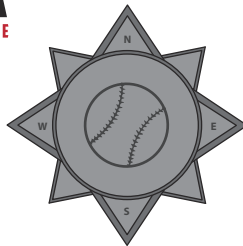


GOLF

I am not going to attempt to teach you golf in this small lesson. As you can imagine, I'm not particularly good at it, being that I have wings and not arms. And the fact that everyone on the course is trying to get themselves an Eagle makes me kinda nervous. It is one of those games that can take you five minutes to learn and a lifetime to master. However, in certain circles it's considered a good opportunity to get to know an individual. So having an appreciation is not a bad thing at all.

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EARN THIS NUGGET

Have a family member take you for a round of golf. There is usually at least one member of a family who has been bitten by the golf bug.

The principle is simple. You have a golf ball and you want to hit it with your club as few times as possible to get it into the hole. There, I said it was simple. But then there are the clubs. You have drivers, woods, wedges, putters. and more, all with their own special purpose.

When you play, you'll want to keep track of your number of strokes (times you hit the ball). The fewer strokes you take, the better your score. Every hole has a par (number of strokes that a good player should be able to take). You are always trying to get par or better. A bogey is one over par, a double bogey is two over par, a birdie is one under par, and an eagle is two under par.

When playing, you'll want to avoid the sand traps, the rough, as well as losing your ball in the water. Try to stay on the fairway (the short grass area in the middle) and away from the rough (the longer grass on the sides).

Before you go, you'll want to work on your swing. This is the part of the game you can spend a lifetime trying to perfect. Everything from how you hold the club to how you place your feet as you try to get that ball to go as far and as straight as you can.



Well, that's as basic as I can make it. The rest you'll have to experience for yourself. One last thing, golf is a sophisticated sport. So if you go, dress appropriately, no ripped jeans or ugly T-shirts. Cragmen need to know how to present themselves.