

## Pro's Top Tip - September

### Shot shaping

Shot shaping can be useful, such as avoiding trees or trying to attack a tricky pin, plus it's fun to do on the range to impress your friends.

#### The Theory

To shape a golf shot the golfer must swing the golf club in the direction they wish the ball to start, such as to hit a fade the club path must swing left of the target and to draw it must swing to the right assuming the golfer is right handed.

#### Fade (left to right ball flight)



#### Draw (right to left ball flight)



To hit the ball with a fade the club face should be open to the swing path and the draw the club face needs to be closed to the path.

**Open for the fade**



**Closed for the draw**



### **The Method**

The easiest and most effective way to hit controlled draws and fades is to aim square to your target line to begin with, this ensures you do not over compensate your aim. Importantly maintain the club face to your intended target and then move your body alignment to the left for a fade or to the right for a draw. Once you have established the set up for the shot shape you want swing the golf club on the line of your body, try to hold the face open when you want to fade the shot and allow the hands to release when trying to draw the shot.