

# As The P. G. A. Sees It

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It is with deep appreciation that we gladly take this opportunity to acquaint the readers of the USGA JOURNAL with some of the thoughts and activities of the P.G.A. through the medium of a series of articles by our officers.

It is pertinent to state at the outset that both groups are now functioning in complete harmony, and that first, foremost and always, our prime objective is the furtherance of the complete cooperation and understanding with the United States Golf Association which now exists.

From time to time we in the P.G.A. may wish to make suggestions or recommendations which may be deemed pertinent. Suggestions of this type may follow in the succeeding articles which are contributed to the USGA JOURNAL by my colleagues among our P.G.A. officials.

While they may not always be feasible or appropriate, I am sure they will be accorded every consideration.

At the same time, however, we of the P.G.A., an association of golf professionals dedicated to the promotion of golf as a game, recognize the USGA, an association of country clubs, as golf's ruling body in America.

As you doubtless know, the P.G.A. includes among its some 3,000 members the tournament player, as such, together with the home club professional. Both are called upon to interpret the Rules of Golf—the first in their activities as players and the latter in connection with the competitions and games of their club members. Consequently, we in the P.G.A. recognize that the Rules of the game are of prime importance.

The P.G.A. also has a great interest in the national championships which are conducted by the USGA. We are vitally interested in the Open Championship, the men's and the women's Amateur Championships, the Public Links, the Girls' and the Junior Amateur Championships. All are of paramount importance to professional golf.

We are likewise interested in the various other services which the USGA renders its member clubs—the work of the Green Section, handicapping, and many other activities.

The P.G.A. not only is vitally interested in these functions of the USGA, but it is willing to cooperate and desirous of assisting in insuring their complete success.

Consequently, it is most appropriate in this, the initial article in this series, to pledge ourselves to lend our best efforts to the attainment of this objective.

