## **555 GOLF ACADEMY** 'PERFORMANCE EXCELLENCE'

## 'SHORT GAME DRILLS'

## **AROUND THE BUNKER**

We all need good skills around bunkers, but 'Sand Skills' is not the purpose of this 'Short Game Drill'. 'Versatile Finesse and Touch' are. The 'Bunker' is just a very defined 'Target'. So what does your '555 TEAM' mean by that? The 'Bunker' is a place to learn 'Short Game Skills'.

Walk around the 'Bunker' and drop **12 balls** each at about six locations about **4 yards or paces** back or away from the lip or edge. Then step back to **8 yards or paces** and drop the same at slightly different locations. Now you have **12 piles** which are comprised of **144 balls**. You now have some work to do! But what is it?

Here's the deal. This is a 'Control Drill' whereby you strike 'One 4 and One 8 Pace Pile With One Club' to the very 'Middle Of The Bunker'. Let us start with a #8 Iron. That means you will move 24 Balls to the very middle of the 'Bunker' with your #8 Iron ... 12 from 4 paces and 12 from 8 paces. Next you pull your #9 Iron and do the same with two piles. Next you pull your #PW and do the same with two more piles. Next your '#AW, #SW and #LW.

In this manner you will have perfected, or at least become familiar with two **'Less Than Full Swing'** distances with each or your **'Short Game Clubs'**. You will have a 'FEEL' for the **'Distance, Direction and Trajectory Control Of Each Club'**. This is key to your scoring from around the 'Greens'. Make sure you pick a 'Bunker' that has some varying 'Length Of Grass' and different 'Lies' so you can get a broad range of shots. **'Variety Is The Spice Of Golf'!** 

You can also keep moving back to 12, 16 and 20 paces and repeat the same exercise. Very same **'Dead Aim Target'!** (The '10% Rule' Applies. The 20 Pacer = 60 Feet = 6 Foot Circle as Target) No point in getting sloppy or lazy just because you are a little farther away. Get serious about your 'Targets'! That is what makes really good 'Golf'! Score well!

I can hear you thinking! What do I do from 20 paces with a #8 Iron? How often would I ever use that shot? The answer is "More Often Than You Might Think!" Work the 'Full Bag Range' so you get the most out of your practice session. The exercise will mean a lot more to you after you have actually completed it.

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