

Hey Golf Gals!

A few of us participated in last Saturday's Turkey Shoot Tournament at Carson Valley Golf
Course. I played in a foursome with DD Woodruff, Debbie Knapp and Lorna

Johnston. We had a great time and really enjoyed the format: Pick the best drive from all four drives and then you hit your own ball after that until you hole it. Lucky me, I got to hit from the yellow tees because of my handicap so the girls LOVED me. And, because Debbie had a great drive on hole #12, I had the privilege of actually getting a birdie! The big birdie girl in our group was DD with THREE birdies! BUT, even more amazing is that I took first place in Ladies Net Score! I won myself a turkey.

Donna Sugden was also a big winner in the putting contest. She nailed it—not just closest to the hole, but she sunk that putt and won herself a Thanksgiving pie! Congratulations, Donna! Other club members who participated in the Turkey Shoot were: Suze Ericson, Patti Parker, Kelly King, Joni Taylor and Jodi Davis.

Now onto a golf tip! Have you ever wondered how high you should tee your ball based on what club you're using off the tee? I stumbled across this really good article from Golf WRX on tee heights and thought I would share it with all of you. Hope it helps you out.

Correct height to tee up the golf ball with...

Driver

The longest club in the bag demands that the clubface strikes the teed ball on the upswing. Therefore, when using driver off the tee, the golf ball will be teed at its highest. The consensus from experts is that, when using the driver, the ball should sit equal to the crown/top of the driver. When the bottom of the golf ball, resting on the tee, sits in line with the top of the driver, the ball is teed at its optimal position and allows golfers to achieve maximum distance. The correct distance that the tee will be placed is about an inch and a half above the ground and will be lined up on the inside of your lead foot at address. To achieve this height, golfers will need to use a tee longer than standard.

3-wood and hybrids:

For 3-wood and hybrids tee shots, you should look to sweep the golf ball. To achieve this sweep, golfers should leave one-half to one-third of the ball above the crown of the club for their 3-wood with the tee sitting about half an inch above the ground. For hybrids and other fairway woods one-third to one-quarter of the ball above the crown is ideal. For both at address, players should place their lead foot about a clubhead in front of the ball.

Irons & Wedges:

As you go through the bag into your irons, the tee will descend further into the ground. For long to mid-irons (2-5i), golfers should look to leave a quarter of the tee above ground, while for shorter irons and wedges (6i-wedges) players should press the tee all the way into the ground so that only the head of the tee remains above the turf. Generally at address, the ball should lie in between both of your legs for iron and wedge shots.

'Should I use a tee on par 3s?'

Yes. While occasionally you may see tour pros not using a tee for approaches to par 3's, it's not recommended for amateur golfers to do the same. Eighteen-time major champion Jack Nicklaus is believed to have once said "You get 18 chances at a perfect lie – why not take them?" as "air offers less resistance than turf."

So, take advantage and tee it up the ball when you get the chance!

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