IT'S YOUR HONOR

Effects of Good Handicapping

TO THE USGA:

I wish you could see our club as it was three years ago and as it is now. It looks like the same place, but actually it isn't.

Without a good handicap system, our players had become inveterate clique players, but now we mix up pretty well and new members have little trouble getting into games. It has been good for our older members, too. Just recently one of them told me how much he enjoyed his golf last summer and that he had met a lot of fine new friends. Most of all he was surprised to learn that they were "right here in my own club!"

We have tried hard to follow every recommendation of the USGA and the CDGA and the results have simply changed our club from one of very passive interest in golf to one where just about all play and participate in club events.

And to show the usefulness of your handicap system, last Labor Day I paired ninety-four fellows in five handicap flights. Every match was played on schedule, and seventeen matches went extra holes.

PAUL BERRYHILL DECATUR, ILL.

"An Invaluable Aid"

TO THE USGA:

Thank you for the report and suggestions for improvements needed at Bel-Air made by Charles G. Wilson, Western Regional Director of your Green Section.

Work such as he is doing is an invaluable aid to a country club and I want to thank the USGA for making this aid available.

JOE NOVAK
BEL-AIR COUNTRY CLUB
LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

Thrilled

TO THE USGA:

Received Bob Jones' portrait, and I can't begin to tel! you how thrilled and honored I am to have the greatest golfer of all time right in my own room. The warmth and inspiration from one glance is worth millions of bad shots.

FRANK STRAFACI WOODHAVEN, N. Y.

An Appreciative Founder

TO THE USGA:

It is with a deep sense of appreciation that I accept your invitation to become a founder of "Golf House."

I have been in and around the game for many years and caddied for Harry Vardon at the Wannamoisett Country Club, Rumford, R. I., in 1900, and to me this was a real event. My dad was one of the owners of the original Metacomet Golf Club, in East Providensce, R. I., later to become an additional nine holes to the Agawam Hunt Club.

My one regret is that I didn't save some of the relics that I have used in the past as contributions to the Museum.

JAMES P. LAWSON CHICAGO, ILL.

Taylor On Hogan

TO THE USGA:

I don't think I've written since the splendid victory of Ben Hogan at Carnoustie, Scotland, last July. There have been other American winners of our Open, but I feel I am expressing the sentiments of all golfers in this country when I say there has been none more popular. I hope he will come this year to defend his well-earned title.

J. H. TAYLOR NORTH DEVON, ENGLAND

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