

## "SCORE" OR "CARD" — WE STILL WANT IT

After reading the article "Wanted—A Score for Every Round" in the April issue, William Hubbard, of Holyoke, Mass., telephoned to suggest that changing the word "score" to "card" would give the article greater effect.

He reasons that most rounds are played at match play, with many of those including at least one or more pick-up holes, so how can a player turn in a "score" if he has not completed play on all eighteen holes. The answer lies in the fact that the USGA permits, *for handicap purposes only*, the use of a score of two more than par on any pick-up hole for men handicapped at 18 or less, and a score of three more than par for men handicapped at 19 or more. The purpose of this is to prevent loss of valuable eighteen-hole scores from players' handicap scoring records. The results are accurate enough for the issuance of equitable handicaps.

### *Procedure Should Be Modified*

Use of this procedure should be modified somewhat when conditions so warrant. Take the case of the player whose third stroke ends some twenty feet from the cup on a par 4 hole and he picks it up because his partner has holed in 4 or his opponent has made a birdie 3. To give him an automatic two-over or three-over par on that hole for handicap purposes would hardly be justified. Equity would indicate that he probably would have gotten down in two putts, so a one-over par 5 would serve better for handicap purposes.

Whether we ask for a "score" or a "card" for every round is less important than obtaining some actual figures that the handicappers can use. Turn it in, and handicaps will gravitate to their proper levels.

**You can't help a little child up the hill without getting nearer the top yourself.**

### **USGA SEEKS IDEAS ON HANDICAP SCORING RECORDS**

The USGA Handicap Committee wants to issue a standard form of Scoring Record on which to post a player's scores and handicap, including all necessary data from which to periodically compute the player's handicap as easily and quickly as possible. Many different forms have been examined, but not one seems to completely fill the bill.

It is known that many clubs and associations have special forms of their own. From one or more of these may come the answers to all our needs. The Handicap Committee would greatly appreciate receipt of sample forms from any club or association willing to let us use any or all of its ideas (a minimum of six copies are needed). If a satisfactory form can be found or devised, it is probable that the USGA will have it printed in large quantities for sale to member clubs at a lesser cost than could otherwise be obtained.

Another need is a method of collecting as many day to day scores as possible from players. The more obtained, the better the handicapping. It is believed that no one method will work at all clubs. If enough good ideas can be obtained, the best ones will be publicized promptly.

Please mail sample forms and ideas to William O. Blaney, Chairman, USGA Handicap Committee, 40 Broad Street, Boston 9, Massachusetts.

### *New Venture For C.D.G.A.*

The Chicago District Golf Association, which has pioneered many useful projects in behalf of the private clubs which it represents, has taken a step in another new and useful direction. It has agreed to manage sectional qualifying Rounds in the Chicago area for the Amateur Public Links Championship and to collect, handle and disperse funds in connection with this Championship for Chicago public links players. We feel this is a commendable activity and reflects a most generous and helpful spirit.