

IT'S YOUR HONOR

Slow Play and Scores

TO THE USGA:

If it is a common occurrence to take six to eight hours on our public courses to play 18 holes on week-ends, thus making courses the bottle-neck of golf, would it not be possible to require playing singles match play?

Thus golf would become a game of pleasure, played in the old, traditional way, and very likely the round would be completed in three hours or less. By thus doubling the rate of flow, the acreage would perhaps give the same number of games—and games of pleasure, not torture.

Possibly handicaps based on purely stroke play would not be feasible. But the object of the game, after all, is fun, and 18-hole stroke scores and scientific handicaps may not be the be-all and end-all of golf, as seems to be too widely thought.

Surely, I suggest, someone could be ingenious enough to work out a way of getting around an 18-hole course pleasurable in about three hours, provided the fetish of medal play be dropped.

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Billy Howell Still Wins

TO THE USGA:

It will probably interest you to hear about Billy Howell and what he has been doing since he distinguished himself at the age of 19 by helping to defeat the British in that memorable Walker Cup Match at Brookline, Mass., in 1932.

After finishing at Virginia Military Institute, he became attracted to Texas and settled here to raise a family and become a successful and respected businessman.

Billy doesn't play a great deal of golf now, but about the time the crocuses and red-buds begin to bloom he moseys out to the course. In June, when the city championship is held, he shows the stuff of a seasoned campaigner. He won this tournament four times in a row.

It is plain that Billy Howell has acquired something from his golf besides a good game. I suspect that these attributes were important factors in his selection to the Walker Cup Team and to command

a naval gun crew during the war, as well as in producing the stability of character that has brought him to a respected position in his home community.

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More Unusual Aces

TO THE USGA:

Pfc. Lester J. Breeden of Oceanside, Cal., stationed at Camp Pendleton, made a hole-in-one on November 27, 1949.

This was the first game of golf he ever played, and it was on the 13th hole. He is a left-handed Marine, to boot. That's quite an accomplishment—what say?

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TO THE USGA:

Our son called from Northwood Country Club, very much excited, to say he had made two holes-in-one on the back nine while playing with three members of our club. He made his first hole-in-one on No. 13 and made his second on No. 17. His score was 65 on the par-71 course.

Eddie was 17 last August and won the sectional qualifying medal last summer at Birmingham in the USGA Junior Amateur Championship.

MRS. E. D. MERRINS
Meridian, Miss.

TO THE USGA:

One week-end in August, 1940, Bill Blaney and his companions were assigned to start their round at the seventh tee of the Brae Burn Country Club in West Newton, Mass.

Blaney came to the 150-yard sixth hole, the last of his round as he was playing the course, needing a hole-in-one for a new course record of 67.

After some joshing, he set up his ball and holed it.

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