

Sam Snead Quotes

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Forget your opponents; always play against par.

~Sam Snead

Of all the hazards, fear is the worst.

~Sam Snead

There is an old saying: if a man comes home with sand in his cuffs and cockleburs in his pants, don't ask him what he shot.

~Sam Snead

If a lot of people gripped a knife and fork the way they do a golf club, they'd starve to death.

~Sam Snead

You've just one problem. You stand too close to the ball after you've hit it.

~Sam Snead

Practice puts brains in your muscles.

~Sam Snead

Keep close count of your nickels and dimes, stay away from whiskey, and never concede a putt.

~Sam Snead

In golf, as in life, you get out of it what you put into it.

~Sam Snead

I believe in destiny...what's going to be is going to be. If I'm going to win, I'm going to win...I don't give a damn what the other guy shoots. I'm going to win if it's my turn.

~Sam Snead

What abandoned course is that?

~Sam Snead

Never let up. The more you can win by, the more doubts you put in the other players' minds the next time out.

~Sam Snead

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

~Sam Snead

Make the basic shot-making decision early, clearly and firmly, and then ritualize all the necessary acts of preparation.

~Sam Snead

Golf course architects make me sick. They can't play themselves, so they rig the courses so nobody else can play either.

~Sam Snead

If I could have shot 69 in the last round every time, I would have won nine U.S. Opens. Nine!

~Sam Snead

Most people who play golf have one big trouble: they think too much. To get any real mileage out of this game you've got to sit on your imagination.

~Sam Snead

There are no short hitters on the tour anymore - just long and unbelievably long.

~Sam Snead

Don't just play your way around the course. Think your way around way around the course.

~Sam Snead

I shot a wild elephant in Africa thirty yards from me, and it didn't hit the ground until it was right at my feet. I wasn't a bit scared. But a four foot putt scares me to death.

~Sam Snead

You have more potential than you think.

~Sam Snead

Golf got complicated when I had to wear shoes and begin thinking about what I was doing.

~Sam Snead

Golf tip: Lay off for three weeks and then quit for good.

~Sam Snead

These greens are so fast I have to hold my putter over the ball and hit it with the shadow.

~Sam Snead

What did I want with prestige? The British Open paid the winner \$600 in American money. A man would have to be two hundred years old at that rate to retire from golf.

~Sam Snead

The only reason I ever played in the first place was so I could afford to hunt and fish.

~Sam Snead

If I had cleared the trees and drove the green, it would've been a great shot.

~Sam Snead

Practice your swing until it becomes a habit of mind and muscle.

~Sam Snead

To win you must have talent and desire - but desire is first.

~Sam Snead

But you don't have to go up in the stands and play your foul balls. I do.

~Sam Snead

Of the mental hazards, being scared is the worst. When you get scared, you get tense.

~Sam Snead

I looked like a monkey trying to wrestle a football.

~Sam Snead

Nobody asked how you looked, just what you shot.

~Sam Snead

When I ask you what club to use, look the other way and don't answer.

~Sam Snead

I give the ball some sweet talk. I tell it that this isn't going to hurt a bit. I'm a friend and all I'm going to do is give it a nice little ride.

~Sam Snead

The three things I fear most in golf are lightning, Ben Hogan and a downhill putt.

~Sam Snead

To be consistently effective, you must put a certain distance between yourself and what happens to you on the golf course. This is not indifference, it's detachment.

~Sam Snead

Until you play it, St. Andrews looks like the sort of real estate you couldn't give away.

~Sam Snead

I've said a thousand times, you can't go into a shop and buy a good golf game.

~Sam Snead

To quit between tee and green is more habit-forming than drinking a highball before breakfast.

~Sam Snead

I hope I'll never get too old to want to take part in this event, and I don't think I will ever age that much.

~Sam Snead

Thinking instead of acting is the number one golf disease.

~Sam Snead

I've been on some fairways that are as good as the greens we putted on back then. We had crab grass. I remember one green where I putted through ants.

~Sam Snead

Playing golf is like eating. It's something which has to come naturally.

~Sam Snead

Golf is played with the arms.

~Sam Snead

Correct one fault at a time. Concentrate on the one fault you want to overcome.

~Sam Snead

I'd say that golf is about 75% mental. If your state of mind gets out of kilter, you're worse off than a tomcat floating on a log.

~Sam Snead

Grip the club as if you were holding a baby bird.

~Sam Snead

A bad putter is like a bad apple in a barrel. First, it turns your chipping game sour. Then it begins to eat into your irons and finally it just cleans the head off your driver.

~Sam Snead

Just have a Coke or something and watch the boys go past.

~Sam Snead

I was a better player at 50 than I was at 30.

~Sam Snead

The fairways were so narrow you had to walk down them single file.

~Sam Snead

I've gotten rid of the yips four times but they hang in there. You know those two-foot downhill putts with a break? I'd rather see a rattlesnake.

~Sam Snead

The only thing I fear on a golf course is lightning...and Ben Hogan.

~Sam Snead

Those who go along get along.

~Sam Snead

Over the years I've studied the habits of golfers. I know what to look for. Watch their eyes. Fear shows up when there is an enlargement of the pupils. Big pupils lead to big scores.

~Sam Snead

That little white ball is always staring back at you, daring you to make a mistake.

~Sam Snead

Good golfing temperament falls between taking it with a grin or shrug and throwing a fit.

~Sam Snead

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

~Sam Snead

The only place that's holier than St. Andrews is Westminster Abbey.

~Sam Snead

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