

Jack Nicklaus

Quotes

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Achievement is largely the product of steadily raising one's level of aspiration and expectation.

~Jack Nicklaus

I never hit a shot, not even in practice, without having a very sharp, in-focus picture of it in my head.

~Jack Nicklaus

Success depends almost entirely on how effectively you learn to manage the game's two ultimate adversaries: the course and yourself.

~Jack Nicklaus

Pursue what you love, what you are passionate about. Don't let somebody else dictate your life's path.

~Jack Nicklaus

Resolve never to quit, never to give up, no matter what the situation.

~Jack Nicklaus

Confidence is the most important single factor in this game, and no matter how great your natural talent, there is only one way to obtain and sustain it: work.

~Jack Nicklaus

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

~Jack Nicklaus

The worse you're performing, the more you must work mentally and emotionally. The greatest and toughest art in golf is "playing badly well." All the true greats have been masters at it.

~Jack Nicklaus

I'm a firm believer that in the theory that people only do their best at

things they truly enjoy. It is difficult to excel at something you don't enjoy.

~Jack Nicklaus

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

~Jack Nicklaus

Sometimes the biggest problem is in your head. You've got to believe you can play a shot instead of wondering where your next bad shot is coming from.

~Jack Nicklaus

It takes hundreds of good golf shots to gain confidence, but only one bad one to lose it.

~Jack Nicklaus

Pressure is what you live for...if you are going to be successful in life, you're going to have pressure.

~Jack Nicklaus

Don't be too proud to take lessons. I'm not.

~Jack Nicklaus

Focus on remedies, not faults.

~Jack Nicklaus

If there is one thing I have learned during my years as a professional, it is that the only thing constant about golf is its inconstancy.

~Jack Nicklaus

If I had only one more round to play, I would choose to play it at Pebble Beach. I've loved this course from the first time I saw it. It's possibly the best in the world.

~Jack Nicklaus

Pete Egoscue has totally changed my life. Never have I experienced such complete pain relief as I have by following the Egoscue Method.

~Jack Nicklaus

Learn the fundamentals of the game and stick to them. Band-Aid remedies never last.

~Jack Nicklaus

Pete Dye introduced me to golf course design back in the 1960's. He came to my hometown Columbus, Ohio to work on The Golf Club.

~Jack Nicklaus

Complacency is a continuous struggle that we all have to fight.

~Jack Nicklaus

Ask yourself how many shots you would have saved if you always developed a strategy before you hit, always played within your capabilities, never lost your temper, and never got down on yourself.

~Jack Nicklaus

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

I never missed a putt in my mind.

~Jack Nicklaus

You have to love something and have a passion for it to be disciplined. My commitment was purely to golf

~Jack Nicklaus

Age doesn't make a difference either. Whether you're 20 or 70, you can

still play together. There are so many different things you can do with golf that you can't do in other sports.

~Jack Nicklaus

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

~Jack Nicklaus

There is no room in your mind for negative thoughts.

~Jack Nicklaus

The best way to cope with trouble is to stay out of it as much as possible.

~Jack Nicklaus

Concentration is a fine antidote to anxiety.

~Jack Nicklaus

If a guy is a good athlete, he'll end up being a pretty decent golfer if he just takes it up. But you never master it; even the best players in the world never master the game.

~Jack Nicklaus

Golf is not, and never has been, a fair game.

~Jack Nicklaus

Scoring comes from being able to preserve what you've got and play your smart shots when you need to play them and not do stupid things and take advantage of things when have you them.

~Jack Nicklaus

Tee your ball high...air offers less resistance than dirt.

~Jack Nicklaus

It's great to win, but it's also great fun just to be in the thick of any truly well and hard fought contest against opponents you respect, whatever the outcome.

~Jack Nicklaus

People only do their best at things they truly enjoy

~Jack Nicklaus

I've said many times before that Pebble Beach is a wonderful thinking-man's golf course. That is why it is such a great U.S. Open venue.

~Jack Nicklaus

I think that Pebble Beach is my favorite golf course to go to. I think Augusta is my favorite place to go play golf.

~Jack Nicklaus

Golf is a game of precision, not strength.

~Jack Nicklaus

If you want to hit it farther, hit it better.

~Jack Nicklaus

Keeping the head still is golf's one universal, unarguable fundamental.

~Jack Nicklaus

In 1979, when I was 39, I had such a bad year, I thought it was all over. Thankfully it wasn't.

~Jack Nicklaus

When I want a long ball, I spin my hips faster.

~Jack Nicklaus

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

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

Before every shot, I go to the movies

~Jack Nicklaus

There's a guy who won't be in contention. There's another one I don't have to worry about.

~Jack Nicklaus

Professional golf is the only sport where, if you win 20% of the time, you're the best.

~Jack Nicklaus

He had a lot of talent, but didn't have much dedication, wasn't organized, didn't know how to learn, didn't know how to comprehend what he was doing, didn't try to learn how to get better.

~Jack Nicklaus

My ability to concentrate and work toward that goal has been my greatest asset.

~Jack Nicklaus

I have a couple [of grandsons] that are in college playing lacrosse. It's great and it's fun. But they all also play golf a little bit.

