Understanding Your Lie Around The Green

With all the rain we have had, and now some Summer heat on top of that the rough on the golf course is growing quickly. It is important when you miss a green to understand how the lie is going to affect your chip shot.

Getting Started...

- The first thing we must do is survey the lie.
- There are 3 types of lies

Normal Lie - No grass behind the ball & the ball sitting down

Too Good of Lie - No grass behind the ball & the ball is sitting on top of the grass

Bad Lie - Grass behind the club & the ball and sitting down

How to Play Each Shot

Normal Lie - Proceed per usual

I always like to visualize the shot and pick a landing spot that will allow for the ball to release to the hole

- Too Good of Lie Either hit the shot with a longer swing or take less loft
 The problem with this chip shot is contact is usually high on the clubface resulting in a chip shot that doesn't travel as far.
- Bad Lie Open the club face & use a more lofted club so that you can be aggressive You have to be positive and understand that you are going to come across your fair share of bad lies if you miss the greens. Let the loft be your friend and allow you to swing through the grass more aggressively.

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