555 GOLF ACADEMY 'PERFORMANCE EXCELLENCE'

'BUNKER DRILLS'

BUNKER TO BUNKER

'Beach To Beach'

I do not know about you, but I seem to very seldom get into any of the 'Fairway or Waste Bunkers'. 'Golf Is Just 'A To B' or what your '555 Team' calls 'Two Point Golf'. Plan, SET-UP and 'Connect The Dots'!

I have worked to hit the 'Ball' very straight with little or no 'Side Spin Rate'. If you want to strike good straight 'Golf Balls', that is what it takes, no 'Cutting Action'. Straight Is Cool! Now that I have said this, I am cursed for sure!

In any case we need to practise this 'Sand Work' or, from a teacher perspective, 'Teach The Beach'!

We have dealt with the 'Components and Procedures' so I am not going to re-plough that field. You have the 'Bunker Protocols and if not you can look them up in your 'Golfmyth Collection' of six instructional books. If you do not know were to get them, proceed directly to your '<u>555golf.com</u>' 'WebSite' and you will soon have all the answers!

There is a very useful practice routine you might adopt to get more experience in two important areas: 1) 'Target Golf' and 2) 'Getting Off the Beach'.

We at the '555 Golf Academy' call this routine '**BUNKER TO BUNKER**' or from the '**BEACH TO BEACH**' and these are appropriate terms.

You should be on a course with abundant bunkers including lots of 'Fairway Bunkering'.

You start from the 'Tee Box' and fire your Ball directly at and into a 'Fairway Bunker'. May take two strokes! From there, you 'TAKE DEAD AIM' and again strike your Ball into the next bunker which may be another 'Waste or Fairway' variety or will be a 'Greenside Bunker'. All this is 'CALL SHOT' so you announce which bunker you are aiming for. Get in it and 'UP AND DOWN' from there.

Do this once or twice a month depending on your level of 'Sand Play Proficiency'. You will both improve your skills and lose your 'Fear Of The Beach'. Guaranteed!

Just a reminder! Keep your pace of play up so you are not holding up the nice folks behind you. A bunker shot takes only a few moments longer than regular play only because you must rake! Don't forget that little courtesy. You are not the only person who is going to frequent this shoreline! **HAVE FUN!**

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