



## AFTON GOLF CLUB

Member

P. O. Box 57 · AFTON, NY 13730 · 607-639-2454

Guy Dawson  
Head Professional

### Shooting Lower Scores and Reducing Our Handicap

There are several issues we have to address in order to lower our scores. The first is to be realistic in our goal setting so we don't have target scores that we can't really achieve. There is nothing more frustrating than to set an unrealistic goal and then coming up way short. In golf, if we can improve our scores an average of one shot a month; just think how much improvement we'd achieve in one year. So the question is: How do we save strokes on the golf course? Here is the answer! First and foremost is to drive the ball in the fairway. I don't care how long or short your drive is just make sure it is in the fairway. The second most important aspect of the game to improve is putting and specifically to not three putt. In other words **MAKE SURE YOUR FIRST PUTT ENDS UP SO CLOSE TO THE HOLE THAT YOUR SECOND PUTT IS A GIMME**. Also, remember improvement in golf is a long-term gig, and there is no quick fix. So remember to hit the drive in the fairway and snuggle that first putt next to the hole.

*Guy Dawson PGA  
Director of Golf – Afton Golf Club*

*Guy Dawson has owned and operated the Afton Golf Club for the past 21 years. He is a PGA Professional and Member of the Central New York PGA. Guy has been playing golf for 47 years and has given thousands of golf lessons. If you would like Guy to give you a quick, FREE lesson on how to save strokes, you can contact him at 607 639-2454 or [guyedawson@yahoo.com](mailto:guyedawson@yahoo.com).*