

IT'S YOUR HONOR

More Study, Fewer Decisions

TO THE USGA:

In my humble opinion, it is a most serious mistake to do anything other than encourage the **STUDY** of the Rules that now exist. We have too many Decisions now!

The people who play golf know almost nothing of the Rules. The people who write in for information show this in their questions.

To show you what I mean, some years ago I asked 1,000 persons who had played golf for ten years or more this simple question: "What is a golf stroke?" One, and only one, answered correctly.

Ask for an accurate definition of "putting green" . . . tell a player the word "rough" is not in the Rules of Golf . . . and see his amazement.

With cordial appreciation for your splendid work,

J. C. JESTER
ATHENS, GA.

Valley Forge Needs Filled

TO THE USGA:

I am enclosing check for subscription to the **USGA JOURNAL** and wish to say that I enjoy it very much. However, with regard to an article in the way of an appeal from Dr. N. Howard Hyman of New York, there is no shortage of golf balls, clubs or any other equipment at Valley Forge General Hospital.

The golf course at Valley Forge General Hospital was built by the local PGA, the Greenkeepers' Association and the Golf Association of Philadelphia; I have been chairman of the committee in charge for the past six years.

In Dr. Hyman's letter, he appeals for clubs lying around in lockers and wants them sent to Major Chesley M. Adams or himself. I was at Valley Forge Hospital recently and gave orders to Major Adams to destroy several hundred of these "unused clubs" that had been sent. Most of them were made before I was born and belong in your Museum, and not at Valley Forge Hospital.

The hospital authorities get their appropriations for equipment through usual Army channels, and they fully understand that anything they cannot get from the Army can be obtained through our committee. We still have several thousand dollars in the fund, which is in my charge, that can be drawn on at any time.

In the future, I wish you would get in touch with the Golf Association of Philadelphia on matters in this district. In that way, you will avoid embarrassment to the officers at Valley Forge and our committee. Any inquiries should be addressed to Captain Jones, Reconditioning Officer, Valley Forge General Hospital, Phoenixville, Pa.

Aside from this blast, please be assured that I enjoy the **JOURNAL**.

J. WOOD PLATT
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

Rules Missionary

TO THE USGA:

For the enclosed \$6, please send me the proper number of 1949 Rules of Golf.

These booklets are not for re-sale, but for distribution among the caddies and players at clubs where they are not kept for sale.

I do this missionary work each spring in connection with the pleasant hobby of keeping abreast of the Rules of Golf.

W. W. VENABLE
CHARLESTON, W. VA.

Birthday Greetings

TO THE USGA:

Please extend for one year my subscription to the **USGA JOURNAL**.

During the past year—your first—I have read the **JOURNAL** through from cover to cover, and have always found it entertaining and informative. I recommend it most highly to all golfers.

HARRY WINTERS
INGLEWOOD, CAL.

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