

IT'S YOUR HONOR

Flagstick Rule

TO THE USGA:

The suggestion has been made that the new flagstick rule, #34, will accelerate play and lessen wear to the green. The contrary seems to be the result. We find now in three and four-ball matches that the first player to putt asks that the flagstick be removed, the second wishes to have it replaced, the third wants it removed again, and the fourth replaced again, and so on, with the caddie running back and forth with the flagstick from the edge of the green, delaying play and certainly causing needless wear to the green.

Also, one cannot escape the feeling that leaving the flagstick in for chips and putts increases the element of luck and lessens the skill required for the shot.

The new rule governing marking of balls—#35—is also of questionable value in speeding play, in view of the fact that most golf is played under three-ball, best-ball and four-ball rules, which permit marking of the ball by any player (Rule 40, 1a). In singles matches (two-ball), giving the player about to putt the advantage of a double backstop of the flagstick and his opponent's ball which has come to rest just beyond or beside the hole also detracts from the skill of putting and increases the element of luck.

RICHARD S. SILVER
NEW YORK, N. Y.

Commendation

TO THE USGA:

Speaking for Charles "Babe" Lind, Supervisor of Golf, and myself, this means is taken to tell you how much we appreciate the fine work of William H. Bengeyfield, the Western Regional

Director of your Green Section. The time he devoted to our problems and the recommendations he has made should greatly improve the condition of Denver's municipal golf courses.

J. EARL SCHLUPP
DIRECTOR OF RECREATION
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Wonderful Match

TO THE USGA:

As Captain of the British Isles Curtis Cup Team I would like to thank you, on behalf of the Team, for your telegram of congratulations upon our victory. It was a wonderful match played in a grand spirit and in very difficult weather conditions. We are very thrilled to have won this year. We all thoroughly enjoyed meeting your team.

The British Ladies' Golf Union is already looking forward to the next match on American soil.

MRS. ZARA BOLTON
PORTRUSH, N. IRELAND

Champion Honored

TO THE USGA:

It is with pleasure, and indeed a sense of great honor, that I accept your invitation to forward a golf ball I used in winning the 1956 USGA Amateur Public Links Championship for display in "Golf House."

The ball I am sending is the one I used to hole a 33 foot putt on the 31st hole to go 3 up on Bill Scarbrough. I believe this was the hole that really decided the match.

I wish I could also send you a golf club. However, the clubs I was using were borrowed and I hardly think the boy would go for the idea of my breaking up his set.

JUNIE BUXBAUM
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