

Lesson #13

MORE ABOUT THE LONG IRONS

Irons are used for accuracy - woods for distance, and while we find many otherwise fine golfers having great difficulty with their long irons - its part of the game and should be mastered.

Without watching you hit a few it's a mighty ticklish subject to tell you what you're doing wrong, but if you will check yourself carefully on the three or four most common errors you will be playing them with more confidence, and confidence is a mighty powerful word in this game of golf.

First, are you overswinging - are you trying to get your club as far back as you do your woods if so shorten your backswing a lot. Try for accuracy with this very much shortened backswing. When you have acquired accuracy gradually lengthen the backswing a bit at a time and distance will come.

Second, are you pulling your iron to the left badly? Watch your finish, perhaps your weight hasn't flown through and you are still standing on your right leg. This will cause a pulled shot - so will taking your club head back too far inside. Watch these things and you won't pull them.

Third, are you pushing your irons to the right? Again watch your finish - your probably quitting or not following through. Make sure that the club head is finishing over your left shoulder. If that's OKey then watch your backswing and see that it's not too far outside.

In giving these tips I'm taking it for granted that your grip is correct maybe you are also, so perhaps you'd better check it with your pro.