

Harman showcases golf's key skill

At just 5ft 7in and 11 stone wet through – which he was for much of the time at Hoylake – Brian Harman is not everyone's idea of a modern major golf champion. But his fantastic performance was also a timely reminder that despite the modern mania for power and distance, golf's most prized skill remains the ability to present a square, stable clubface to the ball on a consistent basis. This is a goal we can all aspire to, whatever our levels of athleticism. We'll talk more about this in this newsletter, but for now welcome back... and enjoy your golf.



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Download my new app

I'm delighted to announce that my new app will be launched this month. You will shortly receive details on how to download it on to your smart device... and I very much hope you will do so. Allowing you to upload swing videos, book lessons, track past and future bookings and create your own profile, it will make our communication more efficient and our coach/student relationship much more effective. The process should be straightforward but if you have any problems, do get in touch.



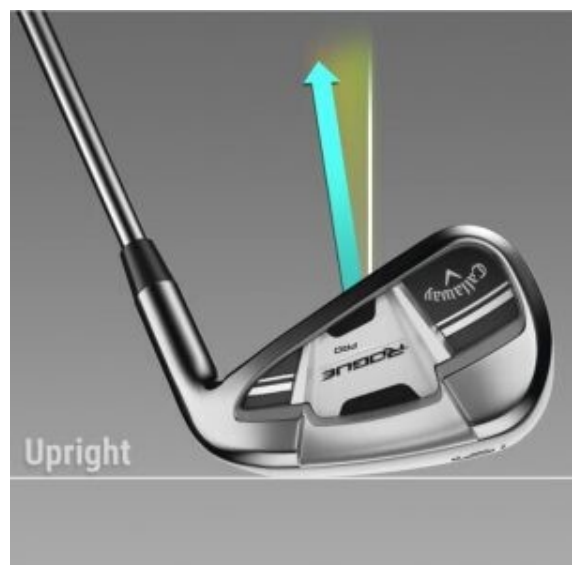
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With plenty of summer left and golf to play, a midseason refresh is never a bad idea... and with many of this year's lines for men and women now at half price at my shop here at Bishopswood GC, you can make great savings while sharpening your look. You'll also find discounts on the stylish and technical Island Green range (see [here](#) for full details), with a second garment half price. Pop in to check out fantastic items like the Chest panel Polo (pictured) and the Floral Print UV Sleeveless.



