

IT'S YOUR HONOR

Rhode Island Caddie Fund

TO THE USGA:

It is probably due to the fact that we have not told you before, but we are just a little bit "jealous" of the splendid publicity you give to caddie scholarships, yet not a word about the John P. Burke Memorial Fund.

This fund is Rhode Island Golf Association's memorial to John P. Burke, former Intercollegiate Champion who made the supreme sacrifice, and all Rhode Island golfers who served our country in World War II.

It was established in 1946, and we already have three caddies in college: one at Brown, one at Providence College and the other at Holy Cross—which is par for the course.

With the best of luck to all caddie scholarship funds and to the USGA Journal, ALLEN H. CHATTERTON, President Rhode Island Golf Association Pawtucket, R. I.

Observing the Rules

TO THE USGA:

This is in the way of an appeal to the USGA to call the attention of golf clubs to the necessity of correcting the growing tendency to ignore the Rules of the game. The USGA has always taken great pains to make and clarify the Rules, but little is being done to insist on their observance.

As a golfer of more than 50 years experience, I am amazed and distressed at the general disregard of the Rules, without which no competition can be fair. Many players will admit that they have never read the Rules. They get along without them and prefer not to have their attention called to them. Further, such players are elected to serve on committees.

Few professionals make any effort to call attention to Rules and usually have a very sketchy knowledge of them.

There are few of the old school left, and it would seem that, if the USGA can do nothing about it, the game has a very limited future.

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Par-5 Holes

TO THE USGA:

I am going to tell you what I saw in the South. I saw a woman get on the green in two shots. The hole is longer than 500 yards, and she used a drive and No. 3 iron. I saw a man do the same thing on a hole measuring 535 yards. He used a driver and No. 7 iron. I saw a 320-yard green hit on the carry.

Last spring at Wykagyl, Cary Middlecoff said he got home on every par-5 hole in two shots and made birdies. This was done in a single round.

Just to show you how much we need a shorter ball, in all the rounds of golf I played at Wykagyl (and I was once the pro there), I never made a birdie like Middlecoff did. Every birdie was earned and was made by a fine approach shot or putt. I broke par, with one other man. It was quite a thing and the club gave a prize of \$500.

No club seems to know the par of its course. They are arguing about par at Wykagyl. There is no need for an argument. Par is 67. If Wykagyl had a hole of 325 yards, as many courses have, there would be more arguments. There is too much distance, or variance, in the ball to fix par figures, and they are making the ball longer every year.

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Japan Golf Association

TO THE USGA:

We take great pleasure to inform you that Japan Golf Association, the leading organization in this country, has been revived and will sponsor the first All-Japan Pro Golfers' Championship, to be held at the Sagami Golf Course near Tokyo on July 26 and 27, 1949, since the Pacific War ended. Over 100 pro golfers will struggle for 100,000 yen and the trophy.

Hoping your aid as a rooster to flourish their meeting.

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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.

