

# IT'S YOUR HONOR

## **Stroke and Distance Penalty**

To THE USGA:

I have read Mr. Ficklin's letter in the April issue of your Journal.

Nobody likes the stroke and distance penalty for a ball out of bounds; I no more than Mr. Ficklin. However, I do not believe this penalty should be changed unless the lost ball and unplayable lie penalties be changed at the same time.

A ball that is knocked out of bounds is almost invariably the result of a bad shot rather than just bad luck. A ball that is lost or found in an unplayable lie is still within the confines of the golf course and may be more the result of a bad break than a bad shot.

Suppose that Mr. Ficklin and I are playing a match together and that on a given hole I drive my ball out of bounds and Mr. Ficklin drives his to the edge of some woods on the course. Now let us further suppose that Mr. Ficklin fails to find his ball or finds it in an unplayable lie. I don't think Mr. Ficklin would relish my being able to lie two off the tee on my next shot as against three for him.

DAVID M. MINTON, JR.  
New York, N. Y.

## **Green Section Membership A Boon**

To THE USGA:

I am writing as a member of the Board of Directors of Illini Country Club.

About a year ago we joined the Green Section of the USGA, and, I must admit, primarily, because I felt we should support it even though we got very little from it. Since that

time, Jim Holmes has visited our Club several times and has been in almost constant contact with our Green Chairman and Green Committee, and I can't say enough for him as an individual and the Green Section as a part of the USGA. The ideas and suggestions received are worth thousands of dollars to our Golf Club and I feel sure that future contacts will be even more fruitful.

I congratulate the USGA, and Jim Holmes in particular, on a wonderful job.

WILLARD BUNN, JR.  
Illini Country Club, Ill.

## **South Africa Appreciative**

To THE USGA:

I have been instructed by the President and the Executive of this Union to express their very deep appreciation of the hospitality and courtesy in inviting Mr. Jackson to attend the recent conference which took place in Washington in connection with the proposed World Amateur Golf Team Championship.

Mr. Jackson, at a recent meeting of my Executive, gave a full report of the decisions taken at that conference and at the same time was loud in his praises not only of the efficiency in which the conference was conducted, but with the success and friendly spirit which emanated therefrom.

My Executive is hopeful that the Tournament will be a tremendous success next October when it is held at St. Andrews and I have also been asked to wish you the best of luck in that Tournament.

T.E.L. WALTON, SECRETARY  
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