

Bobby Jones Quotes

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Golf is the closest game to the game we call life. You get bad breaks from good shots; you get good breaks from bad shots - but you have to play the ball where it lies.

~Bobby Jones

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

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

~Bobby Jones

You might as well praise a man for not robbing a bank as to praise him for playing by the rules.

~Bobby Jones

The real way to enjoy playing golf is to take pleasure not in the score, but in the execution of strokes.

~Bobby Jones

Golf is a game that is played on a five-inch course

~Bobby Jones

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

~Bobby Jones

The object of golf is to beat someone. Make sure that someone is not yourself.

~Bobby Jones

Golf is the only game I know of that actually becomes harder the longer you play it.

~Bobby Jones

I never learned anything from a match that I won.

~Bobby Jones

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.

~Bobby Jones

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

In order to win, you must play your best golf when you need it most, and play your sloppy stuff when you can afford it. I shall not attempt to explain how you achieve this happy timing.

~Bobby Jones

I get as much fun as the next man from whaling the ball as hard as I can and catching it squarely on the button. But from sad experience I learned not to try this in a round that meant anything.

~Bobby Jones

A leading difficulty with the average player is that he totally misunderstands what is meant by concentration. He may think he is concentrating hard when he is merely worrying.

~Bobby Jones

If I had ever been set down in any one place and told I was to play there, and nowhere else, for the rest of my life, I should have chosen the Old Course at St. Andrews.

~Bobby Jones

The difference between a sand trap and water hazard is the difference between a car crash and an airplane crash. You have a chance of recovering from a car crash.

~Bobby Jones

If ever I needed an eight foot putt, and everything I owned depended on it, I would want Arnold Palmer to putt for me.

~Bobby Jones

Many shots are spoiled at the last instant by efforts to add a few more yards.

~Bobby Jones

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

~Bobby Jones

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.

~Bobby Jones

If I needed advice from my caddie, he'd be hitting the shots and I'd be carrying the bag.

~Bobby Jones

The best exercise for golfers is golfing.

~Bobby Jones

The secret of golf is to turn three shots into two.

~Bobby Jones

Doesn't it show us all that we are silly little boys or fatuous asses to think that we can play golf without making a lot of bad shots?

~Bobby Jones

Golf is recognized as one of the more difficult games to play or teach. One reason for this is that each person necessarily plays by feel, and a feel is almost impossible to describe.

~Bobby Jones

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

~Bobby Jones

Nobody ever swung a club too slowly.

~Bobby Jones

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

~Bobby Jones

Golf is said to be an humbling game, but it is surprising how many people are either not aware of their weaknesses or else reckless of consequences.

~Bobby Jones

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

~Bobby Jones

Nobody ever wins the National Open. Somebody loses it.

~Bobby Jones

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.

~Bobby Jones

No one ever swung too slowly.

~Bobby Jones

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.

~Bobby Jones

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

~Bobby Jones

Rhythm and timing are the two things which we all must have, yet no one knows how to teach either.

~Bobby Jones

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.

~Bobby Jones

There isn't a hole out there [Augusta] 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

No putt is too short to be despised.

~Bobby Jones

I always like to see a person stand up to a golf ball as though he were perfectly at home in its presence.

~Bobby Jones

The 'enemy' in golf is tension.

~Bobby Jones

Some emotions cannot be endured with a golf club in your hands.

~Bobby Jones

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

~Bobby Jones

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

~Bobby Jones

Too much ambition is a bad thing to have in a bunker.

~Bobby Jones

I got an extra hour's nap.

~Bobby Jones

Addressing a golf ball would seem to be a simple matter; that is, to the uninitiated who cannot appreciate that a golf ball can hold more terrors than a spacious auditorium packed with people.

~Bobby Jones

Golf is like eating peanuts. You can play too much or play too little.

~Bobby Jones

Jack Nicklaus is playing an entirely different game, and one which I'm not even familiar with.

~Bobby Jones

Nicklaus plays a kind of golf with which I am not familiar.

~Bobby Jones

Well, I'm glad we don't have to play in the shade.

~Bobby Jones

As I see it, the thing that hurt my putting most when it was bad, was thinking too much about how I was making the stroke and not enough about getting the ball in the hole.

~Bobby Jones

Golf is the one game I know which becomes more and more difficult the longer one plays it.

~Bobby Jones

Fight tautness whenever it occurs; strive for relaxed muscles throughout.

~Bobby Jones

I never learned a thing from a tournament I won.

~Bobby Jones

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