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Golf Reads – Ideas for 2015

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We at the MSGA hope that this newsletter finds you in good spirits following a great holiday season. Undoubtedly, as a golfer, you've

received some golf gifts under the Christmas Tree, or maybe have gift cards to spend online. As you patiently wait for the golfing season to begin, winter offers a good time to catch up on some golf reading.

Without attempting any sort of best of, the following 10 titles include some well-known classics and some recent titles you may not have heard of yet. The world of golf reading is both immense and varied: instructional, entertainment, fictional, and picture-filled.

Ben Hogan's Five Lessons: The Modern Fundamentals of Golf **Ben Hogan (1985), \$5-10**

One of the handful of classic golf teaching books that has provided a framework for many great players through the years, Hogan's Five Lessons outlines the building blocks of good golf from the legendary ball-striker, Ben Hogan. Fully illustrated with drawings and diagrams, this timeless work is equally great for the beginner, or those who understand the importance of fundamentals.

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Old Works Update – Anaconda Gem Open For Now

Nick Dietzen, MSGA Communications Director

Residents of Montana and Northwest golfing enthusiasts are very familiar with one of the region's most distinctive golf courses, Old Works in Anaconda.

The Jack Nicklaus signature course, constructed within a former copper mining site in Anaconda, features numerous slag bunkers (a unique, fine black matter, resulting from the smelting of ore, frames the golf course) and a landscape unlike any in the state. But the renowned course has been in the news this fall, as its operations and fiscal health has been at risk.



From a historical perspective, in the late 19th century, an Irish immigrant, Marcus Daly, backed by J.B. Haggin and others, purchased the land on which the city of Anaconda and the Old Works were built.

The Upper Works (where remnants can be seen on the front nine) began production, with a capacity to treat 500 tons of ore daily. This production more than doubled and the addition to the east, the Lower Works, kept the bustling production of ore going until a fire destroyed the Lower Works soon after.

The new, more modern, Washoe Smelter had the capacity to process all of the ore from the nearby Butte mines, resulting in the dismantling and closure of the Old Works. The location lay idle until 1983, when it became a Superfund cleanup site.

In 1989, Anaconda citizens formed a group to promote the construction of a "world class" golf course on the site. Through hard work and cooperation between the community, ARCO, State and Federal Agencies, along with golf legend and course architect, Jack Nicklaus, ground was broken on May 26, 1994. The course opened in 1997.

Since then, Old Works has attracted many golfers and earned a well-respected reputation as a great golf course, but also one that has been financially unstable.

This fall, news reports announced that Old Works was in danger of closing potentially by Nov. 1 of this year, but Anaconda-Deer Lodge Superfund coordinator Carl Nyman has stated that the course may not be closing at all.

"There's been a lot of work that's been going on the past couple of weeks, a lot of conversations between the EPA,

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His Ownself: A Semi-Memoir

Dan Jenkins (2014), \$10-20

Ubiquitous golf-writer Dan Jenkins recently stirred the pot and the ire of Tiger Woods with a recent faux-interview with Woods; not a surprise to longtime readers of the irreverent and legendary sportswriter. Jenkins takes readers through his journey from high school through Sports Illustrated and everywhere in-between. Always entertaining and one of the strongest, unique voices in golf-history, this is Jenkins introspective and illuminating view of his career and time around the game of golf.

Planet Golf

Darius Oliver (2007), \$30-40

Have a little itch to travel or scheme your next golf-related vacation? Planet Golf features more than 130 of the world's finest golf courses with a focus on international courses. One will find great ideas for the golfing traveler. Even the most knowledgeable golf fans will uncover some new tracks to dream about, with plenty of courses included in this compendium. Golf legends like Nicklaus, Player, and Norman as well as architects like Dye and Fazio add their commentary to the courses that span over 20 countries.

The Golf Book: Twenty Years of the Players, Shots and Moments That Changed the Game

Chris Millard (2014), \$30-40

A blend of historical, but topical golf insight, from the archives of the Golf Channel provides a terrific blend of visuals and storytelling in full-color of the best moments of the past 20 years. This book is littered with stories from top players, exceptional photography, top-20 lists, profiles of some of the games best, and some memorable stories of the past two decades.

The Big Miss: My Years Coaching Tiger Woods

Hank Haney (2012), \$10-20

Hank Haney's candid account of his



up-and-down six years as swing coach of Tiger Woods. This book provides the reader with rare insider knowledge of the game's most enigmatic figure. This

glimpse into the coaching of elite golfers and Haney's take on Tiger's greatness, conflict, and their relationship will satisfy the curious observer and potentially provide a different account for the fan.

Mastering Golf's Mental Game: Your Ultimate Guide to Better On-Course Performance and Lower Scores

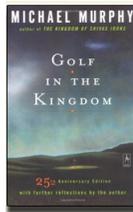
Dr. Michael T. Lardon (2014), \$15-22

With the well-known Dr. Bob Rotella's series of golf-focused books dedicated to the mental side of the game, many are familiar with the increasing importance and dedication players have to the mental side of the game. Another author, Dr. Michael Lardon, takes an approach of focusing on the pre-shot routine and shot setup as well as measuring your game with a mental scorecard to help make improvements in your game.

