



### Open for business

You should play this shot with your lob wedge and the first thing to remember is to open the clubface before gripping the club. To check this the logo on the grip should be pointed to the right. Open your stance, so your feet are pointing left of the target, and take a longer backswing than you might think necessary. The club should move on an out-to-in path through the downswing to help you cut across the ball

# Lob SATISFACTION

*Ladies European Tour player Clare Queen, from Scotland, explains how to master the lob shot*

### Smooth operator

The tendency for some people is to try to scoop the ball up with the hands and to lean back – this will only lead to an array of fat and thin strikes. As you can see here my left wrist has stayed firm, my weight is predominantly on my left side and the loft of the club is still open due to the weaker grip. Think of the club brushing the turf rather than digging at it and accelerate smoothly through the ball



### Trust the loft

Too many people tend to panic when faced with this type of situation but if you get the fundamentals right, and spend a bit of time practising, it can be a valuable shot to have in your locker. The two keys here are to trust the loft of the club and not to be afraid to make a fuller swing than normal for the length of shot

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Clare believes that the key to a solid swing is core muscle strength. Visit [www.corewellness.co.uk](http://www.corewellness.co.uk) to try some exercises.

