

IT'S YOUR HONOR

Bermuda Adopts USGA Handicap System

TO THE USGA:

For your information, the Bermuda Golf Association adopted the handicap system with the basic and current handicaps in March 1954, and recommended its use among its member clubs. A modified version of the same system was also adopted for women in April, 1954. The system was not too successful as, even with our all year round playing season, many members had difficulty in turning in 50 scores.

As soon as it was practical we adopted the new handicap system for both men and women, and the member clubs are all well satisfied with the change. The new system appears to be working most satisfactorily and players are more content with the one handicap.

MRS. T. CHRISTOPHER SMITH, SECRETARY
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Handicap Championship

TO THE USGA:

Recently we formed a new golf organization here and I was made chairman of the Handicap Committee. After taking a little out of each system and using some of my own system, a monster was created. I must have gone over 1,500 score cards, hole by hole. When the smoke cleared away, I decided to use the only sensible system, the USGA. It certainly is the easiest to apply.

The reason for trying different systems was to see if I could eliminate any possible edge one may use to keep his handicap higher than it should be. Of our 500 members only a few were out of line. I was amazed and pleased to know that 90 per cent of the members were interested only

in playing in our weekly tournaments and hope to lower their handicaps.

I have an idea I'd like to try. I want to hold a Handicap Championship of America here in Miami. The eligible players must have their handicaps certified by their Handicap Chairmen, and it must be at least five. I know what a big job I have before me, but I'd like to give it a go.

FRANK STRAFACI
Miami Beach, Fla.

Van Zandt Family

TO THE USGA:

In the November, 1958 issue of the USGA Journal mention is made of the late Wynant D. Vanderpool, of Newark, N. J.

In the history of the Van Zandt family, of New York City, there is an entry that reads: "Margaret Van Zandt, wife of Johannes, was born at Fort Orange. She was the daughter of Wynant Vanderpool. They were married on the 23th of October, 1681."

Wynant was used as a first name for many generations in the Van Zandt family. I am the seventh of that name.

Also in the account of the World Championship appears the name of Prince Ruspoli, of Italy, as a member of the Council's Administrative Committee. A Rosalie Van Zandt married a Ruspoli, of Italy, many years ago.

It seems that a dedication to golf runs through the years, and I in my scrambling way am trying to maintain the record.

Perhaps golf may yet bring the people of various nations to a common meeting ground where disputes may be settled through golf matches. May the day be near at hand.

WYNANT VAN ZANDT
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