Golf in the Kingdom

Michael Murphy (1997), \$10

Long recognized as a classic voyage into a more mystical view of something that the author considers to be far more than a game. A young man's travels lead him into a phenomenal round of golf with an incredible character, Shivas Irons, who reveals the philosophical, transcendent and supernatural qualities of the age-old "game."



Tales from the Q School: Inside Golf's Fifth Major

John Feinstein (2007), \$10-15

Legendary sports-scribe and author of the well-regarded A Good Walk Spoiled, Feinstein profiles the immense task of qualifying for the PGA Tour, one of the most grueling compe-

titions in any sport. This account gives a view to the players competing for the coveted spots on the sports biggest stage. Succeed or fail, it's a once-a-year grind gladly accepted and painfully endured by some familiar names and some you've never heard of. Their stories are unforgettable.

The Match: The Day the Game of Golf Changed Forever

Mark Frost (2007), \$10-20

Author Mark Frost provides a multi-voiced account of the most remarkable foursome ever played. Instigated, like many great golf stories, through a bet, Eddie Lowery, millionaire and former 10-year-old caddie to Francis Ouimet, challenged fellow millionaire to a bet of who can put together the ultimate best-ball team. Harvie Ward and Ken Venturi faceoff against Byron Nelson and Ben Hogan – the rest is history of course, probably history you're unfamiliar with, but should be. Take a suspenseful ride through the fairways of this classic match.

Rules of Golf 2012 and the Rules of Amateur Status

The USGA and R&A (2011), FREE

No list of golf reads would be complete without the handy reference material that you should have in your bag at all times! Think you've read a lot about golf, this classic is both timeless and limited all at the same time. The most recent delivery of the Rules of Golf is set from 2012-2015, meaning that this is your year to bone up on your rules knowledge so you're ready to read the next update in 2016. One of the easiest ways to save some strokes and improve your game, this handy book has no swing tips, no mental advice, but just simply the rules. No matter how many times you read, you'll find something you might have forgotten.

Happy Holidays!

Have you read a book that's been entertaining or influential to your enjoyment of golf? Write us and let us know, or reach out on social media and tell us your favorites!

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Atlantic Richfield Company (ARCO), the county, the authority board," Nyman said. The course has been receiving funding from ARCO and the EPA, as the golf course is unable to sustain itself through its own revenue.

Although no definitive announcement has been made, the county has had discussions and may have an agreement with ARCO going forward to keep operations going. Currently, the course has \$100,000 of Superfund emergency money that will help it through the negotiations with ARCO and the EPA during the interim negotiation process.

The ongoing negotiations are focused on ARCO's position that they supplied the funding to donate the course to the county and provide them with Old Works, but never intended to be a life-

line beyond the initial setup; whereas the county's position is that a true Superfund settlement agreement has never been completed and thus, the obligations of ARCO are still ongoing.

Old Works will continue business as usual, with its holiday party and pass holder sale in January. "I feel very encouraged and optimistic about all of that. That's a very good sign," said Nyman.

Looking ahead, two separate funding options appear to be open for the facility – one from ARCO/BP and the other from the EPA. The county is carefully weighing the pros and cons of each. Nyman said the global settlement negotiations could last another two years.

The future is uncertain for Old Works. Cutting its losses might make the best

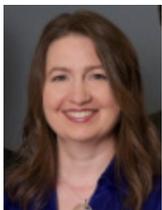
financial sense for the golf course and county, but many feel that the loss of the course would have not only a huge economic impact, but also affect the area in a negative way, as the course has been a flagship of remediation for the county and a source of pride for many in the community.

The 17-year-old golf facility serves as a protective cap on top of waste from Anaconda's first smelting location and has been a tourism draw for many to the area.

While the true outcome may still remain several years out, the recent news that Old Works will remain open has been a breath of fresh air for many golfers in the state. They hope that one of Western Montana's best golf layouts will be around for many years to come.

Embracing Change

Emily Hulsey, MSGA Handicap and Website Coordinator



Change is a part of life – the years change, we change, and technology changes. Some of us, especially those of the silver-haired generation, may be uncom-

fortable with technology, particularly when it comes to golf. Post my scores online? Use a smartphone app?

What's wrong with posting my score at the Pro Shop kiosk, or handing my scorecard to the guy behind the counter? Nothing. But, digging our heels in the sand can sometimes deprive us of tools that actually make our lives easier.

The MSGA website is full of good information, like a statewide tournament calendar, tournament applications (online and downloadable), tournament results, and access to the MSGA Store. There are videos about Golf Etiquette and Golfer Tools like a Handicap Index and Course Search, a Course Handicap Calculator when

playing another course, and useful answers to Frequently Asked Questions. There is even a section with videos about the Rules of Golf.

