

# IT'S YOUR HONOR

## A Share in the Glory

### TO THE USGA:

I'm writing to thank you for naming me an alternate on your Walker Cup Team. My lifetime ambition has been to play on the United States Walker Cup Team, and you will never know what a thrill it was for me to be named first alternate.

As you know, I didn't go with the Team but my prayers and good wishes were with them and no one was happier than I when they won. Although I didn't deserve it, I couldn't help but take a little of the credit for their wonderful victory. As alternate, I still wanted to share in their glory.

I'm in the Air Force now, stationed in Great Falls, Montana, and I'm waiting for the day when I can play competitive golf again and earn the chance to play on the Walker Cup Team as a regular.

CORPORAL AL MENGERT  
United States Air Force

## Memorial to a Friend

### TO THE USGA:

Enclosed is my contribution for "Golf House" in memory of Harry G. Davy, Jr.

Harry was my good friend and fellow-golfer from Winchester, Mass., who captained the 1939 Governor Dummer Academy golf team and later played on the Colgate University team. Harry Davy was a keen sportsman, and if he were alive today would be greatly interested in the leading role your organization plays in golf. Harry Davy was killed in Italy in World War II.

THOMAS G. PARKER,  
Havana, Cuba

## Plays Rules, Like Them or Not

### TO THE USGA:

I was interested in the recommendation for abolishing stymies. They were always interesting as well as intriguing and, perhaps I should add, exasperating, depending upon whose ball was stymied.

Dr. Oscar F. Willing used to say that the apparent unfairness of the game was what made it so interesting. I agree. Now it is made easier.

Many traps and water hazards are eliminated from golf courses — even the trees are cut down; fairways are made smoother and wider; the rough, if any, is cut shorter.

No wonder there are so many scores in the 60s, and strangely enough, the costs of upkeep and maintenance of golf courses have been increasing, and not due entirely to increased wages of workmen, either.

Whether I like these changes, both in Rules and otherwise, I want a copy of the new Rules when printed so that I will be able to abide by them as well as correctly interpret them when called upon to do so.

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## World Code Endorsed

### TO THE USGA:

I note in the press that discussions are being held about standardizing the Rules for all countries. I am much in favor of the new Rules recently suggested, particularly in legalizing the smaller ball for the U. S. A. and in providing penalty of stroke and distance for out of bounds, unplayable lies, etc.; also elimination of the stymie. The ease of travel by plane will result in much more international play than in former years, and a universal code will lessen differences all around.

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## More Scores for Age

### TO THE USGA:

In a recent issue I read with interest about W. F. Staley, of Portland, Ore., his age and his golf scores, and for his age I consider them remarkable.

I have been playing once a week for several years with Henry Abels at our Illini Country Club; he was 84 years old last February. When he was 71, he played an opponent of about 23 in the Club Championship flight, shooting a 71 and winning the match, 2 and 1.

Since then he has shot his age every year including last year. Our course is not easy and we have some rugged hills, but he will sometimes play three days in a row.

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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.

