

IT'S YOUR HONOR

Leaving Amateur Ranks

TO THE USGA:

You have probably read in the papers that I have turned professional. It was a decision that was not easy to make. I have thought about it many times, but tried to keep my mind on the automobile business. I found it impossible to keep my thoughts from returning to golf.

When I was discharged from the Army I decided to give the automobile business a one year try, but my real love continued to be golf. I would like to find out just how well I can do at golf, and the only proper way is to turn professional and play regularly.

I have always felt that the United States Golf Association has been a close friend of mine and I would like to feel that this friendship will continue into my professional career.

I will always try to do my best to be a credit to the great game of golf.

KENNETH P. VENTURI
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

After a great deal of thought and consideration, I have decided to become a professional golfer.

It is my desire to go as far as possible in this game of golf and to accomplish this one has to play constantly with the finest players. The only way I can play against professionals on the circuit is to join their ranks. The cost of travelling around the

country would be prohibitive for me as an amateur.

Please understand I fully appreciate the many wonderful things you have done for me in the past. The USGA staff and officials have given me fair and honest treatment during my amateur career and I shall do my utmost to follow the USGA standards of sportsmanship and ideals during my tenure as a professional.

MARGARET "WIFFI" SMITH
ORANGE, TEXAS

"Adverse Conditions"

TO THE USGA:

We here in Alaska are happy to see the authorization of handicaps on preferred lies inasmuch as the conditions here, I am quite sure, are worse than the conditions the original Scots had to face.

In passing, it might interest you to know that at spots on the course the perma-frost is but four feet below the turf (moss in most cases).

We also have a geological phenomena called thermocarsts, or "ice lenses," huge blocks of ice 100 or 200 feet down that melt for some unknown reason causing the overburden to sink and leave a hole the size of a mastodon in the center of the fairway.

Grass greens are a luxury I hope to see in two years, inasmuch as the winters here will not allow grass to survive. Temperatures go to minus 60 degrees.

T/SGT. F. L. DANNIS
LADD AIR FORCE BASE
ALASKA

USGA OFFICERS, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

PRESIDENT

Richard S. Tufts, Pinehurst, N. C.

VICE-PRESIDENTS

John D. Ames, Chicago, Ill.

John G. Clock, Long Beach, Cal.

SECRETARY

Charles L. Peirson, Boston, Mass.

TREASURER

J. Frederic Byers, Jr., Pittsburgh, Pa.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The above officers and:

C. W. Benedict, White Plains, N. Y.

Emerson Carey, Jr., Denver, Colo.

William C. Chapin, Rochester, N. Y.

John W. Fischer, Cincinnati, Ohio

Richmond Gray, Richmond, Va.

Stuart A. Heatley, San Francisco, Cal.

Gordon E. Kummer, Milwaukee, Wis.

William McWane, Birmingham, Ala.

F. Warren Munro, Portland, Ore.

John M. Winters, Jr., Tulsa, Okla.

GENERAL COUNSEL

Wm. Ward Foshay, New York, N. Y.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

RULES OF GOLF: John M. Winters, Jr., Tulsa, Okla.

CHAMPIONSHIP: John D. Ames, Chicago, Ill.

AMATEUR STATUS AND CONDUCT: John W. Fischer, Cincinnati, Ohio

IMPLEMENTS AND BALL: Charles L. Peirson, Boston, Mass.

MEMBERSHIP: Gordon E. Kummer, Milwaukee, Wis.

GREEN SECTION: William C. Chapin, Rochester, N. Y.

WOMEN'S: Mrs. Charles Dennehy, Lake Forest, Ill.

SECTIONAL AFFAIRS: F. Warren Munro, Portland, Ore.

PUBLIC LINKS: Emerson Carey, Jr., Denver, Colo.

HANDICAP: Richmond Gray, Richmond, Va. Handicapping Procedure: William O. Blaney, Boston, Mass.

JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP: J. Frederic Byers, Jr., Pittsburgh, Pa.

SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP: John G. Clock, Long Beach, Cal.

GIRLS' JUNIOR: Mrs. John Pennington, Buffalo, N. Y.

MUSEUM: C. W. Benedict, White Plains, N. Y.

BOB JONES AWARD: Totton P. Heffelfinger, Minneapolis, Minn.

FINANCE: J. Frederic Byers, Jr., Pittsburgh, Pa.

USGA HEADQUARTERS

"Golf House", 40 East 38th Street, New York 16, N. Y.

Joseph C. Dey, Jr., Executive Director

John P. English, Assistant Executive Director

USGA GREEN SECTION

EASTERN REGION

Northeastern Office: Rutgers University, New Brunswick, N. J.

Alexander M. Radko, Director, Eastern Region

T. T. Taylor, Northeastern Agronomist

Mid-Atlantic Office: South Building, Plant Industry Station, Beltsville, Md.

Charles K. Hollowell, Mid-Atlantic Director

Southeastern Office: South Building, Plant Industry Station, Beltsville, Md.

James M. Latham, Jr., Southeastern Agronomist

MID-CONTINENT REGION

Southwestern Office: Texas A. and M. College, College Station, Texas

Dr. Marvin H. Ferguson, Director, Mid-Continent Region and National
Research Coordinator

James B. Moncrief, Southwestern Agronomist (as of February 16)

Mid-Western Office: Room 241, LaSalle Hotel, Chicago 2, Ill. (as of March 1)

James L. Holmes, Mid-Western Agronomist (as of March 1)

WESTERN REGION

Western Office: 1709 West Eighth Street, Los Angeles 17, Cal.

William H. Bengeyfield, Director, Western Region