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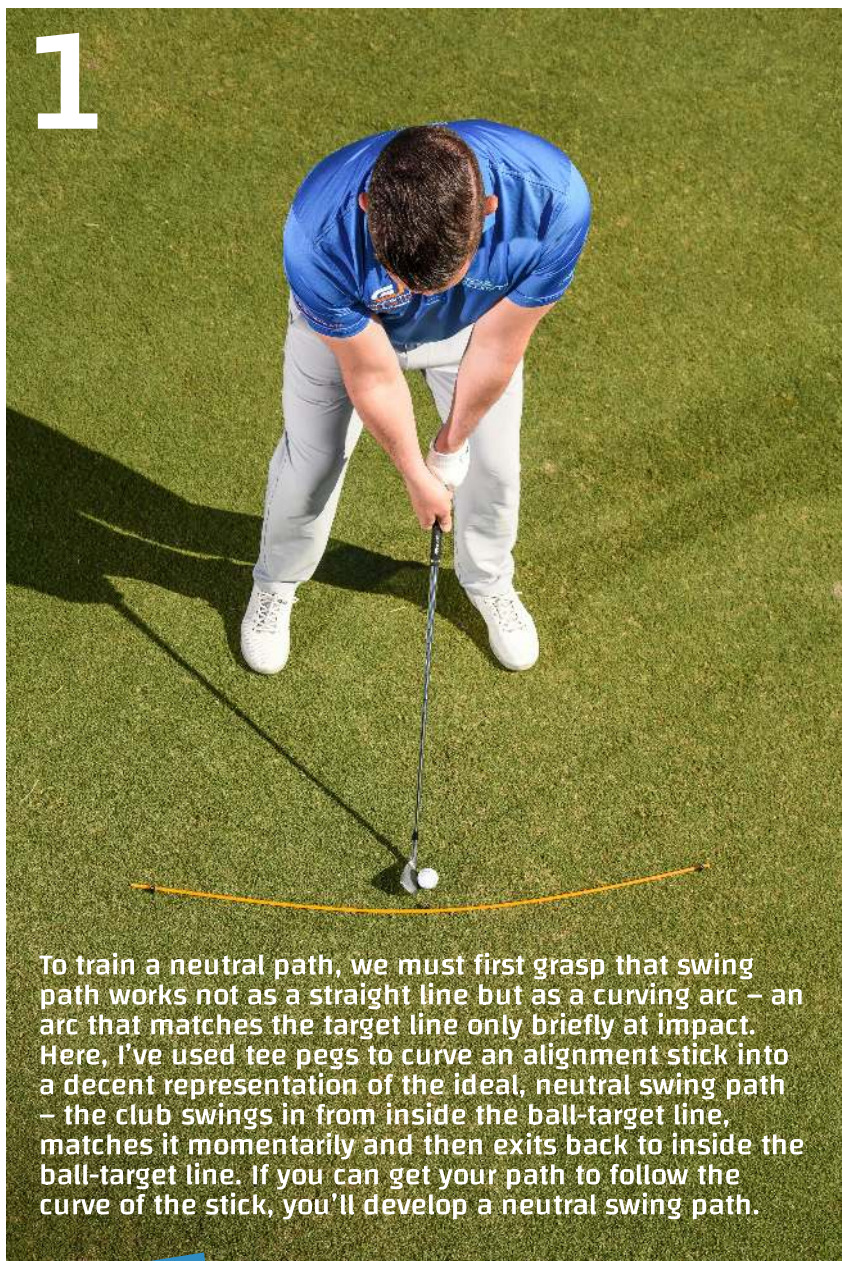
When our irons peel off right or left, our instinct is to blame technique. But more often than we might realise, the club's set-up can be the cause. An iron's lie angle – between the shaft and the ground at address – strongly influences face aim, start line and ultimately curvature. So why not come to Bishopswood and join me in my TrackMan-equipped coaching and fitting studio... and find out once and for all if your lie angles are hurting your GIR stats?



Hit it straight

Quick tip: Stay on the curve to train ballstriking consistency

Earlier, we spoke about the value of a square clubface through impact. The key to achieving this is getting the club swinging on or close to the ball-target line at impact. This neutral path means no need for manipulation, and promotes that beautifully stable clubface presentation demonstrated by Harman and every elite player. Here's how you can develop that neutral path.



To train a neutral path, we must first grasp that swing path works not as a straight line but as a curving arc – an arc that matches the target line only briefly at impact. Here, I've used tee pegs to curve an alignment stick into a decent representation of the ideal, neutral swing path – the club swings in from inside the ball-target line, matches it momentarily and then exits back to inside the ball-target line. If you can get your path to follow the curve of the stick, you'll develop a neutral swing path.



Take a second stick and grip it against the handle of your golf club, allowing it to extend up against your lead hip. Swing back, the toe of the club tracing the curved stick. Keep the second stick in contact with your lead hip.



Swing gently through, the clubhead tracking the curve of the stick and the second stick against your hip. Hit balls like this regularly to feel and train a neutral path.

Curve the ball

Ultimately, every golf shot we hit is a product of the relationship we created between the swing path and the clubface. Above, we are aligning them to create that stable face and hit the ball straight; but of course, there are times when we want to build some shape into our shots, and this month's free video covers one such situation – the need to draw a ball around an obstacle. Click the link to discover how we alter face and path to control shot curvature. I love to hear your feedback; please get in touch at the following channels:

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