

IT'S YOUR HONOR

Calcuttas

TO THE USGA:

It was interesting to read the reports about the \$140,000 Calcutta pool in connection with the spring golf tournament at the Greenbrier. I understand the winning team paid off at \$40,000, and that is a lot of money for the owners of the winning team, especially when amateurs are a part of the team.

I was a little surprised that Robert Young would let the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad and the Greenbrier get mixed up in a gambling event of this magnitude. Mr. Young is an active golfer and has great interest in the game. I wonder if he realizes how definitely he is going against the wishes of the USGA with regard to organized gambling in connection with golf tournaments.

I am sure that almost everyone connected with organized golf feels that, along with being against the law in most states, these Calcuttas are not good for the game. The show "Guys and Dolls" is built around a floating crap game, and last winter's and spring's series of Calcutta pools reminded me of that floating crap game.

Most sports have had trouble with gambling, and it usually took a scandal to clean it up. If the people who love golf and play it for health, recreation and good fellowship do not do something about it, it will burst wide open. I, for one, would hate to see our clubs or the game get a black eye.

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For Wisconsin Juniors

TO THE USGA:

You may be interested in knowing that we have raised \$660 to assure again an all expense trip for Wisconsin qualifiers in the Junior Amateur Championship.

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NCAA Scholarship Rule

TO THE USGA:

"As you may know, the NCAA Constitution contains the following section:

"PRINCIPLE GOVERNING FINANCIAL AID"
"Any college athlete who receives financial assistance other than that administered by his institution shall not be eligible for inter-collegiate competition; provided, however, that this principle shall have no application to assistance received from anyone upon whom the athlete is naturally or legally dependent, nor shall it have application to any financial assistance awarded on bases having no relationship whatsoever to athletic ability."

Am I correct in my interpretation that this provision is consistent with your Rule 2-10 of your Rules of Amateur status?

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Yes, subject to the exception that our Rule 1-2b permits an individual to accept a scholarship won as a prize in a recognized golf competition before the eighteenth birthday even though the period of such scholarship may extend beyond the eighteenth birthday.

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