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The Wisdom of Golf — The Gallery of Life and the Life of the Gallery

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Dear Sample Reader,

This copy is yours. Your name is on the cover, and it is inside on the pages too, because it was made for you and for nobody else. No two copies of this book are the same.

We wanted to give you something that outlasts a fixture list. Kit wears out. Medals go in a drawer. But four hours in someone's company tells you more than four meetings, and that is worth writing down somewhere you will find it again.

What follows are the real voices of this sport — players, coaches and writers, most of them talking about the parts nobody puts on a highlight reel. There is a section on pressure, and what the people who handle it best actually do differently. One on trust, and why a group that trusts each other beats a group that is merely talented. One on losing, which is the section we would ask you to read twice, because everyone in this sport has lost and everyone worth knowing came back. There is a section on joy, which is the reason any of us started. One on mastery, and the unglamorous patience it asks for. One on rivalry, and the respect that runs underneath it. And one on belonging — on being part of something whether or not you are the one on the field.

You do not have to read it in order. Keep it in the kit bag. Open it the night before a hard one. Let it fall open at whichever page finds you, and if a line is worth keeping, keep it.

The game has taught you things already — about nerve, about other people, about getting up. These pages are simply the same lessons in other people's words, gathered in one place so they are there when you need them.

Thank you for everything you give to this. It is noticed, and it matters more than the results ever say.

— The Committee, Fairwater Golf Estate

Foreword

Golf is best understood from just outside the ropes. It is the game whose crowd builds its own silence, whose players call penalties on themselves, whose defeats are walked at full length in front of everyone — honesty, courtesy and nerve on public display over four slow days.

Whether you walk the dunes of a great links or keep a lifetime of Sunday afternoons by the television, the game teaches the same things: walk slowly toward the hard moment, lose with your bearing intact, guard your slow gold afternoons, honour the practice ground, keep the duel courteous, and stay out in the weather with the people who watch beside you.

This collection gathers the voices of the game — the players, the caddies, the great watchers and writers who loved it best — arranged around six themes that belong as much to life as to golf. Each chapter opens with an image and an idea, then hands the floor to the voices themselves.

Read it the way you would follow a final round: unhurried, attentive to the quiet parts — and ready for one moment of grace you will remember for years.

Ways to Walk with This Book

A collection like this is not meant to be read once and shelved. It is meant to be lived with — kept close, opened often, and put to work. Seven ways to begin:

- **The daily voice**
open anywhere each morning and take one voice with you into the day.
- **The reflection pause**
choose the theme your week is testing, read its essay slowly, and write one honest line of your own in response.
- **Match-day ritual**
before the big broadcast, read the theme the fixture will examine — rivalry before the derby, pressure before the final.
- **The team talk**
captains, coaches, teachers, parents: one voice a week is enough to open a changing room, a classroom or a dinner table.
- **The hard-week medicine**
when life tackles you, the defeat chapter is waiting. It was written for exactly that week.
- **The gift of a voice**
photograph the quote a friend needs today and send it with their name on the message.
- **The long read**
one theme per Sunday evening — a handful of weeks, properly kept.

However you use it, let it stay within reach of wherever you watch.

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THEME 1 OF 6

Pressure & Nerve

The hush before the putt — a whole gallery holding its breath so one person can hold their nerve.



Ten thousand people fall silent at once, so that one person can hear themselves think.

Pressure & Nerve — in the game, in life

Golf's most dramatic moment makes no sound at all. A player crouches behind a putt on a Sunday evening, thousands packed behind the rope lines, and the silence arrives — not imposed by any official, but built, collectively, by every person present deciding at once to be still. The gallery is the only crowd in sport that polices its own breath. Watching a major's final holes is watching a public examination of nerve conducted in a library: the walk between shots slow and thoughtful, the routines unhurried while everything inside is presumably howling, and around it all a vast congregation refusing, out of respect, to add one decibel to the burden. What the gallery understands — what makes golf's pressure so instructive from outside the ropes — is that there is nowhere for the player to hide and no one to pass to. The ball sits still. The moment does not arrive at the player; the player must walk, sometimes for two full minutes, toward the moment, with everyone watching the walk. And the ones who endure it best do it visibly the same way every time: the ritual, the breath, the small deliberate ceremonies that carry a shaking person through. Then the strike, and the hush breaks into thunder — release for everyone, not just the one who swung. Your own examinations will mostly be quiet too: the meeting, the results call, the conversation on the doorstep. Learn from what the gallery watches. Walk slowly toward the thing; do not sprint at it or shrink from it. Keep your small ceremonies, because they will hold when nerve wavers. And grant others the silence you hope for at your own crucial putt — stillness, freely given, is one of respect's purest forms.

“You create your own luck by the way you play. There is no such luck as bad luck. Fate has nothing to do with success or failure, because that is a negative philosophy that indicts one's confidence, and I'll have no part of it.”

— Greg Norman

Pressure & Nerve

Sit with the voice that speaks to you today.

“Be decisive. A wrong decision is generally less disastrous than indecision.”

— Bernhard Langer

“I expect to make at least seven mistakes a round. Therefore, when I make a bad shot I don't worry about it. It's just one of the seven.”

— Walter Hagen

“Take dead aim. Concentrate on where you want the ball to go, refuse to allow any negative thought to enter your head, and swing away. I can't say it too many times. It's the most important advice in this book.”

— Harvey Penick

“The mind messes up more shots than the body.”

— Tommy Bolt

“My body knows how to play golf. I've trained it to do that. It's just a matter of keeping my conscious mind out of it.”

— Tiger Woods

“Golf is a game that is played with the body, but won with the mind.”

— Greg Norman

“There is always an inner game being played in your mind, no matter what outer game you are playing.”

— Timothy Gallwey

“Relax? How can anybody relax and play golf? You have to grip the club, don't you?”

— Ben Hogan

Pressure & Nerve

Sit with the voice that speaks to you today.

"I honestly believe that with a strong mind, you can literally 'will' the ball into the hole."

— Ray Floyd

"The most important are the six inches between your ears."

— Arnold Palmer

"A lot of people think I am cold and have no feelings. But I do. I just try very hard to focus and not let my emotions take over on the golf course."

— Annika Sorenstam

"Golf is a game of inches. The most important are the six inches between your ears."

— Arnold Palmer

"Sometimes you're just happy to be out there and enjoy the game. But losing motivates me more."

— Serena Williams

"Confidence is the most important single factor in this game, and there is only one way to obtain and sustain it: work."

— Jack Nicklaus

"There isn't a hole that can't be birdied if you just think. But there isn't one that can't be double-bogeyed if you stop thinking."

— Bobby Jones

"The smaller the target, the sharper the athlete's focus, the better his concentration, and the better the results."

— Bob Rotella

Pressure & Nerve

Sit with the voice that speaks to you today.

“Whenever I play, I try to do my absolute best, knowing during those four days there will be ups and downs. Part of that time, I have a feeling like I can win, and I always draw on that feeling.”

— Tom Watson

“Confidence is simply playing with your eyes. It's letting it go to the target without conscious interference from the mind.”

— Bob Rotella

“If your talents are mental, you are not at a disadvantage against the physically talented person. You can plan and prepare better than he can, you can outthink him during the contest, and you can manage your game better.”

— Gary Player

“There isn't a hole out there that can't be birdied if you just think. But there isn't one that can't be double-bogeyed if you stop thinking.”

— Bobby Jones

“Of all the hazards, fear is the greatest.”

— Sam Snead

“It is hard to know you don't have the game to win, and that making the cut is the best you can hope for. You lose confidence. You are what you believe you are.”

— Seve Ballesteros

“If you're not nervous, it means you don't care.”

— Tiger Woods

“First, stay in the present and keep your mind sharply focused on the shot immediately in front of you.”

— Dr. Bob Rotella

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More from Pressure & Nerve



The moment before it starts.

“I never lose my temper with an opponent. I was angry only with myself. It always seemed such an utterly useless and idiotic thing to stand up to a perfectly simple shot, one that I know I can make a hundred times running without a miss—and then mess up the blamed thing, the one time I want to make it!”

— Bobby Jones

A few more from Pressure & Nerve



Nerve is not the absence of fear.

"If you don't think too good, then don't think too much."

