

# UNEVEN LIES

## Here are some common uneven lies:

### 1. When the ball is below your feet make the following adjustments-

- Take a wider stance and / or bend your knees more this will get you closer to the ball.
- Aim to the left because the ball will tend to fly to the right especially the less lofted the club.
- Take 1 more club than normal for the distance you want the ball to fly and make a  $\frac{1}{2}$  to  $\frac{3}{4}$  swing so you keep your balance on the slope. This will allow you to make solid contact instead of topping or blading the ball, which is easy to do off this type of lie.

### 2. When the ball is above your feet make the following adjustments-

- Grip down lower on your club, and select 1 more club than normal for the distance. By gripping down on the grip you will be less likely to hit the shot "fat" (ground first-behind the ball).
- Aim to the right because the ball will tend to hook to the left, place more weight on your toes to help it hook less.
- Make a  $\frac{3}{4}$  swing so you keep your balance, which will improve your chances of hitting the shot more solid.

### 3. Uphill / Downhill lie-

- Place the ball closer to the higher foot; since the ground is sloping this will change where the club bottoms out, and make your body/ shoulders match the slope of the hill; allow gravity to pull your weight down the slope.
- Uphill lie- Select a less lofted club, because of the severe slope you may need to use the 7 iron when you normally use a 9 iron for that same distance on a flat lie. The slope of the hill will send the ball higher in the air resulting in the ball flying a shorter distance.
- Down hill lie- you will need to select a more lofted club, now you can hit the 9 iron when you normally would need the 7 iron for that distance. The slope is de-lofting the club, and the ball will fly lower than normal.

If the lie is very severe it is always best to use a club that is shorter and has more loft. It can be more risky to hit a 3 wood off a terrible lie, if you have 200 yards to the green, it might be smarter to hit two—100 yards shots.