

The Three Questions

Ask these after any hole that got away from you. Answer them yourself before anyone tells you.

What happened there?

Describe it, do not judge it. A sentence a stranger could understand. Pulled it left, short side, no green to work with.

Was it a decision or an execution?

A decision error is aiming at a pin you had no business chasing. An execution error is the right plan, poorly struck. They need different fixes.

What would I do differently?

One change, stated out loud, before you walk to the next tee. Not five. One.

Why this works: it takes no talent to see a problem. The golfers who improve fastest are the ones who can describe their own patterns without a coach standing next to them.

A bad golf shot does not make you a bad person. What comes out of your mouth after one might.