

- Golf Tip -

## GETTING UP & DOWN

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Many of you experienced the wonderful conditions of the golf course during the Couples' Member-Guest. The greens were firm and fast, as were the aprons, and getting up and down became quite the challenge. It is important to carefully weigh your options when you miss a green.



As a general rule of thumb, keep the ball low whenever possible. A chip should be a low shot that runs once it hits the green. Hitting a high, soft shot is very risky from Cornerstone's tight aprons. With firm, fast, undulated greens, the reaction of the ball once it lands is unpredictable for the average golfer. I suggest, however, that you go even lower than a chip. If you are not too far off the green...putt. Chances are that you will not miss the putt as badly as you could miss a higher shot. Next try a hybrid or fairway wood and stroke it like a putter. You can take less swing than with a putter and still roll the ball up onto the green. Even long irons, like a 5 or 6, create nice bump and run shots around the green.

Many of Cornerstone's holes test our short game and creativity. Think past your wedge and go low, hopefully this will shave a few shots off your round!