

### Tip of the week:

The difference between fairway and greenside bunkers.

Fairway bunkers you need to catch the ball first to make it go the desired distance. You don't want to break the surface of the sand too much with your feet, because this will make you lower and it will promote you to strike the sand first. Get a narrow stance with your feet and grip the club slightly shorter. This will give you the best change to strike the ball clean as it will get the outline of the swing circle higher. By moving the ball forward in your stance will give you a shallower angle of attack which will make it easier to pick the ball clean. A balanced finished is a good swing thought as any vertical movement will make it difficult to get a consistent strike and to keep the balance.

A side note on fairway bunkers: You have to first look at the height of the bunker lip and then the distance before choosing a club. The biggest mistake you can do is not choosing enough loft and hit it into the bunkers lip, giving you an even tougher shot on your next.



Greenside bunkers you want to make contact with the sand before your ball and let the bounce of your club do the rest. At set up you want a wide stance, feet lower than the surface of the sand, and the weight favouring the left side. This will encourage your low point to be in front of the ball, making contact with the sand first. By opening the face slightly will promote more bounce, but be aware of the thickness of the sand before doing this. On scenarios were the surface is hard and it doesn't have a lot of sand , don't open the face as the bounce will not be able to get under the ball and the leading edge will send the ball flying over the green. Because we make contact with the sand and not the ball, the sand absorbs most of the power and plenty of speed is required to pull of the shot. To generate this speed feel like you are setting the club with the wrist on the back swing and releasing the club past the hands through impact. Try and focus on where you want to make contact with the sand instead on looking at the ball.



