. When you do this you will have a tendency to move your body in front of the golf ball and/or stand tall on the ball and top or whiff it.

When the ball curves from left-to-right - the initial direction (assuming you are aimed correctly) is controlled by your club head path or body, so an outside to inside swing path. Then when the ball curves to the right that is controlled by the hands, which controls the clubface and the ball moves back to the right.

As a softball/baseball player if you wish the ball to go to right field you let your body get in front and the bat lag behind. Same thing happens in golf. So let your hands curve the golf ball. They are mirror images of your clubface.

When you hit the ball down the third base line you let the bat get out in

front and the body feels as if it lags behind. Same thing happens when you hit a hook, the right-to-left shot for a right-handed golfer.

Second, pretend you are having a race between the toe of the club and the heel of the club. When you slice the heel wins the race...clubface will be open or pointed to the right. So feel as if the toe will win the race. Most of you can turn that toe over as hard as you want and it will not hook or go right-to-left as much as you think.

Lastly, the diagram should help you understand this relationship between swing path and clubface "much more better". However, you are still better having a PGA Professional be your eyes to help you match up the feelings in your swing with what is reality.

Questions? See Greg, Norm or Scott at the Waverly Golf Course.

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