

# ESCAPE THE SAND

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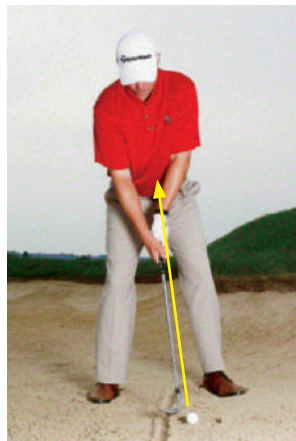
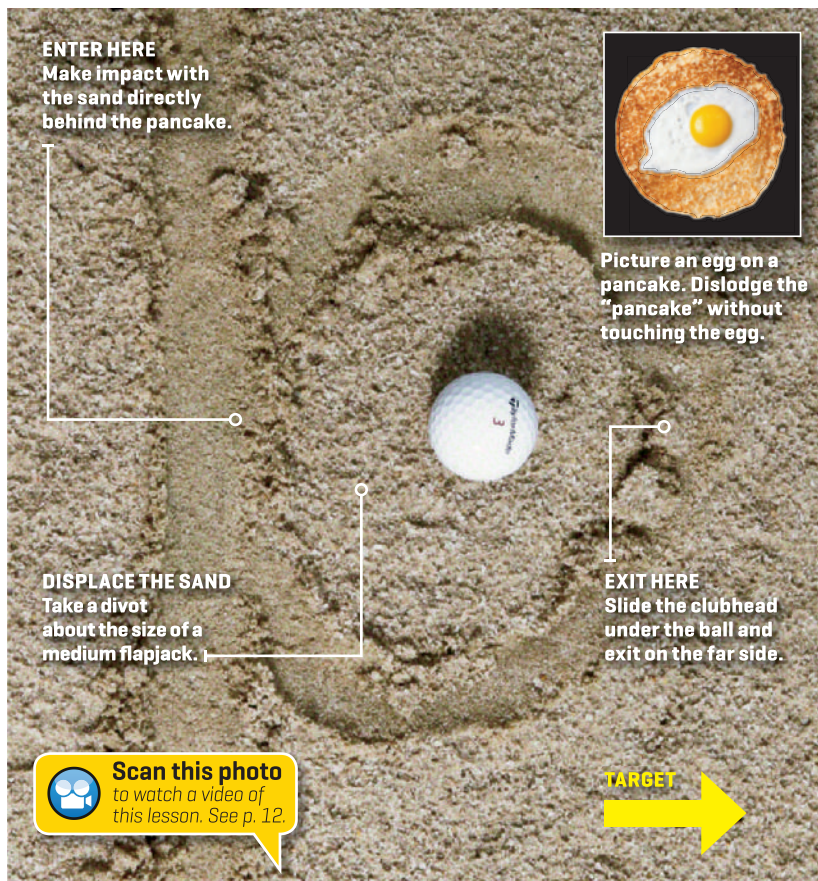
## SERVE UP THE PERFECT GREENSIDE SAND SHOT

Talk about a “breakfast” ball! Take a pancake-size divot for easy bunker escapes.

**S**ure, you know you should hit the sand behind the ball in a bunker and use the displaced sand to loft the ball out. But how far behind the ball should the clubhead enter the sand? And how much sand should you take? Getting the answers right means the difference between a greenside escape and a ball that’s still sitting in the bunker.

### Your Sand Secret

The perfect visual of a correct sand divot is an egg resting on a pancake [inset photo]. The egg yolk represents the ball. Your goal on a standard greenside bunker shot is to swing under the pancake without getting egg on your face. When you practice, draw a line in the sand at the back of the imaginary flapjack [photo, right]. That’s your entry point. As far as adjusting your swing so you don’t take too much sand and leave the shot short, simply follow the steps below.



**ADDRESS**  
Take a slightly open stance with the ball off your left heel and the clubshaft leaning away from the target.



**BACKSWING**  
Maximum wrist hinge creates a sharp angle between your left forearm and the clubshaft.



**DOWNSWING**  
It’s not a swing, it’s a turn! Rotate your chest through the ball and hit the line behind the “pancake.”



**FINISH**  
Your upper body should face the target, while your legs remain quiet. These shots are all about the upper body.

