

PLAY YOUR BEST DIVOT DETECTING

UNEARTH YOUR BEST SWING BY STUDYING TURF CUTS

MORE FROM OUR BEST YOUNG TEACHERS

“If you’re digging up half the earth when you swing, you’re not only too steep, your grip pressure is too tight. Relax your hands and your divots will get thinner, and your ball flight will rise.”

Abby Welch
Kiawah Island (S.C.) Golf Resort

“Divots are the poor man’s way to check if your irons are poorly fitted. If you see a thin hole to the outside of where the ball was, the leading edge wasn’t uniformly soled at impact. The lie angle is off and your irons need adjusting.”

Scott Chisholm
Baltusrol G.C., Springfield, N.J.

“You want to think of taking a divot as bruising the ground instead of gouging it. Carve too deep and you’ll struggle with distance and trajectory. A good swing thought: Try to take the green off the grass in front of the ball while leaving the white roots intact.”

Justin Klemballa
Paradise Valley (Ariz.) C.C.

“No mark on the turf? Then you probably didn’t keep the left arm extended through impact. Try this drill: From a narrow stance, address a ball with you arms fully extended (it creates a triangle look with your torso). Make easy swings maintaining the triangle look. Focus on body rotation. Feel like the arms stay long and quiet back and through.”

Trillium Rose
Woodmont C.C., Rockville, Md.

First, before you move, notice the location of where you took a divot.

It should be in front of the spot where you made contact with the ball. If it’s behind that point, your swing was slowing down through impact. Next time keep your hands moving.

Now check the width. It should be uniform and the

same as your clubface.

If it’s narrow or inconsistent in width, the face wasn’t square at impact.

You have to keep your body rotating.

A deep, leftward crater indicates a pulled shot straight left or a slice to the right.

Let your legs start the downswing to shallow and straighten

When you hit an iron shot off the turf, you leave clues that indicate a lot about the quality of the shot. Grab your magnifying glass and have a look, inspector.

the hole some (it should curve left at the end indicating the club worked back inside after impact).

Looking at the turf doesn’t tell the whole story of your swing, but it’s a strong start to diagnosing – and fixing – issues.

Jonathan Buchanan teaches at Dallas Country Club.



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Tales of legendary clubs

To golfers, golf clubs are akin to their greatest companion in the sport. But did you know these little-known fun facts about golf clubs?

1 THE LONGEST OF ALL CLUBS
While golf players carry clubs of different lengths (depending on what best suits the individual), the longest ‘usable’ golf club recorded to date measures an astounding 8.56m long! Constructed by Michael Furrh from Texas, USA, the golf club was measured and tested at Waterchase Golf Club on 12 September 2016, and a test swing recorded a distance of 59 yards. With that, Furrh swung his way into the prestigious Guinness World Records.

2 HEAR THAT SWING?
The first steel-shafted golf clubs were advertised in 1914. With oblong holes cut in all four sides to reduce wind resistance, every swing resulted in humming and whistling, leading golfers to describe the experience as if they were playing a harmonica!

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3 THE MOST EXPENSIVE CLUB
Andrew Dickson Long-Nosed Putter is the top most expensive golf club ever auctioned. Purchased in 2007 at a Sotheby’s auction for a staggering \$181,000. The 18th century putter was extremely valuable because it had the stamp of its manufacturer, Andrew Dickson, making it the oldest verified club with its manufacturer’s stamp on it.

BONUS – DID YOU KNOW?
Proper hydration keeps you energised and focused for a powerful swing on the golf course. With UFC Refresh Coconut Water, 100% natural coconut water harvested from “the coconut belt” in Thailand, where the world’s most delicious coconuts are grown – there is no better way to stay refreshed.



The Natural Hydration for you