
“You swing your best, when you have the fewest things to think about.”

"Nobody ever swung a club too slowly."

“Some people think they are concentrating when they're merely worrying.”

“I can play the game only one way. I must play every shot for all there is in it. I cannot play safe.”

“Competitive golf is played mainly on a five-and-a-half-inch course...the space between your ears.”

"Golf is a game that creates emotions that sometimes cannot be sustained with the club still in one's hand."

“Bad putting is due more to the effect the green has upon the player than it has upon the action of the ball.”

"It is nothing new or original to say golf is played one stroke at a time. But it took me many years to realize it."

“It is nevertheless a game of considerable passion, either of the explosive type, or that which burns inwardly and sears the soul.”

“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.”

“No man ever will have golf under his thumb. No round ever will be so good it could not have been better. perhaps that is why golf is the greatest of games.”

“The moment the average golfer attempts to play from long grass or a bunker or from a difficult lie of any kind, he becomes a digger instead of a swinger.”

“I have never felt so lonely as on a golf course in the midst of a championship with thousands of people around, especially when things began to go wrong and the crowds started wandering away.”

“I had held a notion that I could make a pretty fair appraisal of the worth of an opponent simply by speaking to him on the first tee and taking a good measuring look into his eyes.”

"The toughest opponent of all is Old Man Par. He's a patient soul who never shoots a birdie and never incurs a bogey. And if you would travel the long road with him, you must be patient too."

"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."

"Golf is assuredly a mystifying game. It would seem that if a person has hit a golf ball correctly a thousand times, he should be able to duplicate the performance at will. But this is certainly not the case."

“You might as well praise a man for not robbing a bank. There is only one way to play this game.”

After he was praised for his honesty in calling a penalty on himself in the first round of the 1925 US Open at Worcester Country Club when his ball moved at address. No one else saw the ball move on a steep bank in the long grass by the 11th green and despite the attempts by officials and playing partner Walter Hagen to dissuade Jones, he insisted the penalty be applied. - “I will tell you privately it's not going to get better, it's going to get worse all the time, but don't fret. Remember, we play the ball where it lies, and now let's not talk about this, ever again.”