— Lee Trevino

"Confidence is believing in your own ability, knowing what you have to do to win. My confidence was developed through preparation."

— Jack Nicklaus

"When I swing at a golf ball right, my mind is blank and my body is loose as a goose."

— Sam Snead

THEME 2 OF 6

Defeat & Bouncing Back

The slow public unravelling, the card signed anyway — how golf's people lose.



Golf makes you count every stroke of the disaster — and sign for it.

Defeat & Bouncing Back — in the game, in life

Golf is the only sport where the gallery routinely watches someone lose alone, at walking pace, over four hours. There is no team to absorb the fault, no bench, no substitution — just a leader whose swing has abandoned him on a Sunday afternoon, still required to walk every remaining fairway in front of everyone, still required to count every stroke of the unravelling and sign for it afterwards. Spectators who follow this game know its particular heartbreak: the collapse witnessed in real time, hole by hole, with hours left to endure. And they know the other thing, the thing that keeps them loyal to it: how golf's people carry defeat. The champion who has just lost a title stands at the edge of the green and congratulates the winner. He answers the questions. He signs the card that records the disaster honestly, because the card is signed either way. The gallery applauds these losers up the last fairway — often louder than the winner — and the applause is precise: it honours not the score but the bearing. What the crowd is clapping for is a person continuing to behave beautifully while everything goes wrong, which may be the most useful spectacle sport offers. Because life's defeats mostly resemble golf's: slow, public enough, unshareable, with a long walk still to do after the damage is done. When yours comes — the demotion, the diagnosis, the year that unravels hole by hole — remember what you have watched from behind the ropes. Keep walking at your own pace. Count everything honestly and sign for it. Congratulate whoever's day it was. The gallery of your life is watching how you lose, and it remembers bearing far longer than it remembers scores.

“No matter what happens - never give up a hole. In tossing in your cards after a bad beginning you also undermine your whole game, because to quit between tee and green is more habit-forming than drinking a highball before breakfast.”

— Sam Snead

Defeat & Bouncing Back

Sit with the voice that speaks to you today.

“The more difficult the victory, the greater the happiness in winning.”

— Pelé

“I'm not saying my golf game went bad, but if I grew tomatoes, they'd come up sliced.”

— Lee Trevino

“People have always been telling me what I can't do. I guess I have wanted to show them. That's been one of my driving forces all my life.”

— Ben Hogan

“The most important shot in golf is the next one.”

— Ben Hogan

“I can only control what I can do.”

— Tiger Woods

“My father once said to me when I had a little problem with my game and wasn't doing very well, he said, 'Arnie, just remember one thing, it's a game. Play it like a game.' And I've always remembered that and I tried to do that.”

— Arnold Palmer

“The world's number one tennis player spends 90 percent of his time winning, while the world's number one golfer spends 90 percent of his time losing. Golfers are great losers.”

— David Feherty

“Embrace the challenge of tough shots. Don't shy away from difficult situations; tackle them with confidence.”

— Padraig Harrington

Defeat & Bouncing Back

Sit with the voice that speaks to you today.

“Why hit a conservative shot? When you miss it, you are in just as much trouble as when you miss a bold one.”

— Arnold Palmer

“Play golf one shot at a time.”

— Bob Rotella

“The main idea in golf, as in life, I suppose, is to learn to accept what cannot be altered, and to keep on doing one's own reasoned and resolute best whether the prospect be bleak or rosy.”

— Bobby Jones

“Play it as it lies.”

— Golf proverb

“Golf is not a game of perfect. It's a game of how well you recover from your mistakes.”

— David Leadbetter

“I just tried to play one shot at a time and let the score take care of itself.”

— Byron Nelson

“It's even harder to stay at the top in sports than it is to get there.”

— Babe Didrikson Zaharias

“The mark of a great player is in his ability to come back. The great champions have all come back from defeat.”

— Sam Snead

Defeat & Bouncing Back

Sit with the voice that speaks to you today.

“Throughout my career I've been one of the best at overcoming obstacles on the golf course.”

— Seve Ballesteros

“Golf is a game in which you try to put a small ball in a small hole with implements singularly unsuited to the purpose.”

— Winston Churchill

“Missing a short putt does not mean you have to hit your next drive out of bounds.”

