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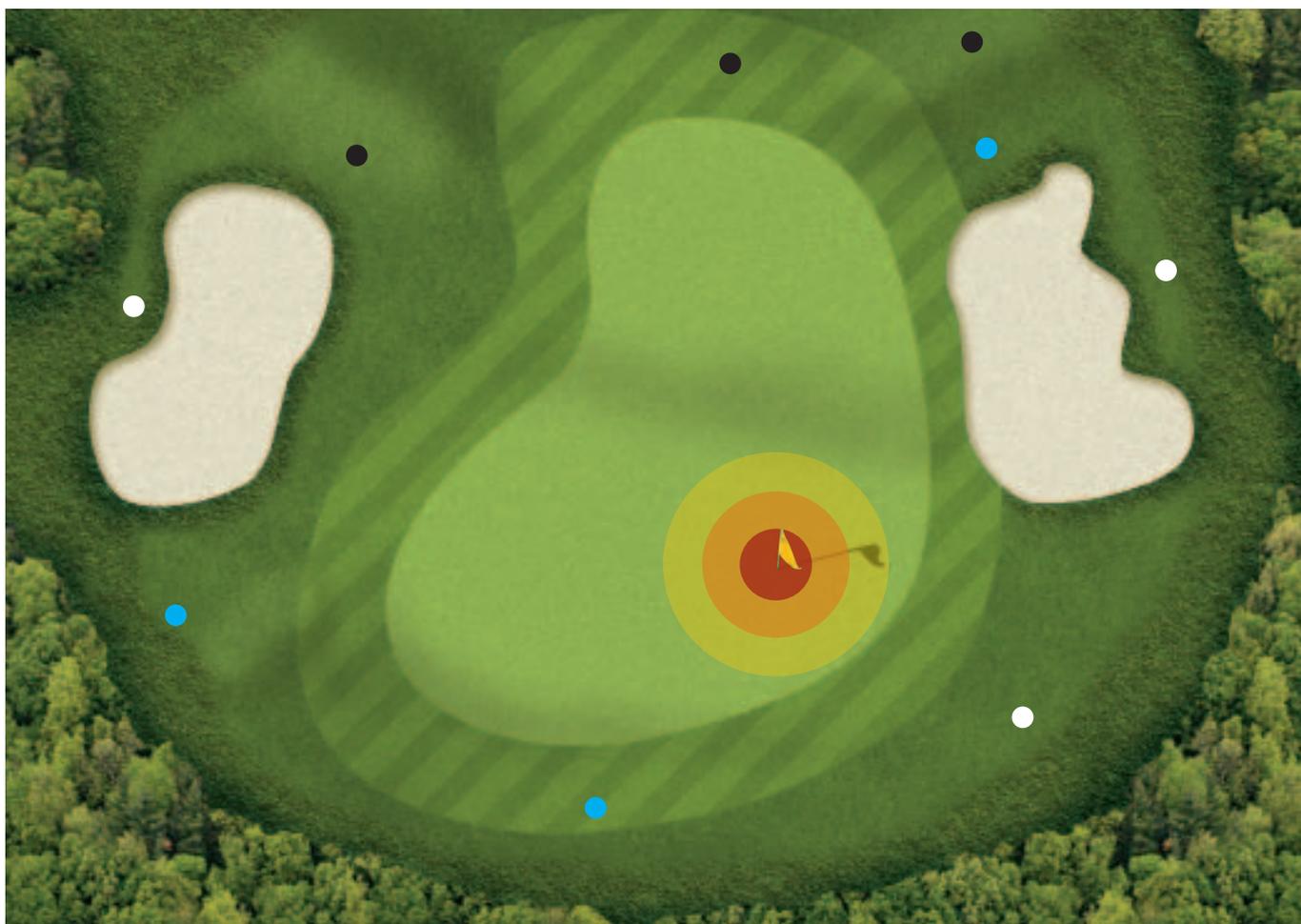
GET CLOSE FROM ANYWHERE

A practice drill to help you explore shot and club selection around the green

➔ **A COMMON MISTAKE** club golfers make is to reach for the same club for any situation around the greens. We all have a club that we feel most comfortable chipping and pitching with and we'll invariably reach for the safety and familiarity of that club when it really matters on the course – even if there might be a better

way to get the ball closer to the hole. This habit feeds itself as the more we use that stock approach the less comfortable we become with other shots and the less likely we are to try something different. This drill forces you to play a selection of shots around the green with a variety of clubs. By doing this, you will learn what can and

can't be achieved with certain clubs in certain situations and build your comfort levels with a range of different feel and finesse shots. Scoring your results adds a competitive element that will get you used to performing under pressure and enable you to monitor your standard and improvement with different short game shots.



NOW MONITOR YOUR OWN PROGRESS WITH THIS SIMPLE SCORING METHOD

Place nine balls around a practice green in similar situations to the positions demonstrated here. You must hit only one ball from each position without any practice shots and use each club only once.

- You must use a 4, 5 or 6-iron from

- positions 1, 2 and 3 (black ball)
- You must use a 7, 8 or 9-iron from positions 4, 5 and 6 (blue ball)
- You must use a PW, SW or LW from positions 7, 8 and 9 (white ball)
- Score points as followed based on the success of each shot:

- **Yellow zone** (within six feet) = 1 pt
- **Orange zone** (within four feet) = 3 pts
- **Red zone** (within two feet) = 5 pts
- **Holed chip** = 10 pts
- Record your scores on a card like this and keep individual shot and total scores for future reference.

Hole 1	Hole 2	Hole 3	Hole 4	Hole 5	Hole 6	Hole 7	Hole 8	Hole 9	Total points
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