

# IT'S YOUR HONOR

## **Aid to Course**

TO THE USGA:

The greatest help to the average golf course, such as ours, was instituted by your Association by enlarging your Green Section to include a Regional Turf Service.

It was of great benefit to the Lake Shore Country Club last season, and I especially wish to call to your attention the fine work of your Northeastern Director, Alexander M. Radko.

The first year, naturally, is the tough one and every Green Superintendent is a little dubious about any new man coming onto his golf course. Mr. Radko not only knows his business but, more especially, has a nice touch as far as his relationship with the Green Superintendents are concerned.

THOMAS E. LUNT  
ROCHESTER, N. Y.

## **Sympathy From St. Andrews**

TO THE USGA:

I am writing on behalf of the Captain and members of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews to express their sympathy at the very severe loss that many of your golf clubs have suffered in the hurricanes.

BRIG. ERIC BRICKMAN, *Secretary*,  
ROYAL AND ANCIENT GOLF CLUB  
ST. ANDREWS, SCOTLAND

## **Practice Swings**

TO THE USGA:

Years ago the golf Rules prohibited practice swings in the direction of the green being played.

Later, the Rule was that a practice swing in the direction of the green could not be taken within a club's length of the ball.

Now it appears that there is no rule governing either the direction, the location or the number of practice

swings. Therefore, the habit has increased to where it has become an irritant and an exasperation, in addition to which it is definitely slowing up the game.

I think the best Rule was the earlier one which prohibited practice swings in the direction of the green being played. This has a tendency to discourage any excess and is not irritating to the other players in the match.

Assuming a player requires 65 tee and fairway shots for a round of golf and averages only two practice swings per shot and you have three of this kind in your foursome, you have to watch and wait for 390 practice swings taken within one inch of the ball while you get madder by the minute and the group following wonder if they should drive into you or go back to the club.

There ought to be a Rule.

L. C. RICHARDSON  
RED BANK, N. J.

## **From the Superintendents**

TO THE USGA:

At our Executive Meeting January 21, 1955, the Board of Directors of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America reaffirmed their stand to co-operate with the United States Golf Association one hundred per cent.

The Education Committee has been designated to carry on co-operative relations with the United States Golf Association. Mr. Donald G. Strand is Chairman of this Committee.

Sincerely yours,  
WILLIAM BERESFORD  
PRESIDENT

GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENTS  
ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

*Editor's Note:* The USGA Journal invites comments on matters relating to the welfare of the game and will publish them if space permits.

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