



# What's Your Short Game Handicap?

*Reflection Bay is an "ace in the hole" during a trip to Las Vegas.*

HENDERSON, NEVADA (25 minutes from the Las Vegas Strip): In allowing competitive games among all levels of players, golf's handicapping system is one of the sport's finest conceptions. It does, however, have one major drawback: it hides your strengths and weaknesses. Your scores are, of course, made up of long-game and short-game shots, and your resultant handicap is inevitably a blend of the two. But few golfers are equally adept in both areas; most of us are held back by one or the other.

## *THE MATH IS EASY*

Improving your short game can dramatically lead to lower scores. For example, let's say you hit eight greens in regulation; that means you have 10 recovery shots required for par. If you are able to increase your percentage of up-and-down saves, you'll lower your handicap without making a single swing alteration.

"Since our new High Performance Golf Institute opened, I've been pleasantly surprised at how popular our short game practice areas have become," explained Eric Dutt, director of golf operations at Reflection Bay Golf Club. "Our trio of practice greens provides different playing scenarios from chipping on mowed-down collection areas to a practice par-3 that allows you to hit full-wedge shots off multiple cuts of turf. When you combine our facility with our expert teaching staff who have more than 500 Tour events under their belts, I am confident to say we offer the most advanced training facilities in the state.

"Our established clinics breed improvement with positive reinforcement," said Dutt.

**"The High Performance Golf Institute is a world-class facility."** — BUTCH HARMON



The High Performance Golf Institute at Lake Las Vegas





**“It’s not often** you get the opportunity in a body of water like this, in a setting like Lake Las Vegas, to design a golf course. Reflection Bay Golf Club is a pretty special place with a course I’m proud of.”

— JACK NICKLAUS

“Curriculum can be customized to fit your schedule, whether it be for an afternoon or a multi-day session.

The bottom line is we want you to leave with confidence that you are ready to win on the course.”

### **TESTING YOUR “LUCK” ON THE COURSE**

Lake Las Vegas has been an ambitious development from its inception. The destination provides an ideal combination of a Jack Nicklaus Signature course, Westin and Hilton hotels, 10 miles of shoreline with acres of white sandy beach, multiple dining and shopping diversions, and a modern fitness and swim club.

The smartly designed Reflection Bay Golf Course plays around the largest man-made lake in Nevada, holding three billion gallons of fresh water. “We provide a more relaxed, less frantic vibe than The Strip. It’s highly unlikely that our

family of resident roadrunners will be seen on Las Vegas Boulevard,” chuckled Dutt. “The matriarch of the flock is so friendly, we have named her Gladys.”

Five holes play directly along the lake. “Our signature par-3, No. 8 is where you are most likely to lose a golf ball,” advised Dutt. “Your target is the left half of the green, no matter the pin position.” ■

*For information on seasonal golf packages and guest fees, visit [LakeLasVegas.com](http://LakeLasVegas.com).*