



GOLF TIPS FROM BETH
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This month's tip, "Preparing your approach shot".

Someone once quoted that "the approach shot is the most important shot in golf." Hummmm? Well it is. If your approach shot lands within 10 feet of the pin, you have a good chance at a one putt. If you miss the green, you are approaching the green again. Having said that, I would like to go back to the shot prior to your approach shot and address this strategy.

For some of you, preparing for your approach shot begins on the tee box. For others it could be one or two shots after your tee shot. The idea is to be aware of when you are 2 shots away from the green. This is the shot that will set you up for your approach shot.

Once you are two shots away from the green, look for the placement of the pin on the green. Is it back or front, is it left or right? Know the pin placement. If the pin is in the back right hand side of the green, you will want to hit your next shot to the left side of the fairway. If the pin is on the left side of the green you will want to place your shot to the right side of the fairway. The idea is to have a straight shot to the pin, on your approach, with lots of green to work with and no hazards between you and the pin.

All golfers have heard the term "short siding yourself", that is what happens when you set your approach shot on the same side of the fairway as the pin. You have no green to work with and it is nearly impossible to get the ball to stop on the green. So, next time you are approaching your approach shot, try this out. I hope this helps.