



A LEFT-HANDED GOLFERS GUIDE TO GOLF REASONABLE

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Deals and Stories:

The point of this guide is to go over the deals and points of golf from a left-handed perspective.

My golf crusade started in about the sixth or seventh grade - when I found a set of old clubs in my grandparents garage - of course they were right-handed but I pulled them out - took the golf balls - I found in the bag and hit away.

It wasn't until we were on vacation in Williamsburg, Virginia and did some chipping on a practice green that I realized I was truly a left-handed golfer. It just felt natural when I used left-handed clubs. So thus I've golfed at some real interesting places - that were cost effective.



The first golf course I played on was the Groton, C.T. sub-base 9 hole course. I was lucky enough to have friends whose parents were affiliated at the base. Thus, for \$8 - my friends and I would go through the course twice for a full 18 holes.

Our clubs were hand me downs we'd inherited from parents or grandparents but we golfed with what we had and made the best of real wooden clubs - cracks and all!

When we vacationed in Hilton Head - we were lucky enough to have a condo on the golf course - so every night during our one week stay - I went out and played a few holes then I totally rang it on the cheap by fishing out of the water holes about 100 golf balls each night to this day - I still have some of those balls. I remember - I even made a special tool - so I could fish the balls out with ease.

So being a left handed golfer a lot of times has its advantages - since most holes are made for right-handers - so many times - I've had better lye's - especially near bunkers and waterholes - because I'm a small statistics opposite of the norm. This thus in the long run has saved me money - as I lose fewer balls usually than those righties I'm playing with.

My favorite golf course - I ever played on was the Sugarbush Golf course in Waitsfield, V.T. This area was my families' vacation area for many years - as we had a house in the area. What made this course so special (besides the great views of the Green Mountains) was the box lunches - we would order - then pick up after nine holes - so instead of paying for an expensive lunch - the box lunch option was more cost effective and kept us on the go - so we got done faster and beat most to the 10th hole.

Par 3 golf courses are just great - my friends and I use to frequent ones in East Lyme and Norwich, C.T. on a weekend (Cedar Ridge and Trumbell being our favorites) - the fees for 18 - if we walked were usually under \$15.00 - during the week it was usually \$12.00 - some courses even had and still do walking specials after 2:00p.m. During the week for under \$10 for a full 18 hole round.



Golf equipment has always been an interesting item for me - besides using hand me down clubs - one time a left handed golfer was playing in front of me and we got talking. When he finished our round - he asked if I wanted a set of clubs - because he had an extra set - so thus he dropped them off at the clubhouse. I was able to pick them up and use them. Wow - sometimes - it just pays to be nice and have good golf etiquette.

My son - started to get interested in golf the last year or so - so instead of buying him a set of expensive junior clubs our neighborhood had a garage sale and for \$5 - I bought him a full set.

It gets better as I noticed our local Goodwill had a small section dedicated to golf and low and behold I un-covered a left-handed driver - still wrapped in plastic for \$3!!.

I've since bought more clubs their slightly used - for \$2-\$4 for a 7 fairway wood and 3 wood.

One can't beat that - exceptional deals can be found in the golf world for sure.

Now a days - my son and I enjoy golfing at the Washington Golf club in Washington, PA - a really nice 9 hole course - that's open to the public on Mondays. Most days we pack a lunch and golf on.





Thus, being a left handed golfer does have many pros and cons - but by shopping carefully and always being on the look out for deals - golf can be in-expensive and within ones means.



Appendix - My favorite left-handed clubs:

The \$3 Toski Driver – I absolutely have found amazing:



My trusted Palmer Axiom 8 iron:





My trusted Palmer Axiom 6 iron:



The Palmer Axiom Pitching Wedge – I've grown to use more:

