

Are you looking for your perfect mallet?

You have been playing serious croquet for a little more than two years and now you are really looking to refine your hitting skills. Something is missing, you have taken lessons and you know what you should be doing but you are still missing your target.

You see an advertisement for a mallet with a “wishbone” split handle. What is this?

The “wishbone” mallet is a revolutionary new concept. You no longer have to get into a crouch position with your hand down at the bottom of the shaft to make any roll shots. You ask, how is this possible? The secret is that this mallet had literally no flex in the shaft. Flexible shafts are a disadvantage in your making roll shots and pass-rolls, requiring an adjustment in your grip and stance to eliminate all the whip. All your roll shots can be made standing up. Your lower hand does not have to go any further down than at the top of the wishbone split (approximately 11 inches above the mallet head) and contact made with the proper forward angle of the shaft and ball.

With a wishbone handle and open mallet center (allowing full vision of the sight-line) your visual eye control will improve when stalking and casting over the ball.

1. When you stalk your ball and come up to it, place your mallet against the ball, then step back a few yards to look through the wishbone handle at the target. Is the sight-line straight with your target? Make any adjustments before taking your stance. If you make the proper contact* with the mallet head and ball you will hit your target.
2. When you are casting and looking through the open center, concentrate on splitting the ball in half (using the sight-line) and watch that you are swinging straight. Again, if you make the proper contact* you will hit your target.

* If your line of aim is correct, shoulders perpendicular and you make contact squarely with the mallet head and the center of the ball, you will hit your target. Always remember practice makes perfect with this mallet.

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