

# IT'S YOUR HONOR

## *USGA Handicap System in Brazil*

TO THE USGA:

Our Brazilian Open was won by Robert de Vicenzo, and I feel that the tournament was most successful. This in part was possible through the advice which you gave us.

It may interest you to know that our club, Itanhanga, now uses the USGA Golf Handicap System and the members are very enthusiastic about it.

Our course has been rated 73 by Mario Gonzales, pro at Gavea; Walter Seigh, pro at Itanhanga; Walter Ratte, captain of Gavea, and yours truly.

CHARLES M. JOHNSON  
CAPTAIN, ITANHANGA GOLF CLUB  
RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL

## *Research in St. Louis*

TO THE USGA:

I feel that we in the Mid-west should be recognized now and then for the work we are doing in the way of research. I understand that St. Louis is probably the only city in the country that is doing private research and we, in turn, pass on our information to the USGA and the Midwest Turf Foundation.

This past summer we had a young student from Purdue University who worked here from June 15 until September 15. Our experimental work took in about twenty-five experiments consisting of the following: fertilized plots, weed control, crab grass and goose-foot control, soil fumigation on soil and top dressing from eight clubs, pythium controls, four different types of Bermuda.

We had an afternoon field day which was attended by 191 men, and a dinner meeting held at the Westwood C. C. attended by 143 persons.

St. Louis is one of the toughest places in which to raise grass, and through the fine work of the superintendents' association and the St. Louis Turf Research, which the Association is called, I believe we have conquered a large part of our trouble.

LEO S. BAUMAN  
ST. LOUIS TURF RESEARCH  
CREVE COEUR, MO.

## *Memories Revived at Minikahda*

TO THE USGA:

The Walker Cup Match at Minikahda really brought back old memories to me of the days when we had the Public Links Championship here in 1931, which was the first activity Tot Heffelfinger took part in for the USGA. I think that Championship had a lot to do with his becoming part of your organization and I remember he spent a great deal of time with Ganson Depew and other executives of the USGA at that time. It truly made me homesick. The ten years I served as a member of that Committee were ones of great remembrances as well as experiences which I shall always cherish.

TOM HASTINGS  
MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

## *Mid-West Appreciation*

TO THE USGA:

As Co-Chairman of the Green Committee at the Ashtabula Country Club, I wish to express the committee's high regard for the many splendid articles appearing in the USGA Journal. The April 1957 edition with its articles about the work and problems of Green Committees was greatly appreciated and we all hope many more will be printed in the future.

JOSEPH F. SWIFT  
ASHTABULA, OHIO

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