Posting scores is convenient using the MSGA Smartphone App or posting online (www.msgagolf.org). If we have your e-mail address, you probably receive the bi-monthly e-mail revisions, containing not only your score history and current handicap index, but also relevant MSGA announcements. And, of course, this newsletter, *produced only electronically* to save in paper and postage costs.

True, those who fear technology probably aren't reading this... because they don't have an e-mail address, a smartphone, or own a computer. **But, we can help them!** Do you have a friend or relative in this category? Set them up and show them what they're missing! Besides the MSGA website, e-mail revisions, and app, there are many other apps and websites out

there to help keep them informed, help their game, and open their eyes to a whole new world.

However, there are those who *don't* fear technology, but also *don't* use it. This newsletter is only read by a fraction of MSGA members, maybe because they haven't set up their e-mail in their MSGA account. Slightly more make use of the online tools available.

Help us spread the word to other members! Sending out information by snail mail is a thing of the past. It's slower and expensive. **Electronic media is here to stay...** the MSGA is evolving to embrace this change and hopes its members will follow. If someone you know needs help getting set up, send them my way and I'd be glad to assist them.

You can contact Emily at golf@montana.net.



MSGA Smartphone APP "MSGAGOLF"



INVERNESS CLUB TO HOST 2019 U.S. JUNIOR AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP

Inverness Club, in Toledo, Ohio, has been selected by the USGA as the host site for the 2019 U.S. Junior Amateur Championship, to be contested July 15-20.

“Inverness Club has enjoyed a storied history, having hosted seven USGA championships over the past century,” said Daniel B. Burton, USGA vice president and Championship Committee chairman. “By hosting this championship in 2019, the club will become the first to have a U.S. Open, U.S. Amateur, U.S. Senior Open and U.S. Junior Amateur.”

Inverness Club opened in 1903 and its current course was designed by Donald Ross in 1916. The course has been restored three times, most recently by Arthur Hills in 1999. The layout features tree-lined, narrow bentgrass fairways, approximately 80 bunkers and firm, fast bentgrass greens.

“We are honored to have been selected as the host site for the 72nd U.S. Junior Amateur Championship,” said Gregory C. Kopan, club president. “Inverness Club is proud to have had such a long-standing relationship with the USGA and championship golf. We are thankful and excited for another opportunity to showcase our city and club.”

DR. PATRICIA J. VITNUM TO RECEIVE 2015 USGA GREEN SECTION AWARD

The USGA announced Dr. Patricia J. Vittum, of Amherst, MA., as the recipient of the 2015 USGA Green Section Award. Presented annually since 1961, the USGA Green Section Award recognizes an individual’s distinguished service to the game of golf through his or her work with turfgrass.



Dr. Patricia Vittum
(Courtesy of the USGA)

Vittum, a professor at the University of Massachusetts’ Stockbridge School of Agriculture, has conducted significant research on the biology and management of turfgrass insects and the effectiveness of biological-control methods. A recognized industry leader, she is a widely sought-after resource for practical information about turfgrass pests.

“Dr. Vittum has the unique ability to be a hands-on researcher who can effectively communicate her work with practical advice for the field practitioner,” said Dr. Kimberly Erusha,

managing director of the USGA Green Section. “Her contributions to the study of turfgrass insects have helped to establish industry standards and best management practices. We are proud to recognize her accomplishments and celebrate her legacy.”

A native of western New York, Dr. Vittum earned her undergraduate degree in chemistry from The College of Wooster (Ohio). At Cornell University, she worked with Dr. Haruo Tashiro, an international expert in the biology of turf insects. Vittum also served on the USGA Turfgrass and Environmental Research Committee from 2002 to 2008. A professor at the University of Massachusetts, Vittum currently teaches classes on the use of pesticides in the environment and turf management programs.

“Pat is an exemplary faculty member and a true leader,” said Mary Owen, turf specialist and turf program coordinator at the University of Massachusetts Extension. “She has dedicated her career to advance the professionalism and competence of golf course superintendents and staff, with protection of the environment as a high priority.”



“Remember Dave, it’s not the winning that’s important... Well actually it is, I’m just trying to make you feel better...”

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Vittum’s research has been published in several well-respected industry journals and publications. She is the principal author of the second edition of “Turfgrass Insects of the United States and Canada,” which is widely regarded as the leading publication on turf entomology. She also co-authored the “Handbook of Integrated Pest Management for Golf Courses.”

“When Dr. Erusha called to tell me about this honor, I was overwhelmed,” said Dr. Vittum. “The list of previous honorees includes so many giants of the turf management world. I am honored and humbled to be joining their ranks as a recipient of the distinguished service award. This is the highest award to which I could aspire, and it is an incredible affirmation of the studies I have conducted as a turf entomologist and the years I have spent as an educator.”

Vittum will receive the Green Section Award on Feb. 7, 2015, at the USGA’s Annual Meeting and Service Awards in New York City.

