

IT'S YOUR HONOR

From the Junior Champion

TO THE USGA:

I was just lucky to win, but it never pays to give up, does it? I will certainly try to live up to it in every way.

MASON RUDOLPH
Clarksville, Tenn.

From Denver Country Club

TO THE USGA:

On behalf of the Denver Country Club, I want to express our sincere appreciation for having had the opportunity to hold the third Junior Amateur Championship.

The competitors were collectively the finest group of young gentlemen I have ever had the pleasure of meeting, and their sportsmanship could well serve as an example for many more experienced golfers.

All of us who had any connection with the tournament feel that it is one of the most worth-while activities of the USGA and trust that it will continue for many years to come.

With the current furore about slow play, some observations on that subject might be of interest.

In the third round, Don Bisplinghoff and Merritt Marcus played 18 holes in exactly 2 hours 10 minutes. The winner, Bisplinghoff, was two under par.

In the quarter-final round, Bisplinghoff was eliminated by Gene Hay, 4 and 3, the latter being four under par for 15 holes. On the first nine, played in exactly 1 hour, Hay used 10 putts and scored a three-under-par 32.

The final, between Mason Rudolph and Chuck Beville, consumed 2 hours 40 minutes for 17 holes, with at least 20 minutes accounted for in getting a sizable gallery across six crossings of Cherry Creek.

Naturally, being young, the boys cover ground between shots a great deal faster than older golfers do, but the dispatch with which every shot was played would have been a revelation to any of our present-day pros and amateurs. In seven rounds, I saw plenty of shots missed and poor judgment used, but I honestly feel that none of these mistakes resulted from too much speed in reaching decisions.

They were mistakes of inexperience, rather than of carelessness.

Having seen shots messed up by some of the best—and slowest—in the game, I can't help but feel that our older competitors could learn a great deal from watching the youngsters, and it would certainly make the game more fun for everyone.

GERALD H. PHIPPS
Chairman, Golf Committee
Denver Country Club
Denver, Colo.

For "Golf House"

TO THE USGA:

The members of our Society are very happy to contribute to that wonderful project called "Golf House."

We feel that "Golf House" will fill a long felt want and will have great interest and golf educational value for present and future generations of golfers.

WILLIAM P. BELL
Secretary-Treasurer,
American Society
of Golf Course Architects

Professional Intent

TO THE USGA:

Recently a local young man by the name of Bill Johnston was disqualified from playing in the Amateur Public Links Championship because he violated one of the USGA rules, to the effect that he had declared his intention of becoming a professional.

I would like to protest against this rule as I think it is unfair. I don't think a man should be deemed a professional until he actually becomes one. If this rule were rigidly enforced, then only those who were wealthier would be, in a strict sense, amateurs.

CHARLES D. SMITH
Salt Lake City, Utah

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