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INTRODUCTION

‘Beyond Golf Lessons’ is a discourse on coursing through the esoteric facets of golf. The varied contents are not ordinarily taught during practice or at the driving range, not even at the golf course at initiation into golf. Most of the books on golf are written by golfing legends and touring professionals. Those exemplary works are indeed focused on skills, techniques, instructions and the training part of the golf. Books with comprehensive information are not usually available to golfers, especially within the USGA-specific format.

Almost each learner and novice player finds it difficult to seek information about scoring systems and the colour codes used around the course. This includes hazards and many other important issues. The major regional governing bodies of golf use different approaches in dealing with a few important issues like handicapping and its components. Beginners or some of the amateur golfers do not get to know the complexities of scoring, handicapping, colour-coding, equipment procurement, turf and many more issues. Fortunately, the rules of golf remain uniform and hope that much-awaited uniform handicapping system would bring a larger balance and better understanding of golfing practices.

The academies and learning centres provide good on-site instructional training. There are other important elements outside the instructional aspects which are of paramount importance for a golfer to be conversant. As a case in point, a significant part of the amateur golfing community finds it complicated to understand the global handicapping system due to lack of knowledge of the basic functioning of it. This work covers golfing elements that would

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Are you aware of the fact that the four global governing bodies use different handicapping methods?

Has someone told you about what the red and yellow stakes around the water bodies mean?

You have heard about Birdie, Eagle, Albatross. What about Condor & Ostrich?

Can you figure out the difference between four-ball and foursome?

Are you aware of how 300-500 dimples on a golf ball affect your game?

Do you know that your handicap index is not solely based on the number of strokes you play over the Par of the course?

Beyond Golf Lessons will lend you the vital knowledge that is not taught during practice or at the driving range, not even at the golf course at initiation into golf. It has essential information for every golfer who would like to step into the golf course with adequate knowledge and flair.

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