

QUICK LOFT CONVERSION

Discover if you're using the wrong wedge for these five pitch shots



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➔ **Pitching is a vital part of the** game, as valuable when helping you scramble for par if you're out of position as it is for setting up birdie chances on short par 4s and 5s.

The ability to accurately judge your trajectory and release when faced

with a variety of lies, pin positions and conditions will greatly enhance your ability to shoot good scores.

This drill will help you to understand the flight, the kind of landing and the roll out you'll get with a variety of different wedges from 30 to 50 yards.

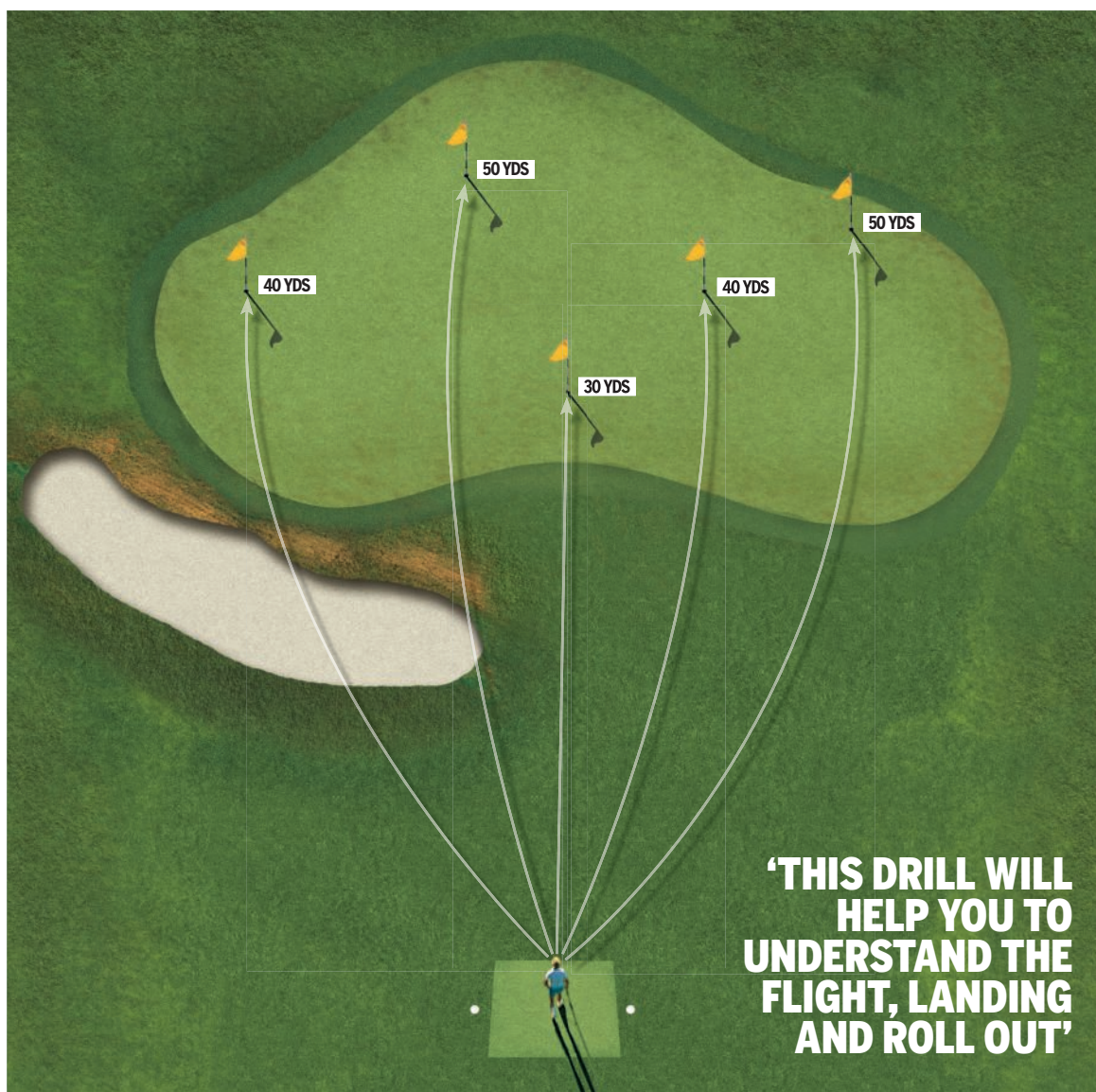
Recording how close you hit each club to the different targets will highlight which loft is best for certain distances and situations – and allow you to evaluate your pitching under pressure and improve your overall short-game performance.

HOW IT WORKS

1 Find a position on the practice ground where you can hit from a decent lie (ideally grass) to five flags ranging from 30 to 50 yards away – if you have a laser, use it to be sure of the distances.

2 Work from left to right so you hit two balls to each flag with a pitching wedge (about 48°), gap wedge (52°), sand wedge (56°) and lob wedge (60°) without hitting to the same target twice in a row.

3 Measure the distance the balls finish from the target flag with each club and record the results in the table below. Repeat as often as possible.



	40	50	30	40	50	40	50	30	40	50	TOTAL	AVE
PW												
GW												
SW												
LW												

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This drill has been taken from 'Effective Practice, Better Scores' by Craig Lea. Visit craigleagolf.com to buy your copy for £11.95.

