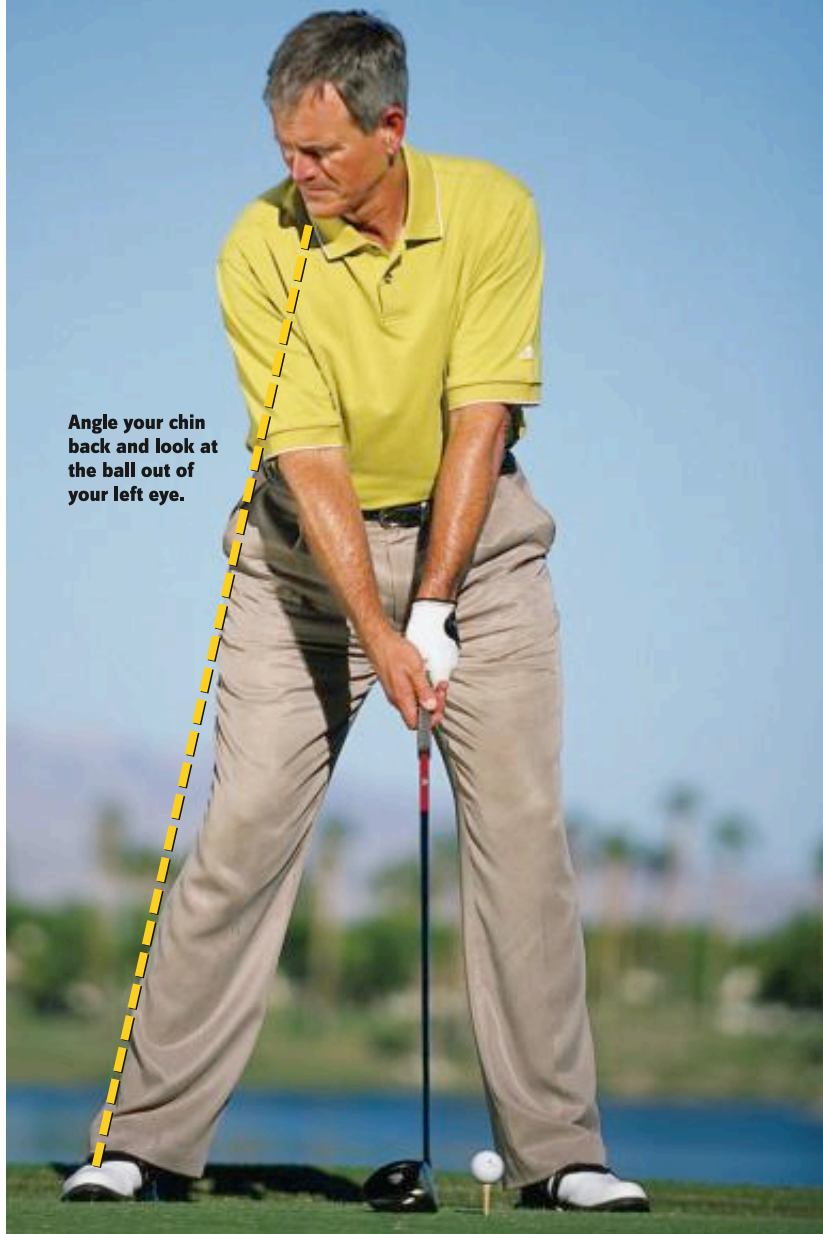


How to **MAX OUT** your backswing

Point your chin toward your back foot to make a perfect rotation

Angle your chin back and look at the ball out of your left eye.



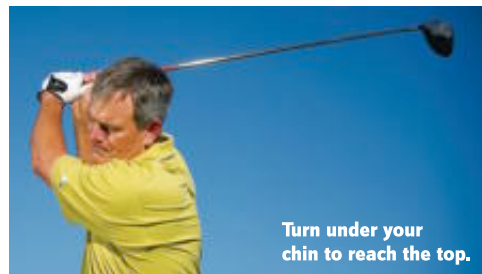
Top 100 Teacher



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IF YOU lack the power you want, make sure you're not dipping your left shoulder toward the ground during your backswing. When you do that, you restrict your shoulder turn and disrupt the timing of your downswing. So how can you make sure you're not dipping? Take a cue from Jack Nicklaus, and keep your right eye off the ball.

You surely have noticed over the years how Jack rotates his chin to the right to trigger his backswing. He looks at the ball out of his left eye, which is exactly what you should do to avoid dipping. When your right eye locks on the ball, your head usually stays there and you have to dip down in order to turn. What you should do is take your normal address, and then point your chin toward your back foot [left]. Keep your head in that position and swing back so that your left shoulder turns to your chin [below]. Presto! You're the proud owner of a level turn and a more powerful swing.



Turn under your chin to reach the top.

BONUS TIP

A Nick-otine patch

Dipping your shoulder isn't just an amateur mistake. In fact, it used to be Nick Faldo's primary fault. His coach, David Leadbetter, went so far as to put a patch over Nick's right eye so he would be forced to rotate his chin back and look down at the ball out of his left eye only. It worked; Faldo went on to win six major championships.

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