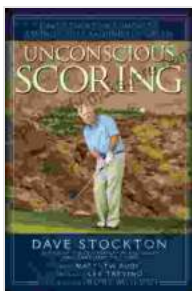


Dave Stockton's Guide to Saving Shots Around the Green

Dave Stockton is one of the most respected golf instructors in the world. He is a two-time major champion and has helped countless golfers of all levels improve their short games. In this article, we will share Stockton's top tips for saving shots around the green.

Principles of Short Game Recovery

According to Stockton, there are three key principles to keep in mind when playing shots around the green:



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1. **Control the distance.** The most important thing is to hit the ball the right distance. If you hit it too far, you will run it past the hole. If you hit it too short, you will leave yourself a long putt.

2. **Control the direction.** You also need to control the direction of your shots. If you hit the ball too far to the left or right, you will end up in a bunker or another hazard.
3. **Control the spin.** The spin of the ball will determine how it reacts when it lands on the green. If you hit the ball with too much spin, it will bounce and roll. If you hit it with too little spin, it will skid and stop.

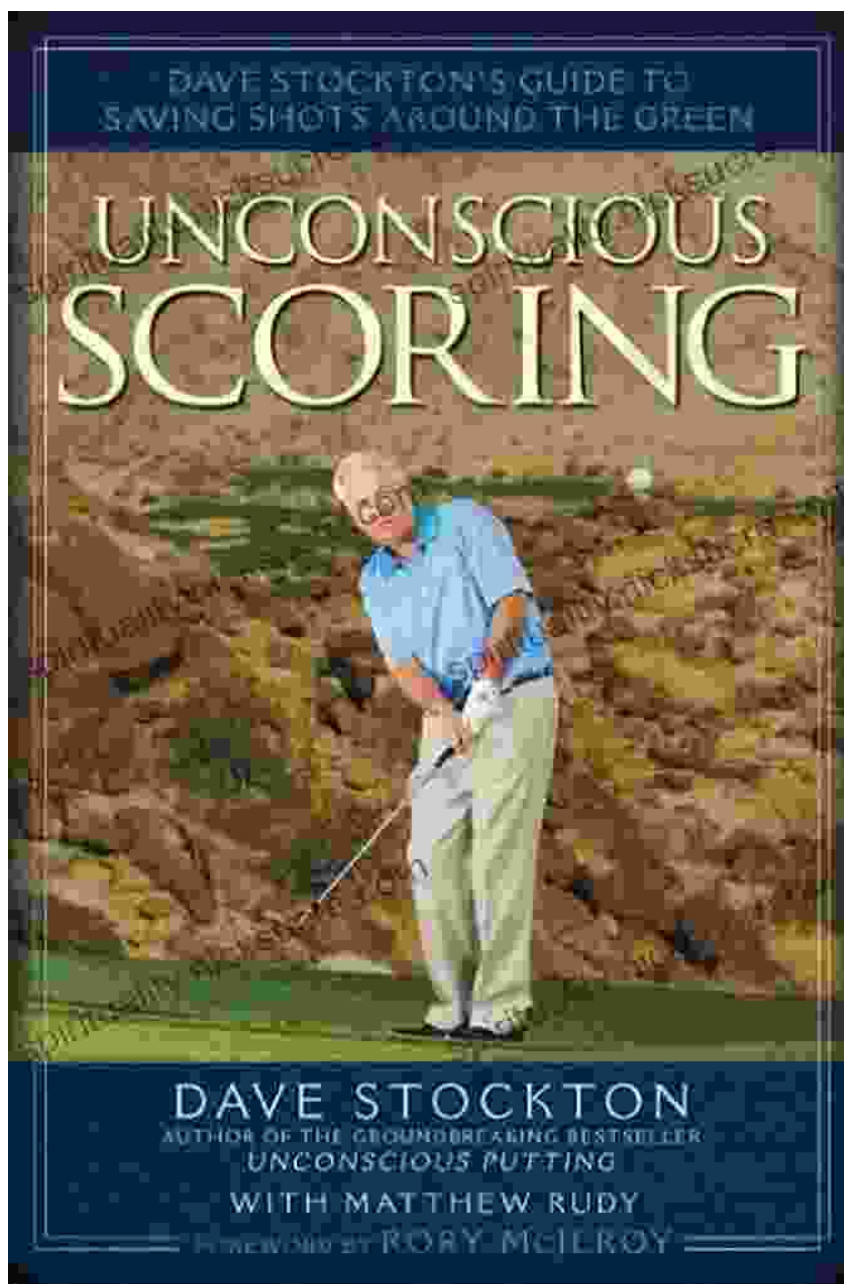
Chipping

Chipping is the most common type of shot you will play around the green. Stockton recommends using a chipping wedge or a 9-iron for most chips. The key to chipping is to keep your hands low and your weight forward. You should also make sure to hit the ball slightly below center.



Pitching

Pitching is a longer shot than chipping. It is typically used when you need to carry the ball over an obstacle, such as a bunker or a water hazard. To pitch the ball, you will need to use a more lofted club, such as a pitching wedge or a gap wedge. You should also make sure to keep your hands high and your weight back.



Bunker Shots

Bunker shots can be difficult, but they are not impossible. The key to hitting a good bunker shot is to use a sand wedge and to keep your hands low. You should also make sure to hit the ball with a descending blow. This will help you to get the ball out of the bunker and onto the green.

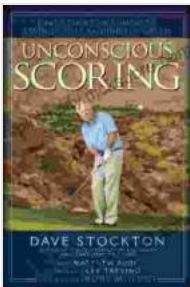


Greenside Shots

Greenside shots are any shots that you play from just off the green. These shots can be tricky, but they can also be very rewarding. The key to hitting a good greenside shot is to use the correct club and to make sure you have the right distance. You should also make sure to hit the ball with a soft touch.



Saving shots around the green is an essential skill for any golfer. By following Stockton's tips, you can improve your short game and lower your scores.



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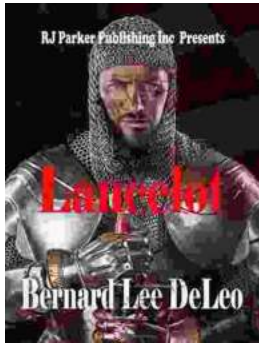
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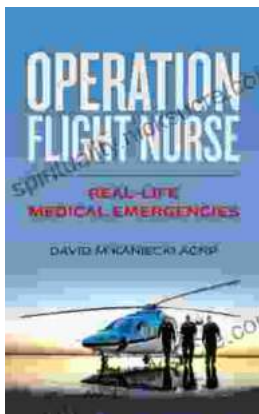
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