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Aspects of Collecting Golf Instruction Booklets



by
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introduction by
David Hamilton

A NEW field of golf collectibles has been explored to produce this bibliography (never before attempted) of golf instruction booklets. To verify all the data the booklets had to be seen and collated, and so the bibliography is effectively a record of the private collection of the author. The book will prove a valuable research tool for golf book collectors. Every booklet is described with a wealth of details not previously available in any golf bibliography. Each booklet's cover is pictured in colour, the image next to its entry, and also its dustjacket where appropriate. Some booklets have multiple authors. Every author is cited next to his respective chapter heading (28 authors are mentioned in one of the items, for instance.) The content of every booklet is fully described with a complete list of its chapters. Naturally, information conventionally required to identify a book is provided: authors, title, subtitle, publisher, place and date of publication, original publication price, cover description with colors used to print it,

type of binding, and when available the Donovan & Murdoch biblio number. WHILE 274 main titles are presented, more than 450 booklets are actually listed. Each has its picture, and as many titles are series of booklets of two to twenty five items this accounts for many illustrations. Most series number twelve items.

Two alphabetical indexes are provided to help the collector search through the book: a list of authors/contributors and a list of titles, cross-indexed to the same identifying number.

David Hamilton
(Introduction excerpt)

IT TAKES a creative mind to extract new interest from familiar, everyday matters. In Paris, Henri Jakubowicz came late to golf collecting and with determination he struck off the beaten track, into the wilderness, to find the leper houses stacked with instructional books. But Henri sees what others do not see, and delights us in this book with a virtuoso examination of a niche area, namely the economical, slim, rare, golf instructional booklets and related genre.

After surveying these muddled promises of glory, perhaps Henri is inviting the view that it is innate skill that counts after all. Well, maybe not. The core advice from all these pages, obtained as a pure distillate, does seem to be the old Scottish routine: "SLOW BACK, EYE ON THE BALL AND DINNA' PRESS."

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Reviews

"I occasionally have come across the unusual but seldom the unique book. I know that even though there are so many facets in the field of golf history and collecting golf memorabilia, I truly thought that most, if not all over the past 100 years, had been explored... Henri, has decided to put into print the fruits of his labours by publishing Rusty Staples, a play of words on the condition in which many of these publications are found. I would stress that this is not a bibliography but catalogue of his collection. It is also worth pointing out that 101 of his titles are not to be found in the standard book of reference by Donovan & Murdoch."

Dick Durran
(Through The Green
June 2004)

"From the land of crusty bread, great cheese and slim, beautiful people,... Rusty Staples will be published in July by Rhod McEwan... and it looks terrific. Each booklet is noted with a brief description and cover photo, detailing the wealth of items that slip through the cracks of reference books that cover books, but not booklets."

Bob Labbanca
(The Bulletin June 2004)