

IT'S YOUR HONOR

Mrs. Zaharias' Application

TO THE USGA:

It was with considerable surprise that I read the announcement that Mrs. Babe Didrikson Zaharias had been refused participation in the Open Championship because of her sex. One is tempted to believe the real reason might have been that they were afraid Mrs. Zaharias would win.

If the qualifications of an entrant are to be conditioned on the basis of sex, it seems to me the USGA would be in a far better moral position if it had been guided by gallantry.

VERNON H. CHELDELIN
CORVALLIS (ORE.) COUNTRY CLUB

TO THE USGA:

Everyone has always thoroughly understood that the Open Championship was strictly for men.

If Ben Hogan were to handicap himself with petticoats and other accessories, would they let him enter the Women's Championship?

More power to the USGA's decision.

PETER R. MCCRAE, SECY.-TREAS.
NEW YORK STATE GOLF ASSOCIATION

TO THE USGA:

I'm sorry Babe's application was turned down, for we were very serious about it.

Many sports writers try to question her on it, but she tells them the matter is closed and we abide by the rules of the USGA always.

There's a question whether she could have qualified anyway, but she did twice for the Los Angeles Open with 143 and 147 so there was a chance.

GEORGE ZAHARIAS
DENVER, COLO.

TO MR. GEORGE ZAHARIAS:

I am sure you must know that the only reason the Committee did not accept Mrs. Zaharias' application is simply that the Championship has always been and continues to be for men only.

JOSEPH C. DEY, JR.
USGA EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

From the PGA

TO THE USGA:

I can appreciate the thoughts of your Executive Committee in feeling there is no fair way to extend the present exemptions for your Open Championship to our Ryder Cup Team under normal circumstances. I assure you that their kind consideration in agreeing to exempt the Team from Sectional Qualifying if the Ryder Cup Matches should be played abroad at such a time as to prevent the Team from playing in the Sectional Rounds will be very helpful.

We are extremely grateful for the kind consideration evidenced by your Executive Committee in inviting us to appoint one of our officers to meet with your Championship Committee at the 1948 Open Championship.

These concessions are illustrative of the attitude of cooperation which exists between us.

ED DUDLEY, PRESIDENT
PROFESSIONAL GOLFERS' ASSOCIATION

50 Rounds for Handicaps

(Editor's Note: The new USGA Golf Handicap System provides that the 10 best scores on which handicaps are based should be selected from a period covering at least 50 rounds.)

To play many scores
For handicap rating
For some would be aches,
And to others elating.

Take those newly married
Or starting to work,
Wouldn't fifty-score system
Urge duty to shirk?

And who in the heck
Can be playing so many
'Cept carefree golf bums?
It's not likely any.

Of course, it's not fair
To propound it that way;
Some may work at night
And can play every day.

But many's the yokel
Who this way will view it:
"If it takes fifty scores
"I simply *can't* do it."

H. F. RUSSELL
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