

## Bagger Vance and the Bhagavad Gita

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Image of the 19th Century manuscript depicting the Bhagavad Gita. Online courtesy the U.S. Library of Congress.

Bagger Vance, a caddie who helps World War I hero Rannulph Junah find his "authentic" swing on a Savannah golf course in 1931, is one of a kind. More than a helper with a few words of great golf advice, Bagger Vance is a fictionalized version of Bhagavan, the supreme Hindu god.

And Rannulph Junah isn't just a golfer from Savannah, Georgia. He is a fictionalized version of Arjuna, the mortal whom Bhagavan assists in the Hindu scriptural epic, the *Bhagavad-Gita*.

The 1931 golf match at the <u>Links at Krewe Island</u> between the fictional Junah and two of golf's greatest legends, <u>Bobby Jones</u> and <u>Walter Hagen</u>, never happened, of course. But the backdrop of *The Legend of Bagger Vance* is very real.

A sensational golf match would have provided folks with a much-needed diversion from the daily grind of Depression-wracked America.

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The 885-yard, par-5 18th: The Links at Krewe Island' The Bagger Vance Hole



<u>Bagger Vance Hole at Krewe Island</u>

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