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**Golf: The Past And Present**

**By Golf Amigos**

Golf is a sport that is played by over 4 million people across the British Isles, but how did it all begin and grow to become the tremendously popular game that it is today?

While Scotland is widely associated as the home and birthplace of golf, there is great debate about the earliest origins of the game. Some believe that it started in ancient Rome. Roman emperors allegedly played a relaxing game called paganica, using a bent stick to drive a soft, feather-stuffed ball. This game was then brought by them to Britain.

Over the next 5 centuries the game developed on several continents and eventually evolved into the popular Scottish game known as golfe. Various European countries had games resembling paganica – cambuca in England, jeu de mail in France, and in the Netherlands het kolven, which was played in the American colonies as early as 1657.

Golf's status and popularity quickly spread throughout the 16th century due to its royal endorsement. King Charles I popularised the game in England and Mary Queen of Scots introduced the game to France while she studied there. The term 'caddie' stems from the name given to her helpers who were the French Military, known in french as cadets.

It is in Scotland, however, that golf really took off. The first formal golf club, the Company of Gentlemen Golfers, now the Honourable Company of Edinburgh Golfers, was established in Edinburgh in 1744.

It's probably fair to say that golf is now played, to a lesser or greater degree, in most countries of the world. In Japan, for instance, golf is sometimes regarded as the national pastime. In China, golf's popularity is ever increasing and there are even golf courses being built in Kazakhstan. It's for this reason that you can now go on holidays which are specifically geared towards playing golf.

If you are planning a golf holiday, take a look at what Golf Amigos have to offer. They can tailor-make your golf holiday down to the last detail, ensuring that you have a truly memorable experience. Visit their website now by clicking

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## **Golf Gifts And Golf Grip Kits**

**By David G. Petten**

Gifts, as is known are matter of expressing intimacy and are exchanged without price. Golf gifts are no exception. Being a golfer when you think of gifting something to anyone the first thing which will come to your mind will surely be the golf gift. Usually golf gifts are given to potential young golfers to encourage them to play more and more golf.

You have to choose perfect golf gifts for these young beginners considering their style. You have plenty of golf articles and accessories to choose from. To name some of golf gifts they are golf clubs, golf irons, golf bags, golf knickers, classic ball case etc. IN the succeeding paragraphs we will elaborate on importance of each golf gift.

In my opinion golf books are the best golf gifts for beginners. A beginner learns lot of things about game and adds to his/her knowledge of the game by reading golf books

Next come golf lessons. These lessons help potential beginners to decide whether he/she really wants to take the game or he/she likes the golf or not. Golf lessons, golf books and CDs/DVDs are excellent golf gifts for beginners.

Many beginners start playing golf with hired or borrowed golf clubs. Usually, golf clubs are considered as matter of personal choice. However, one may not be willing to purchase expensive golf clubs at the beginning. For such people first set of golf club is considered as best gift amongst other golf gifts. Remember to present these golf clubs in a golf bag.

There are number of golf accessories available in markets which as categorized as golf gifts. Golf gloves, ball markers and tees, though some what expensive, are nice golf gifts. Depending to you affordability and intimacy to the person you are going to present golf gifts you may like to present a full set of golf starter kit to a potential beginner.

Golf balls are also the popular articles for presenting as golf gifts. Beginners are not concerned about the type, compression and construction of these golf balls. You can choose golf balls personalizing with nickname, name or customs logo of the beginner. Only disadvantage of gifting such golf balls is that if the ball is lost the person to whom you have gifted it may get upset.

Golf shoes are other option from the golf gifts. Golf shoes are basic requirement for playing golf. Choosing a right shoe that will be fitting and providing comfort to the person you are gifting is not an easy task. Remember you have alternate option of gift certificate. Instead of presenting golf shoes as golf gifts, present a gift certificate and allow him/her to purchase shoes of his/her choice.

Golf courses are considered to be one of the expensive ventures of sports due to their fees structure. To avoid such expensive venture, driving ranges are considered to be best alternative. Presenting a

membership of driving range may be the best among golf gifts for a beginner.

Ball tokens, golf gift certificates and 10 bucket pass are the other golf gifts available. Golf gifts are considered to be a motivating factor for beginners.

Golf Grip kits are a common phenomenon amongst golfers. Golfers are always choosy about their golf grip kits. Golf grip kits consist of tape, instruction book and a CD or DVD containing photos about use of golf equipments. Usually, golf grip kits are provided with golf irons and golf grips. Golf grip kits provide you all information like specification, maintenance guide and instruction about the handling of the equipment. Golf grip kits are of utmost importance for the beginners as they get the required information of golf equipments through these golf grip kits.

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