



2014 Holiday Gift Guide

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The connection between golf and skiing runs deep, well beyond the outdoor nature of the pursuits, the relative expense of the equipment and the fact that participants must "pay for play" when they stride to the tee box or glide towards the chairlift.

There are certainly professional skiers who are golfers - this is pure fact. I have shared the fairway with World Cup stalwart Fabienne Suter in Italy, and if she hit as many trees with planks on her feet as she does with errant golf shots, she's likely to have seen her last podium.

But big-time golfers who slide on snow? That's an easier list to compile. Years back, Phil Mickelson famously broke his leg while schussing at the Arizona Snow Bowl. David Duval was well-known for his Colorado-based snowboarding habit; less known is that Davis Love III spends time in Idaho's Sun Valley doing the same thing. And this correspondent has personally visited with a Gore-Tex-clad Bernhard Langer hanging out at the base of Park City Mountain Resort in Utah. When expressing surprise at the incongruity of seeing the two-time Masters champ at the base of a ski hill, the German eyed me coolly from beneath his ski cap, replying, "I've been skiing my whole life."

So in the spirit of Langer, we present a golf-and-ski-themed Holiday Gift Guide:



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