

Proper Wedge Swing Technique

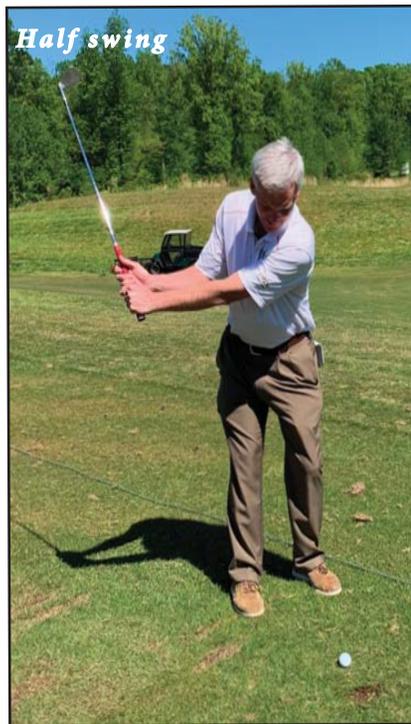
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I have found that one of the best ways to have a good wedge game is to find a few swings you are comfortable with and learn to hit multiple yardages with the same swings. You can do this by changing clubs and by altering your set up to hit the ball higher or lower to go different yardages.

To set up a base line for each club, set up square and notice how high or low you hit the ball with different clubs while using a half swing back and through. Pay attention to how consistent you are with the distance the ball goes with each club.

Once you become consistent with your motion you can really dial in your yardages. This is much simpler than taking one club and trying to swing it 50 different ways to hit all the



shots you will face on the golf course. Then try going to $\frac{3}{4}$ back and through and pay attention to how the ball flies with that swing while using your different wedges.

Using this technique and learning how to alter your set up to hit the ball a little higher or lower can get you to where you have all the shots in the book with just a couple grooved swings and takes the guesswork out of how hard you have to swing.

Below is a basic chart of the distances I hit my wedges with different clubs and swings. I can hit most of the in-between yardages by simply opening the face and stance a little bit to hit the ball higher and softer or by closing it down a little and playing the ball a little further back

in my stance to go a little farther. Take some time to practice this and see how much your wedge game improves.

Club	$\frac{1}{2}$ back & $\frac{1}{2}$ through	Shoulder to Shoulder	Full Swing
Lob Wedge	44 yards	70 yards	80 yards
Sand Wedge	55 yards	85 yards	100 yards
Gap Wedge	65 yards	95 yards	110 yards
Pitching Wedge	75 yards	105 yards	120 yards

Carolina Golf Hall of Fame Class of 2019

Three new members of the Carolina Golf Hall of Fame, located in Pinehurst, have all contributed in their own unique way to improving the game of golf - through design, maintenance and USGA leadership.

The late **George Cobb** has his name on 100's of golf courses beginning with his first at Camp Lejeune at the request of U.S. Marine brass following World War II. Designed to give returning wounded soldiers an added rehabilitation venue, Cobb eventually completed 10 additional military courses.

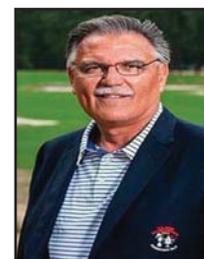


George Cobb

Away from the military, Cobb's work continued to take shape including 29 North Carolina courses. A partial list is highlighted by the following local courses: Carmel CC North, Quail Hollow Club, Rolling Hills in Monroe, Cabarrus CC in Concord, Mallard Head CC in Mooresville, Hound Ears in Boone along with

Oak Island and Bald Head Island. He isn't singled out for a perfect complement to Augusta National, but he should be, the Augusta National Par-3 Course is highlighted every Wednesday of Masters week.

The second member of the Class of 2019 is **Bob Farren**. He started as a member of the Pinehurst Resort golf course maintenance crew in 1982 and oversees nine golf courses plus a practice facility, all the landscaping across all the properties, plus all the vehicle maintenance.



Bob Farren



Jim Hyler

The third Carolina Hall of Fame member of 2019 is **Jim Hyler**, the most influential businessman capable of getting monumental support for USGA tournaments including the 1999 and 2005 US Opens held in Pinehurst. Both events helped Hyler being named president of the USGA in 2010.