

IT'S YOUR HONOR

Thrilled By Nelson

TO THE USGA:

One of the greatest thrills I have had since I became a journalist was watching Byron Nelson at St. Andrews and at La Boulie in Paris. Although I qualified with him in the Open Championship at Carnoustie in 1937 and had subsequently seen him play a number of times, I had no idea that he was quite so good as he is. In his third round of 67 in Paris he hit the flag with his second shot on four occasions. Unfortunately his putting during this round was quite lamentable or otherwise it must have been a 60. It was his putting at St. Andrews that left him so far down the list.

I also found him a most delightful companion and it was really pleasant to see, like other of my American friends, including Ben Hogan, he is a deeply religious man.

Leonard Crawley
London, England

The Mayor Responds

TO THE USGA:

Personally, and on behalf of the citizens of Indianapolis, I should like to thank the Public Links Committee of the United States Golf Association for the resolution expressing gratitude to the city of Indianapolis for its facilities and hospitality during the wonderful 1955 Amateur Public Links Championship.

I want you to know all of us enjoyed very much having the tournament here in Indianapolis and we feel that it will do a great deal to help promote golf in our city. Also, I want you to know how much I enjoyed the dinner and the final round of the tournament.

Mayor Alex M. Clark
Indianapolis, Ind.

TO THE USGA:

"Time-Table" Golf

I believe the frequent assertion by low handicap golfers that no four-ball match should require more than three hours is not based on reality.

Let's suppose that four players who score in the mid-70s can complete a round in three hours. As an illustration, we'll say the four take a total of 300 shots, including putts. Another four-ball group, composed of players whose average score is 90, will take 360 strokes. The extra 60 strokes represent 20 per cent of 300. Three hours constitute 180 minutes and 20 per cent of 180 minutes is 36 minutes.

Now let's suppose that, shot for shot, both groups take exactly the same time in playing a stroke. The slower four-ball match is bound to require at least three and a half hours. There are far more players who score in the 90's than in the mid-70's. Therefore, three hours is a pace which cannot be maintained except by the very few.

Another point is that the best players usually play their matches on a better-ball basis, so that players who no longer figure in the result on any given hole frequently pick up to save time. Most 90 shooters in four-ball groups have private matches among themselves, and all putts are holed.

Charles A. Wyer
Plainfield, N. J.

The Rules Of Golf

TO THE USGA:

The more I play golf and the older I get, the more convinced I am that the vast majority of modern golfers not only need to read information pertaining to the Rules of Golf but to memorize them as well.

Francis Ouimet
Boston, Mass.

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