



HAZARD PLAY

The right bunker mentality – and practice – will improve your shots from the sand.

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> COMMON ERRORS I see from students in bunkers are poor setup, incorrect club selection and not using what's in their hands properly. They also try to help the ball in the air at impact and don't shift their weight properly during the swing.

These tips can help:

- Use a 58- to 62-degree wedge because of the bounce.
- At setup, open the clubface as much, if not more, than you open your stance to the target.
- Put the ball in the middle of your stance with 55 percent of your weight on the front foot.
- Don't transfer your weight to the back foot during the swing, but transfer all of it to your forward foot through impact.
- Thump the sand behind the ball with the bounce of your wedge and don't let the toe of your club turn down past impact. **SG**

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