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Pitching and Chipping Part 3 of 3

In this lesson we are going to take a look at all those "little shots" around the green. These are the ones WE HAVE TO GET CLOSE in order to improve our scores. Pitching the ball is using a lofted club (usually a wedge) to make the ball fly high and land soft with very little roll. To consistently hit this shot close to the pin requires not only boat loads of skill aka Phil Mickelson, but also daily practice. Who's got the time? A better alternative for many of us is to get proficient at chipping the ball around the greens whenever possible. Using a 6, 7, or 8 iron instead of a wedge and hit the ball low and let it roll to the hole. Let's just say that the chip shot is a little more forgiving of miss-hits and misjudgment than the pitch shot which requires much more precision. So for more consistent results and lower scores, my money is on the chip shot over the pitch shot on a vast majority of all those "little shots" around the green.

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