

# IT'S YOUR HONOR

## For "Golf House"

To THE USGA:

This is only the smallest part repayment for the great pleasure which I still remember so well of having played at the University of Michigan in the first Junior Amateur Championship. I didn't set any records, to be sure, but the enjoyable companionship and competition more than made up for any possible individual laurels.

MITCHELL ROSENHOLTZ  
ST. PAUL, MINN.

## The New Rules

To THE USGA:

I was able for the first time recently to sit down and go over the new Rule book in detail. Believe me when I tell you that it's a wonderful job of simplifying what is at the outset a most involved code. I think that over a period of two or three years, the average golfers in the country are going to be far more conversant with the Rules, thanks to your simplification.

BOB GIBSON, EDITOR  
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To THE USGA:

First I want to compliment the committee that worked these (Rules) out. It is the most sensible approach to the program that we have ever had.

Now let me add a gripe — and it has to do with one feature of the unplayable ball rule. I think it's swell that the penalty for a lost ball, ball out of bounds, and unplayable ball are uniform. I've been griping about the liberties that have been taken along those lines for some time.

In the little circular "Uniformity in the Rules — or Jungle Law?", you make a plea for adherence to the Rules so there will be no general lowering of standards. Fine! I'm enough of an old-timer to think we ought to play according to the Rules without any local rule liberties.

And here's my gripe. How can we stand up and argue this way and then, solely on the basis — as I understand it — of saving time, allow a fellow to

play a provisional ball when he thinks his first one may be unplayable, and then let the circumstances surrounding both the first and the second ball determine which one he'll play?

In my book, time on a golf course isn't such an important matter that we should not require a player to determine that his first ball is unplayable before hitting his second.

FRANK D. ROSS  
HARTFORD, CONN.

## A Stumper

To THE USGA:

We have a course here that a special Rule book should be written for. However, find enclosed 25 cents for a copy of the Rules of Golf and maybe I can settle a few arguments.

MAX SANDEMAN  
CRESTON, IOWA

## Our Loss

To THE USGA:

After very serious consideration, I have concluded that I cannot continue to act as a member of the USGA Public Links Committee. I have reached this decision with considerable reluctance because of the many lasting friendships and associations that I have formed while serving in this connection. A number of years ago, I joined Baltimore Country Club and since that time have played there. As I am no longer playing on public courses, I think it is only fair to the public links players that their representative should be one who has a closer connection with them. This fact has contributed to my final decision.

I want you to be assured of my continuing interest in the USGA and if at any time in the future I can serve in any other capacity or on any other committee, please do not hesitate to call on me.

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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.