~Jack Nicklaus

Temper is the one thing you can't get rid of by losing it.

~Jack Nicklaus

It's difficult to excel at something you don't truly enjoy.

~Jack Nicklaus

Through years of experience I have found that air offers less resistance than dirt.

~Jack Nicklaus

My workout was playing other sports and I always played tennis, football, basketball, threw a baseball - I was always doing something to keep me active. That's how I kept my body going.

~Jack Nicklaus

Golfers have a tendency to be very masochistic. They like to punish themselves for some reason. A lot of them like tough courses.

~Jack Nicklaus

Crises are part of life. Everybody has to face them, and it doesn't make any difference what the crisis is.

~Jack Nicklaus

I like trying to win. That's what golf is all about.

~Jack Nicklaus

Golf is game of respect and sportsmanship; we have to respect its traditions and its rules.

~Jack Nicklaus

Did you know there's probably more golf played in Iceland than most places in the world? They play 24 hours a day in the summertime and the northern part is warmer than the southern part.

~Jack Nicklaus

I don't believe in philosophies. I believe in fundamentals.

~Jack Nicklaus

Golf is a better game played downhill.

~Jack Nicklaus

Nobody ever remembers who finished second at anything.

~Jack Nicklaus

Essentially, he has been retired since he was 21.

~Jack Nicklaus

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

~Jack Nicklaus

Golf is you against yourself.

~Jack Nicklaus

Well, the biggest rival I had in my career was me.

~Jack Nicklaus

I guess that's why they call it Hell.

~Jack Nicklaus

I love design in general, the creativity. Whether it is golf courses, my apparel line, ads we do or our business with AriZona, design is fun.

~Jack Nicklaus

We called [my son] Gary "Little Herschel" when he was in middle school - but then he didn't grow any taller. He ended up playing golf and being a really nice golfer.

~Jack Nicklaus

I'm tired of giving my best and not having it be good enough.

~Jack Nicklaus

The game is meant to be fun.

~Jack Nicklaus

I had polio when I was 13. I started feeling stiff, my joints ached, and over a two-week period I lost my coordination and 20 pounds.

~Jack Nicklaus

There are always new places to go fishing. For any fisherman, there's always a new place, always a new horizon

~Jack Nicklaus

A perfectly straight shot with a big club is a fluke.

~Jack Nicklaus

Jones is the greatest golfer who ever lived and probably ever will live. That's my goal. Bobby Jones. It's the only goal.

~Jack Nicklaus

You have to trust your kids. They have to experience life, and you just hope you've provided them a foundation for what's right and what isn't.

~Jack Nicklaus

The holes are numbered.

~Jack Nicklaus

I don't think about winning the Masters as part of the slam. You want to win the Masters because of what it means to the game.

~Jack Nicklaus

I think I fail a bit less than everyone else.

~Jack Nicklaus

Public appearances are a headache. I hold mine down to a minimum.

~Jack Nicklaus

I don't know if I'll ever do it again or not, but frankly I don't really care.

~Jack Nicklaus

I don't think you would have missed that putt, but in these circumstances, I would never give you the opportunity.

~Jack Nicklaus

This is a tournament. The others are all championships.

~Jack Nicklaus

How people keep correcting us when we are young! There is always some bad habit or other they tell us we ought to get over. Yet most bad habits are tools to help us through life.

~Jack Nicklaus

Augusta National is a young man's golf course, and you really need a young man's nerves to play on it.

~Jack Nicklaus

I know it sounds selfish, wanting to do something no one else has done. But that's what you're out here for - to separate yourself from everyone else.

~Jack Nicklaus

Tiger Woods has been unlucky with his body. I don't know whether some of it is self-induced or some of it is just unlucky. But we never know what happens with guys.

~Jack Nicklaus

They [my sons] all went to different schools and all did different things. They're about as different for five kids as you'll ever see. They don't do

anything the same.

~Jack Nicklaus

Every putt is different. Your feet dictate the stroke by how they feel on the green. I just never used the same stroke on every putt.

~Jack Nicklaus

Athletes today get into a single-minded, one sport routine. I can't stand it.

~Jack Nicklaus

This is a game. That's all it is. It's not a war.

~Jack Nicklaus

I always practice as I intend to play.

~Jack Nicklaus

A big part of managing a golf course is managing your swing on the course.

~Jack Nicklaus

He has the finest, fundamentally sound golf swing I've ever seen.

~Jack Nicklaus

I've always tried to play golf with a golf club. I have a hard time driving with my rifle. I mean, 18 is really narrow ... I have no problem with the course, except for the tee shot on 18.

~Jack Nicklaus

We're not perfect every time. We make mistakes just like everybody else. But, we stay on top of it, and we stay with it, and we make sure we get it right.

~Jack Nicklaus

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

~Jack Nicklaus

When the British Open is in Scotland, there's something special about it. And when it's at St. Andrews, it's even greater.

~Jack Nicklaus

That's sort of overkill. We've had 70 years of the Ryder Cup, and it's gotten along just fine. The pendulum will swing back without making a monumental thing about it.

~Jack Nicklaus

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