— Henry Cotton

“Only bad golfers are lucky. They're the ones bouncing balls off trees, curbs, turtles and cars. Good golfers have bad luck. When you hit the ball straight, a funny bounce is bound to be unlucky.”

— Lee Trevino

“You've just got to put yourself there; that's all you can do. You put yourself there enough times, you'll win.”

— Tiger Woods

“I'm not called Seve Ballesteros, I'm called Seve Mulligan because I've had the luck to be given a mulligan, which in golf is a second chance.”

— Seve Ballesteros

“The life of a professional golfer is precarious at best. Win, and they carry you to the clubhouse on their shoulders. Lose, and you pay the caddies in the dark.”

— Gene Sarazen

“I never played a perfect 18 holes. There is no such thing. I expect to make at least seven mistakes a round. Therefore, when I make a bad shot, I don't worry about it. It is just one of the seven.”

— Walter Hagen

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More from Defeat & Bouncing Back



The walk back.

“Do your best, one shot at a time and then move on. Remember that golf is just a game.”

— Nancy Lopez

A few more from Defeat & Bouncing Back



And then you come again.

“The issue is not whether you'll fail, because you will. It's whether you'll get back up and keep going, whether you can sustain your self-confidence and keep bouncing back.”

— Bob Rotella

“What does it take to be a champion? Desire, dedication, determination, concentration and the will to win.”

— Patty Berg

“I expect to hit at least five bad shots.”

— Walter Hagen

THEME 3 OF 6

Joy & Love of the Game

Long gold afternoons handed down — the game slow enough to talk over.



Nobody falls in love with golf alone; someone hands it to you, one slow afternoon at a time.

Joy & Love of the Game — in the game, in life

Nobody's love of watching golf begins with golf. It begins with somebody — a grandfather narrating the television on a Sunday afternoon, a mother who walked you around a quiet course on an evening when the light went long and gold, an uncle who could read the wind off the flags. The game is handed down like a dialect, and its watchers can usually tell you exactly who taught them to speak it. Part of the reason is pace. Golf is the rare sport slow enough to talk over. A football match interrupts conversation; a golf broadcast hosts it. Whole friendships are conducted across final rounds — the kettle on, the commentary murmuring, hours of shared quiet punctuated by sudden joy. At the course it is even better: the stroll between holes, the picnic on a dune, the long comfortable silences that only people at ease together can hold. The game gives its watchers what modern life almost never schedules: slow time, outdoors or side by side, with people they love. And the joy is oddly democratic. The gallery cheers a beautiful shot from anyone — the leader, the last-placed, the unknown — because the delight is in the thing itself: the ball climbing against a grey sky, hanging, falling soft beside the flag. For a second, everyone watching feels the sweetness of a strike none of them made. That is worth keeping. Guard your slow afternoons the way the faithful guard their final-round Sundays. Keep one pastime that hosts conversation instead of interrupting it. And notice who taught you your dialects of delight — then teach someone younger, on a couch or a dune, so the long gold evenings keep being handed down.

“Golf is the only-est sport. You're completely alone with every conceivable opportunity to defeat yourself. Golf brings out your assets and liabilities as a person. The longer you play, the more certain you are that a man's performance is the outward manifestation of who, in his heart, he really thinks he is.”

— Hale Irwin

Joy & Love of the Game

Sit with the voice that speaks to you today.

“Once you play a tournament, you're playing against the golf course, you're playing against yourself and trying to do the best you can.”

— Jack Nicklaus

“It's hard not to play golf that's up to Jack Nicklaus standards when you are Jack Nicklaus.”

— Jack Nicklaus

“The game of golf has taught me the value of perseverance and imagination, of having a game plan and knowing who you are. It has revealed to me more than a lifetime's worth of its universal truths.”

— Arnold Palmer

“I began to see golf as a metaphor for living, for in golf you are basically on your own, competing against yourself and always trying to do better.”

— Sean Connery

“What other people may find in poetry or art museums, I find in the flight of a good drive.”

— Arnold Palmer

“It is not a matter of life and death. It is not that important. But it is a reflection of life, and so the game is an enigma wrapped in a mystery impaled on a conundrum.”

— Peter Alliss

“There are no absolutes in golf. Golf is such an individual game, and no two people swing alike.”

