

# FOR EVERY CHISELER, A HUNDRED CONTRIBUTORS

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*In opening the Fourth Annual Awards Dinner of the Metropolitan Golf Writers' Association, at the Plaza Hotel, in New York, on January 26, Lincoln A. Werden did so in a positive and constructive vein which we feel merits wider circulation. Mr. Werden is president of the MGWA. Excerpts from his remarks follow:*

**W**ELCOME to the Fourth Annual Awards Dinner of the Metropolitan Golf Writers' Association.

This is not scheduled as a black tie dinner, nor as a black eye dinner. This is an Awards Dinner to mark achievements in golf.

We have heard a lot about a black eye golf has received during the past year. It's awfully easy to get a black eye.

Tonight, however, practically everyone in this room has made some sort of a contribution to golf. And those who haven't are here with friends who have.

I can't help thinking that for every chiseler or racketeer in golf, it's possible to name a hundred who have done something for the good of the game.

There's President Eisenhower, one of the nation's great golfing enthusiasts, who came back to the White House after his illness and signalled to the world he was on the road to recovery by swinging a golf club on the White House lawn. That was an inspiration to many.

There's Jack Westland, here to represent the President tonight, who has a fine record in golf and who won the National Amateur in 1952 . . .

There's Harvie Ward, this year's Gold Tee winner . . .

But contributions to golf are not limited to the players.

Through various caddie funds more than four hundred seventeen young men are now in college on caddie scholarships. Only this evening we learned that the newest one in our area, the Reinach-Turnesa Foundation, is ready to receive applications to send five young men on their way this year to a four-year college course at either Fordham or New York University.

By your attendance this evening and at previous dinners of our organization you have helped establish a scholarship at Rutgers for a young man to study agronomy. The Metropolitan Golf writers plan to continue and expand this program. It happens that the young man, a former caddie who is studying to become a golf course superintendent, is here. I wonder if Charles Fatum would be kind enough to stand up and take a bow?

Possibly through your efforts more young men will be permitted to caddie. The child-labor laws in many states prevent youngsters from caddying until they are sixteen; others until they are fourteen. We don't believe in overloading youngsters with bags weighing one hundred pounds and making them carry double. But possibly some way can be found in the general drive against so-called juvenile delinquency to bring more youngsters out into the fresh air and onto golf courses at an earlier age.

Finally, it will be possible for us to have more dinners of achievement if we all work and plan our projects together to attain a goal. The USGA and PGA must cooperate with each other. So must you men of influence in business, politics, industry and journalism who are interested in contributing toward the solid progress in golf.