

## Speech Tendencies in Clichés

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Every golfer knows that money makes the world go 'round and every two-bit investor of golf winnings knows the early bird gets the worm. This get rich quick investment scheme comes straight from the horse's mouth and if you don't toe the financial line with your golf winnings, you'll get the mother of all headaches and your wallet will be flatter than a pancake. And we all know that dog won't hunt!

Don't bet the Brooklyn Bridge when betting on a putt and after making money hand over fist on the investment of your golf winnings, don't take the money and run and don't start spending your ill-gotten gains. Forget living on Easy Street or in the lap of luxury like the rich and famous, or spending money like a drunken sailor or else you could end up on the short end of the stick; which is much more than meets the eye. Then you'll know that it's not all it's cracked up to be and you're cruisin' for a bruisin'. Then you'll be working for peanuts, just trying to sweeten the pot.

Don't bet your bottom dollar on a ten-foot putt. Don't count your chickens before they hatch and don't put all your eggs in one basket or else you could end up in stock market la-la land when the chickens come home to roost. Then you'll be crying in your beer 'til the cows come home.

In order to make a bundle, don't get snookered because it's a game of craps. You have to take the financial bull by the horns and get a steal at twice-the-price or else you could lose your shirt and get cut off at the pockets. Then your portfolio isn't worth a bucket of warm spit. You just lost your shirt and you're in debt up to your eyeballs.

Keep your head above water and remember two things: 1) What goes up must come down and 2) Figures don't lie, but liars figure, all day and twice on Sunday. When all is lost, don't stick your head in the sand and say, "Well, it looked good on paper and the avenue of wealth was paved with good intentions."

Then it's time to smack your opponent upside the head and say, "Let's play for a dollar per hole!" And when you bust his butt, then you will again be living high off the hog.

Do not cry over spilled milk, or candy-coat your winnings and don't go off half-cocked. Just like Yogi Berra said about an opera, "It ain't over 'til it's over. That's when the fat lady starts to sing."