— Kathy Whitworth

“You are what you think you are, in golf and in life.”

— Raymond Floyd

Joy & Love of the Game

Sit with the voice that speaks to you today.

“Golf is a good walk spoiled, but I'd rather be spoiling my walk than sitting in a car.”

— Alice Cooper

“It may not be out of place here to say that I never won a major championship until I learned to play golf against something, not somebody. And that something was par.”

— Bobby Jones

“Golf is my profession. Show business is just to pay the green fees.”

— Bob Hope

“You are never really playing an opponent. You are playing yourself, your own highest standards, and when you reach your limits, that is real joy.”

— Arthur Ashe

“You can't win them all but you can try.”

— Babe Didrikson Zaharias

“Golf is played by twenty million mature American men whose wives think they are out having fun.”

— Gene Sarazen

“Golf is the most fun you can have with your clothes on.”

— Chi Chi Rodriguez

“I don't want to be the best black golfer, I want to be the best golfer, period.”

— Tiger Woods

Joy & Love of the Game

Sit with the voice that speaks to you today.

“I don't know why the game of golf picked me, but I believe it chose me to honor Harvey that week.”

— Ben Crenshaw

“You've got to be passionate. You've got to be passionate about life and about business, because if you're not, you've got no right to be trying to run a company because at the end of the day you don't know what you're doing.”

— Greg Norman

“Why quit? Your clubs have no idea how old you are.”

— Lee Trevino

“All men die, but not all men live, and you made me feel alive again this week.”

— Jose Maria Olazabal

“In defeat, you learn so much more about yourself than you do in victory.”

— Billy Casper

“I could take out of my life everything except my experiences at St Andrews and I'd still have a rich, full life.”

— Bobby Jones

“Golf and sex are about the only things you can enjoy without being good at it.”

— Jimmy Demaret

“Find your natural swing and stick with it. Don't try to copy others; play the game that fits you best.”

— Lee Trevino

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More from Joy & Love of the Game



Why anyone starts.

“My approach to golf is that I always play to beat the course.”

— Bobby Locke

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A few more from Joy & Love of the Game



The part nobody has to be told to love.

“The greatest pleasure I get from golf is the playing of the shot itself.”

— Tom Watson

“The importance of my legacy is not the golf course, it's what my life is, and what my life is intended to be. The game of golf is a game. My family is my life.”

— Jack Nicklaus

“Golf is the only sport where the most feared opponent is you.”

— Tom Watson

THEME 4 OF 6

Mastery & Practice

The practice ground at dawn — where Sunday's miracles are manufactured.



The Sunday miracle was manufactured on a Tuesday, on a range, in the rain.

Mastery & Practice — in the game, in life

Arrive early at a tournament and skip the first tee; the connoisseurs are at the practice ground. There, behind the ropes in the morning mist, you can watch the least dramatic spectacle in sport: the best players in the world hitting the same shot, over and over, to the same distant target, with the patience of stonemasons. Nothing is at stake. Almost nothing changes. And the longtime watchers stand transfixed, because they know what they are looking at — the factory where the Sunday miracles are manufactured. Golf rewards its spectators for learning to see craft. The swing that looks identical for twenty years is not preserved; it is rebuilt daily, maintained like a cathedral roof. The shot that television calls audacious — the low ball held against the wind, the pitch that lands like a dropped handkerchief — has been rehearsed so many thousands of times that its audacity is really memory. Watchers who follow one player for a full round see the deeper craft too: the discipline of aiming away from flags, the acceptance of a boring par, the refusal to attempt the hero shot the gallery is quietly hoping for. Mastery, seen up close, is mostly restraint. The lesson travels intact from behind the ropes. Whatever looks effortless in the people you admire — the calm in the crisis, the clean prose, the marriage that seems easy — is a practice ground you never saw: mornings of unwitnessed repetition sustained across decades. So honour the boring work, in others and in yourself. Watch for restraint and call it what it is: skill. And keep some private patch of practice in your own life — a place where nothing is at stake, and everything, slowly, is being built.

“Golf is deceptively simple and endlessly complicated; it satisfies the soul and frustrates the intellect. It is at the same time rewarding and maddening - and it is without a doubt the greatest game mankind has ever invented.”

