

The Back Pocket Page

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From the tee

- Pick a side, not the middle. Aim where a miss still finds grass.
- The club you trust, not the club that reaches.
- Tight hole or cold first tee: the driver stays in the bag.

The approach

- Use the number to the FRONT of the green, not to the flag.
- Aim at the fattest part. A tucked flag is bait.
- Between clubs take the longer one and swing easier.

In trouble

- Out first. Forward second.
- One mistake costs a stroke. Arguing with it costs two.
- Trees are 100% tree.

Around the green

- Least loft that gets it rolling.
- If the putter can reach it, the putter goes.
- Land it early and let it run. Rolling balls behave.

On the green

- From twenty feet the target is a three-foot circle, not the cup.
- Leave yourself below the hole.
- The first read is the best read. Doubt is what misses it.

Before every shot:

"Can I pull this off eight times out of ten?"
If not, take the boring one.

- Ray. Fifty years of notes. One page at a time.