

IT'S YOUR HONOR

A Rewarding Experience

TO THE USGA:

We of Knollwood enjoyed a richly rewarding experience as hosts to the Amateur Championship of 1956. The competition was keen, and we were proud to have with us the fine group of golfers who were present. They were a great credit to amateur golf. We hope lasting friendships were developed among those who took part in the championship.

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A Word of Commendation

TO THE USGA:

Would like to pass on a word of commendation for the splendid manner in which the Chicago District Golf Association conducted the sectional qualifying rounds for the Amateur Championship.

The tournament chairman, Stacy Os-good, ably assisted by Miss Carol McCue and several others, handled this affair extremely well—too often many of us are quick to criticize—but here was a performance which deserves recognition and appreciation.

ROBERT K. HOGARTY
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Audience Reaction

TO THE USGA:

Your film "The Rules of Golf-Etiquette" is an excellent movie for all golfers. We recently had occasion to show it to our members and received favorable comments from everyone. We intend to show it again in the future.

EUGENE T. KERNAN
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Dissenting Opinion

TO THE USGA:

Thank you very much for your early reply to my questions concerning Rule 35. Although I cannot bring myself to agreeing with the entire Rule, I, like others, will have to abide by it. I realize that it must be quite a task to draw up these Rules and, as in many other circumstances, the kinks must be worked out to the best of everyone's interest.

I would like to cite a recent case in which, in match play, the opponent's ball was nearer the hole. The opponent was compelled to leave his ball as it was. As it turned out, the player's ball struck his opponent's ball, quite obviously keeping his ball from rolling several feet past the cup. This took place in the recent Washington State Amateur play-off between Dick Yost, of Seattle, and the present holder of the Washington State title, Dick Price, of Longview, Wash.

Now, although these players were competing against each other and not the entire field, in this and many other cases I have witnessed, the opponent's ball was certainly an aid to the player. This could be considered either a mark for which the player could putt or a mechanical aid to stop the ball. This, to me, is not good golf but a means of penalizing the player who has had the skill to make a good approach shot by making him leave his ball as it may lie so that his opponent may use it to make up for his possible bad shot.

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