— Arnold Palmer

Mastery & Practice

Sit with the voice that speaks to you today.

“When I'm driving the golf ball, I never try to hit a straight shot. Everybody has a bread and butter shot. For me, it's been left-to-right through the years.”

— Jack Nicklaus

“I try to feel oily.”

— Sam Snead

“If you have a bad grip, you don't want a good swing. With a bad grip you have to make unattractive adjustments in your swing to hit the ball squarely.”

— Harvey Penick

“The older you get, the stronger the wind gets - and it's always in your face.”

— Jack Nicklaus

“Never up, never in.”

— Golf proverb

“We teach the swinging motion, not body positions. Develop a true swinging motion and the body will respond to it.”

— Manuel de la Torre

“The essence of good form is simplicity.”

— Bobby Jones

“Master your short game. Chipping and putting mastery significantly lower scores.”

— Tiger Woods

Mastery & Practice

Sit with the voice that speaks to you today.

“Practice doesn't make perfect. Perfect practice makes perfect.”

— Pete Cowen

“Golf is a science, the study of a lifetime, in which you may exhaust yourself but never your subject.”

— David Forgan

“There is not enough daylight in any one day to practice all the shots you need to.”

— Ben Hogan

“The foundation of consistency is a sound pre-shot routine. Good golfers strive to minimize mistakes, but they don't expect to eliminate them.”

— Dr. Bob Rotella

“To become a really good golfer, you have to learn how to wait. But you have to learn to wait with confidence.”

— Tom Watson

“Placing the ball in the right position for the next shot is eighty percent of winning.”

— Ben Hogan

“Winning is great, sure, but if you are really going to do something in life, the secret is learning how to lose.”

— Wilma Rudolph

“I have failed again and again throughout my life. That's why I've been successful.”

— Michael Jordan

Mastery & Practice

Sit with the voice that speaks to you today.

“Hit it hard, boy, go find it, and hit it hard again.”

— Arnold Palmer

“Swing the clubhead.”

— Ernest Jones

“Always keep learning. It keeps you young.”

— Patty Berg

“Make your decision in the Think Box, then step over the line into the Play Box and just react.”

— Lynn Marriott

“I was always practicing, and re practicing, the same thing, over and over and over. You never get it. You just borrow it for a day or two.”

— Mickey Wright

“It's not how, it's how many.”

— Golf proverb

“The more you practice, the better. But in any case, practice more than you play.”

— Babe Didrikson Zaharias

“It is not solely the capacity to make great shots that makes champions, but the essential quality of making very few bad shots.”

— Tommy Armour

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More from Mastery & Practice



The thousandth repetition.

“Talent isn't as important as the work and dedication necessary to become competent.”

— Jack Nicklaus

A few more from Mastery & Practice



Hard-won, quietly.

“Practice is the only golf advice that is good for everybody.”

— Arnold Palmer

“I never learned anything from a match that I won.”

— Bobby Jones

“The longer you play, the better chance the better player has of winning.”

— Jack Nicklaus

THEME 5 OF 6

Rivalry & Respect

The final pairing's long duel — ferocity conducted inside courtesies.



They wait in silence for each other's best shot — that is what makes the duel noble.

Rivalry & Respect — in the game, in life

A final-day pairing at a major is one of sport's great slow duels, and the gallery walks every step of it. Two players, hours side by side, matching each other shot for shot across the afternoon — and between the blows, something no other sport's crowd gets to watch at such close range: courtesy. The rivals wait for one another. They stand still and silent while the other swings. They say good shot, and visibly mean it or visibly manage to say it anyway, which may be more impressive. Golf's whole contest is conducted inside a frame of manners so old the players no longer notice it — but the watchers do, and it is half of why they come. The game is famously self-policed. Players call penalties on themselves for movements nobody else saw, sometimes at ruinous cost, because the score's honesty matters more than the score. From outside the ropes this is quietly astonishing: an arena where the contestants guard the contest's fairness more fiercely than any referee could. Rivalry here never becomes war, because both players are serving something above the result — the game itself, which was here before them and will outlast them. And on the last green, whatever the afternoon has cost, the caps come off and the hands are offered, and the gallery's warmest applause is for exactly that. The instruction could not be plainer. You will have rivals — the peer whose brilliance shadows yours, the firm across town. Compete the way the final pairing does: fully, for hours, with courtesy that costs you something. Police your own scorecard even when nobody saw. And keep serving the thing that is bigger than the result — the craft, the institution, the family — because that is what makes a rivalry noble instead of merely bitter.

