IT'S YOUR HONOR

Views of the Open

TO THE USGA:

Allow me to thank the United States Golf Association on behalf of the patients who were able to attend the National Open Golf Tournament held in Rochester, New York, on June 15, 1956.

The men had a fine day and saw some excellent golf. For this we are most grateful to your organization.

Our men were accorded a fine welcome and those in charge at the gate and the parking lot were all most helpful, certainly indicative of fine organization.

Dr. C. S. Livingston Manager Veterans Administration Hospital Batavia, N. Y.

TO THE USGA:

I was fortunate enough to be present to watch the USGA Open Championship Tournament last week at Oak Hill.

I was very much impressed with the smooth, efficient operation of the tournament, the handling of the crowds, the magnificent condition of the course, the arrangements for parking, the facilities of the clubhouse; in fact with every phase of the operation. All in all it was a tribute to the careful planning and devotion of the officers and Board of Directors of Oak Hill Country Club, and everyone who had a hand in the preparation for this event.

I could not let the occasion pass without complimenting you on the way everything was handled. I have attended a great many events of this kind over the past twenty-five years.

I really believe this tournament at Oak Hill was the best of its kind.

Saul Lantzis New York, N. Y.

TO THE USGA:

After reading the paper concerning the two-stroke penalties handed both Doug Ford and Jack Burke in the 1st round of the Open, I cannot help but feel that whoever made the rulings did a disservice to golf and adherence to the rules.

The rules state that the player is disqualified and nowhere can I find anything stating a two-stroke penalty for breach of the rules in these circumstances.

Now, it seems to me, every time an incorrect score is turned in the competitor need only say, "Well, they only penalized Ford and Burke two strokes in the Open and I certainly am entitled to the same consideration in our local events as these boys received in the Open."

Of course, the other comment around is that the very prominence of these two players was what brought on these soft rulings.

ELLSWORTH VINES
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A Vote Against Calcuttas

TO THE USGA:

It is my happy privilege to inform you that at a meeting of the Golf Committee presided over by Louis J. Gumpert and attended by the club's President, Theodore W. Hager, the selling of Calcutta pools was permanently banned at all competitions conducted by the Seawane Harbor Club.

LESTER RICE SEAWANE HARBOR CLUB HEWLETT, L. I., N. Y.

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