

IT'S YOUR HONOR

The Kindest Cut

TO THE USGA:

I cannot refrain from making complimentary comment on the photo on the cover of the April USGA Journal. That one issue alone should save a million divot holes. The picture should be posted in all club houses and proshops.

Believe me, after 17 years, using every means to appeal — hoping to get careless golfers to replace turf — you certainly help by producing cuts like this one. Keep up the good work.

A. R. EMERY
Salt Lake City, Utah

Good Turf Work

TO THE USGA:

We again wish to thank you and the USGA for permitting your Extension Agronomist, Mr. Charles Wilson, to visit our country club this spring. He did an excellent job, gave a most understandable report to our committee, made a lot of good recommendations and left us with a better appreciation of golf and turf problems.

I know you will be pleased to hear of the good work Mr. Wilson is doing in the field, and that we owe a great deal to his sound advice.

P. E. DRACHMAN, Chairman
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Evansville Country Club, Ind.

Play It as It Lies

TO THE USGA:

Your article in the April issue of the Journal entitled "No Local Rules" should be called to the attention of every president of every USGA member club. Many of the present day officers of golf clubs are men who have little or no knowledge of the game and I doubt if 1% of them have ever read the Rules.

As a result, there has been much tampering with the Rules, usually in line with efforts to make the game "easier" and, if such actions continue, the game will lose the character which makes it great. Such variations of golf as "winter rules" and "mulligans" should be vigorously forbidden and discouraged in every way.

It seems to me there should be emphasized to the president of each club the necessity

of adherence to the Rules in their entirety and elimination of local rules as far as possible. If this is not done, and each year, some men who might be considered non-golfers will completely ruin the game which I, and I know you, love so well.

"Play the ball as it lies." There is a real challenge to a sportsman and I sincerely hope you can see that it becomes the method of playing golf.

On the back of the scorecard of Chicago Golf Club, which is within sight of my house, the simple statement: "USGA rules govern all play," could well be the model for all clubs. It has no local rules and it is very much in keeping with the great traditions of Chicago golf.

CHARLES R. WILSON
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Two Sportsmen

TO THE USGA:

During the presentation of prizes at the recent Masters Tournament in Augusta, Georgia, Skee Riegel made one of the finest speeches in defeat I have ever heard.

Skee has always been known for his sportsmanship and happy acceptance of any breaks that may go against him. When asked what he thought about his chances after he had finished the 72 holes with a splendid score of 282 (6 under par), he said: "I knew that whatever I shot out there today the 'little man' would be better." His reference was to Ben Hogan, of course.

I know everyone joins me in wishing Skee the best of luck in his future events.

I had the privilege and honor to play the final round with Sam Urzetta, the Amateur Champion. He displayed the poise and balance of a seasoned competitor; but more important than that, exhibited all the qualities of an outstanding sportsman.

Sam Urzetta is an inspiration to the rising young stars and millions of golfers in our country.

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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.