“I'm certainly not a saint out there on the golf course. In fact, far from it. Like when you make a three-putt and become upset. I take one step back and remember there are more important things going on in the world than golf.”

— Bernhard Langer

Rivalry & Respect

Sit with the voice that speaks to you today.

"It's good sportsmanship not to pick up lost balls while they are still rolling."

— Mark Twain

"A kid grows up a lot faster on the golf course. Golf teaches you how to behave."

— Jack Nicklaus

"I'm just a grown caddie still studying golf."

— Harvey Penick

"If you call on God to improve the results of a shot while it is still in motion, you are using an outside agency and subject to appropriate penalties under the rules of golf."

— Henry Longhurst

"But in the end it's still a game of golf, and if at the end of the day you can't shake hands with your opponents and still be friends, then you've missed the point."

— Payne Stewart

"I never kick my ball in the rough or improve my lie in a sand trap. For that I have a caddy."

— Bob Hope

"I don't know very much. I know a little bit about golf. I know how to make a stew. And I know how to be a decent man."

— Byron Nelson

"If there is one thing golf demands above all else, it is honesty."

— Jack Nicklaus

Rivalry & Respect

Sit with the voice that speaks to you today.

“My swing is so bad, I look like a caveman killing his lunch.”

— Lee Trevino

“Golf is a game of integrity - you call the penalties on yourself.”

— Tom Watson

“Golf is a compromise between what your ego wants you to do, what experience tells you to do, and what your nerves let you do.”

— Bruce Crampton

“The game embarrasses you until you feel inadequate.”

— Ben Crenshaw

“Win graciously.”

— Arnold Palmer

“The rewards of golf, and of life too, I expect, are worth very little if you don't play the game by the etiquette as well as by the rules.”

— Bobby Jones

“Golf is based on honesty, where else would you admit to a seven on a par three?”

— Jimmy Demaret

“Golf is a game in which you yell 'fore,' shoot six, and write down five.”

— Bob Hope

Rivalry & Respect

Sit with the voice that speaks to you today.

“There's no other game like golf. You don't get a referee. You call the penalties on yourself.”

— Tony Lema

“Golf is a humbling sport; it teaches you both the agony of defeat and the thrill of victory within the span of a few swings.”

— Annika Sörenstam

“The older I get, the better I used to be.”

— Lee Trevino

“In golf, the customs and etiquette and decorum are as important as the rules of play.”

— Bobby Jones

“My identity isn't a golf score. The reason why I play golf is I'm trying to glorify God and all that He's done in my life.”

— Scottie Scheffler

“Achievements on the golf course are not what matters, decency and honesty are what matter.”

— Tiger Woods

“When you win, it's great. When you lose, you have to be a good sport.”

— Seve Ballesteros

“No pretty woman can miss a single shot without a man giving her some poor advice.”

— Harvey Penick

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More from Rivalry & Respect



Opponents, not enemies.

“Golf is a game played by humans. Therefore golf is a game of mistakes.”

— Dr. Bob Rotella

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A few more from Rivalry & Respect



Respect, earned the hard way.

“Golf is about integrity. It reveals your character and how you handle adversity.”

— Fred Couples

“The only way of really finding out a man's true character is to play golf with him. In no other walk of life does the cloven hoof so quickly display itself.”

— P. G. Wodehouse

“Golf is a game played by human beings. Therefore golf is a game of mistakes.”

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THEME 6 OF 6

Watching & Belonging

The walked pilgrimage — a gallery that shares the weather, the wind and the ground.



The gallery walks every step of the pilgrimage and stands in the same wind.

