

IT'S YOUR HONOR

Gene Littler's Decision

TO THE USGA:

It is my intention to become a professional.

This letter is being mailed to you one day in advance of the date I plan to officially make my intentions known.

I am taking this action after many weeks of deliberation, despite the fact my father and many of my closest friends would like to see me remain an amateur.

To remain an amateur I would be compelled to accept financial assistance from outside sources, which is contrary to the rules governing amateurs. Neither my parents nor myself have the financial means to continually pay my expenses for amateur tournaments.

Since I expect to be released from the United States Navy within two weeks and will have to seek other means of support, it seems the wisest course to change my status at this time.

I hope to be a credit to the game of golf and will do everything possible to uphold this fine sport.

GENE LITTLER
SAN DIEGO, CAL.

Miss O'Sullivan Turns Pro

TO THE USGA:

You may have noticed an item in the papers stating that I had decided to turn professional.

It is true. I have given up my amateur standing and am now in the employ of the Pedersen Golf Company of Wilton, Conn. I shall certainly miss all the amateur tournaments, but I am looking forward to the challenge that the pro tournaments will offer.

PAT O'SULLIVAN
ORANGE, CONN.

Against Sunday Play

TO THE USGA:

This is a letter that I have intended to write for a long time but have just been putting it off.

I want to commend the USGA for its practice of ending tournaments on Saturday, instead of running them over Sunday.

I stopped playing Sunday golf before I became a Baptist preacher, and you can understand that it is hard to find a tournament to play in unless a person is willing to spend Sunday on the golf course instead in church. More and more it is becoming obvious that most tournament players (amateur and professional) have little or no active church affiliation.

I just want to go on record as thanking the USGA for its stand.

JACK HAMILTON
RICHMOND, VA.

A Writer's Opinion

TO THE USGA: .

Having just read your article in the November issue of USGA JOURNAL on Why the Trial Form of the Open Was Abandoned, I would like to add my opinion as a golf writer to those you received from various professionals.

I agree whole-heartedly with the decision to revert to the 1952 plan of qualifying and believe you will find many other writers feeling the same.

The experiment at Oakmont took away much of the swift and newsworthy impact that usually comes with the three-day Open. The extra two days of qualifying simply served to drag out the tournament in a meaningless manner and took an edge off the actual Championship when it finally arrived.

It made it difficult to maintain zip and feeling in stories sent back home, particularly with half the field competing at one course and the other half at another, some miles away.

RAYMOND E. PARR
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