The degree of pendular swing and club selection are largely determined by two factors: distance from the green and nature of the terrain. Accordingly, approach conditions call for two types of shots. For those which allow the ball to travel close to the ground with greater roll to the cup a pitch-and-run or "chip" shot is used. Proper execution would demand a relatively upright clubface, such as that of a medium iron.

Those conditions demanding higher ball trajectory with relatively little roll require a pitch shot, where the short iron or wedge is used to loft the ball over rolling terrain or obstacles that exist between you and the flagstick. (Fig. 50)