Watching & Belonging — in the game, in life

Golf's fans are the only ones in sport who travel with the contest on foot. There is no seat to hold; the gallery migrates, hole by hole, choosing whom to follow and paying for the choice in kilometres. By Sunday evening a devoted spectator has walked most of the course — over dunes, along fairway ropes, up to vantage mounds — a pilgrimage measured in the same ground the players cover, in the same wind. No other crowd shares its arena's weather so completely. When the rain drives in off the sea, it drives at everyone; when the links turn gold in the last hour, the gallery stands inside the same light. The land itself is a member of the cast — fairways cut through duneland the sea shaped, deep bunkers with old local names, the gorse, the burn, the wind that redesigns the course overnight. Longtime watchers speak of famous holes the way people speak of difficult, beloved relatives. And the community that walks this ground is oddly gentle. Strangers compare notes at rope lines, hoist each other's children for a view, fall into step for three holes and part like old friends. Applause travels the course in distant waves, and the faithful learn to read them — that far-off roar is an eagle, someone else's joy arriving like weather. It is belonging at a walking pace: quiet, durable, handed down. Which is its lesson. Not every devotion should be loud, and the deepest ones are often built the way the gallery builds its Sunday — by turning up, walking the whole way round, and staying out in the weather together. Find what you are willing to walk all day for, and the people who will walk it with you. Then keep walking it, season after season.

“To dwell near a golf course and work hard at the game; to go away whenever the spirit moved one to some paradise by the seas with a pleasant companion or two; to stay as long as one liked; even to think of it is still to feel faintly the old desire.”

— Bernard Darwin

Watching & Belonging

Sit with the voice that speaks to you today.

"If you read my book, you're my pupil, and if you play golf, you're my friend."

— Harvey Penick

"I first saw Arnold Palmer when I was just a kid and he came to Columbus to play in a tournament. I watched him on the driving range hit balls that day. We went on to become great friends."

— Jack Nicklaus

"Winning has always meant much to me, but winning friends has meant the most."

— Babe Didrikson Zaharias

"Golf camaraderie, like that of astronauts and Antarctic explorers, is based on a common experience of transcendence; fat or thin, scratch or duffer, we have been somewhere together where non-golfers never go."

— John Updike

"If you play golf, you are my friend."

— Harvey Penick

"When I started out, you'd finish your round and have a scotch or two with some of the other players. Today, if you run into another player after a round, you give them a Power Bar and a glass of carrot juice."

— Amy Alcott

"I enjoy the game and I enjoy my friends. That is something very important to me."

— Arnold Palmer

"Golf is a great sport that brings together a lot of different audiences."

— Natalie Gulbis

Watching & Belonging

Sit with the voice that speaks to you today.

“He was a special man, and I believe Seve represented the core of Ryder Cup values. I learned from him what true passion is all about.”

— Jose Maria Olazabal

“I have been fortunate enough to experience some fantastic Ryder Cup moments during my career and play alongside great friends and some of the best players in history.”

— Seve Ballesteros

“Golf is a way to connect with nature, with friends, with family. It's a beautiful sport that brings people together.”

— Michelle Wie

“I never got on the course with my dad, but to be playing golf with my kids — that's a dream.”

— Mark Wahlberg

“Many men are more faithful to their golf partners than to their wives, and have stuck with them longer.”

— John Updike

“In choosing a partner, always pick the optimist.”

— Tony Lema

“A good golf partner is one who is always slightly worse than you are - that is why I get so many.”

— Jack Nicklaus

“Golf is awesome. It's just a great way to be outside, get some exercise, and have fun with your friends.”

— Tiger Woods

Watching & Belonging

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"I play golf with friends sometimes, but there are never any bets. It's usually just to have fun and enjoy the game."

— Nancy Lopez

"Ben Hogan sought out tour friends that had personality because he felt that he didn't. He thought he could only talk with his golf clubs."

— Dan Jenkins

"There are social aspects of the game and I think people overlook that."

— Peter Jacobsen

"I don't think anywhere is there a symbiotic relationship between caddie and player like there is in golf."

— Johnny Miller

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Belonging, in the stands.

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The people who turn up.

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After the final whistle



Until the next one.

Between the Whistles

The last putt is only ever half true. Somewhere the game is already continuing — a flag snapping on an empty green at dusk, a television murmuring to a quiet room, a child being walked down a fairway for the first time. May the voices in this collection walk with you between the rounds of your own life.

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