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The Golf Book – A perfect round

Chicken Soup for the Soul and Golf Digest hit a hole-in-one.

COS COB, Conn.—Whether its musician Kenny G or weekend golfer Philip Beard, professional golfer Fred Funk or business executive Bob Carney, golf is an integral part of many people's lives. From PGA legend Gary Player to weekend warrior Jeff Patterson, every golfer has a wonderful tale to tell.

Chicken Soup for the Soul has teamed up with *Golf Digest* magazine to present *Chicken Soup for the Soul: The Golf Book* (Chicken Soup for the Soul Publishing, LLC, April 2009, 978-1-935096-33-7, \$14.95), a collection of real life, inspirational stories written by PGA tour pros, celebrities, sports writers and amateurs. They share everything from the moment they fell in love with the game, tales of adventure playing golf all over the world and even some very touching moments about pure friendship. *Chicken Soup for the Soul: The Golf Book* delivers the true spirit of golf right from the 19th hole to your finger tips. If there was ever a 15th club that everyone should have in their bag, this book is it.

"'Trust instinct to the end even though it render no reason,' my father used to say. I've heeded this advice my entire life, not only to know which kind of shot to hit in a golf tournament, but also when to walk away from certain people in business," writes PGA champion Gary Player in his story, 'Trusting Instincts.'

The book's editor, Max Adler of *Golf Digest* magazine, recounts his experience caddying at the Old Course at St Andrews while studying abroad in Scotland, and the reverence he felt for the course.

"In two years living in St Andrews, I estimate I went around the Old Course about 120 times, equal parts playing and caddying," writes Adler. "And every single time I got to the 16th tee, without fail, the mood of the round changed. The 16th tee is the point where the quality and history of each shot left to be played is overwhelming. If your heart doesn't skip as you walk over the legend-worn stones of the ancient Swilcan Bridge, you're not a golfer, perhaps not even human."

In *Chicken Soup for the Soul: The Golf Book*, you'll also read about:

- How *New York Times* sports columnist Dave Anderson realized being a spectator at a pro golf tournament was better than any other sports event
- How *SportCenter's* John Buccigross played a round of golf with one of his sports heroes, Hockey Hall of Famer Raymond Bourque
- How Kenny G learned never to give up during a game of golf because anything can happen
- How popular singer-songwriter Josh Kelley's love of golf helped to cultivate his music career

Chicken Soup for the Soul: The Golf Book (Jack Canfield, Mark Victor Hansen and Max Adler) releases April 21, 2009. Chicken Soup for the Soul Publishing, LLC, publishes all the latest titles in the famous Chicken Soup for the Soul book series, which are distributed through Simon and Schuster, Inc. Since 1993, books in the Chicken Soup for the Soul series have sold more than 112 million copies, with titles translated into more than 40 languages. Chicken Soup for the Soul Publishing also licenses the right to use its famous trademark to high quality licensees through IMG, the world's premier licensing agent. The company is currently implementing a plan to expand into all media, is working with TV networks on several TV shows and is developing a major Internet presence dedicated to life improvement, emotional support and inspiration. In 2007, *USA Today* named *Chicken Soup for the Soul* one of the five most memorable and impactful books in the last quarter century. For more information visit: www.chickensoup.com.

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