

Range to the Golf Course

How do I get my game from the driving range to the golf course? Get in a golf car or car and drive there. Sorry not that easy sometimes. This is a common question many of you have. You are a zero handicap on the driving range and then you shoot 200 on the golf course.

You sit up there and hit 40 PERFECT 7 –irons and 20 PERFECT drivers. But once on the course it all goes astray. Most of you do not practice with an aiming club at your feet. Always, always have an aiming club at your feet so that you are sure you are aiming at what you think you are aiming at.

One issue that most of you have on the driving range is that you THINK you are picking out a target; but you do not really pick a target. Plus you do not have to follow your misses on the range.

There is NO CONSEQUENCE WHEN ON THE DRIVING RANGE. So set up situations where there is consequence on the range.

One way to help improve is to actually play the golf course on the driving range or what I will call simulated practice. Play the first hole at your home golf course. Pull out your driver and hit it. You can generally tell how well you hit it and what predicament you will encounter with that tee shot. This will take some imagination on your part. Pick a “fairway” on the range – say the green flag is the left edge of your fairway and the red flag is the right edge of the fairway. This will give you that visual or consequence when/if the ball ends up outside your boundaries.

Let’s say you hit it well and you know you would have an 8 iron second shot. Hit that shot. Pick out a target, go through that procedure or routine we talked about a few tips ago. Then proceed to the next imaginary hole. Go through the golf course in your mind,

picturing the hole you are playing and then hitting the shot that is required.

This is also great way to practice if you have a particular trouble hole on your home course. Practice that particular tee shot or fairway shot with the visual in your minds eye.

By doing this you will be picking out a target each and every time, going through your procedure/routine and actually seeing a result. In addition, you are going at a more regular pace like you would on a golf course. You actually have to think the shot through. Try it as it also makes practice more fun than just sitting up there banging 40 straight drivers or 7 irons. Easy to get into a routine or rhythm hitting just one club all the time.

Also hit purposeful hooks, slices, low and high shots on the range. Use last weeks tip to work on and understand how to curve the golf ball. By doing this on the range you will gain some experience on how to hit these types of shots. Then when you do happen to hit one in the trees you will be able to duplicate that shot you have practiced on the driving range on the golf course.

So work on getting that game from the range to the golf course by imagining that the golf course is on the driving range.

Questions? See Greg, Norm or Scott, Jeremy or Adam and we can help you with your range to the course game.

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