

IT'S YOUR HONOR

Farewell to Calcutta

TO THE USGA:

I wish to confirm my advices to you that the Garden City Golf Club has decided to hold its Thirty-Eighth Annual Invitation Tournament on May 20th, 21st and 22nd.

I am, also, pleased to tell you that the Board of Governors of the Club has unanimously agreed, at a recent meeting, to eliminate the Calcutta Sweepstakes Pools from this tournament. We have felt, for some time past, that the amounts of money involved in pools of this character have grown so large that they have had a very injurious effect on amateur golf.

Long before these pools had become common practice our Club conducted these Annual Invitation Tournaments in a manner productive of satisfaction and enjoyment to the participants without the atmosphere of gambling which seems to be an accompaniment of the Calcutta Pools.

Under the circumstances, we are happy indeed to take the lead in eliminating a feature which we feel to be detrimental to the ideals and aspirations of amateur golf and we feel certain that all of the contestants will agree that the trial of skill and good sportsmanship inherent in the good old game of golf will provide all the thrills and excitement necessary for their thorough enjoyment.

We have been glad indeed to note the attitude of your Association toward this undesirable development and we feel that our action demonstrates clearly our support thereof.

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Golf Terms

TO THE USGA:

How long will it be before lexicographers are puzzling over the derivation of the verb "to stymie"?—golf's expressive contribution to the English language and especially adapted to the plight of the fat man who can't get over the fence.

What is to become of those who use "bogey" to denote a stroke over par when the USGA's new fractional system for rating golf courses goes into effect?

When, oh when, will the dear USGA

inform the dear old public (yes, and reporters) it is about time they quit using the plural for greenkeeper, green committee, etc., because the word "greenkeeper" stems from golf's early days when the "course" was called the "green"?

All these years it must have perplexed many as to what the "greenskeeper" and the "greens committee" did about all the other hundred acres of fairways, tees, rough, putting greens and woods while devoting all their time to eighteen putting greens.

Proposed and seconded that an organization be herewith formed, whereby all club members calling a greenkeeper a "greenskeeper" or using the plural for the green committee, its chairman or members, be mulcted in the sum of blank cents or blank dollars and sent for blank minutes to trim the bunkers or mow the tees.

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The New Handicap System

TO THE USGA:

Just a short note after the first meeting of the Cincinnati Golfers' League on the system for handicapping that the USGA has proposed. Five members of the Golfers' League took the formula and studied it thoroughly and then rated each of the 16 courses hole by hole. We each submitted our own calculation and when we finished the difference wasn't over 3/10 of a stroke on any course. We rated each course and presented the final results to each club and there was not one objection. The USGA was complimented on its efforts.

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Rules Revision

TO THE USGA:

Permit me to extend my congratulations to your Rules Committee who, through their keen revision of the 1947 Rule Book, have eliminated most of the claims of the ever-present golf doctor.

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Editor's Note: The USGA JOURNAL invites comments on matters relating to the welfare of the game and will publish them as space permits.