

# IT'S YOUR HONOR

## Peru's "Problem"

To THE USGA:

The Ladies' Section of the Lima Golf Club has introduced the USGA Handicap System, but we are running into difficulties.

We appear to be playing under exceptional circumstances here. Our climate enables us to play every day. Also, we have ample domestic labor, so that the ladies have a great deal of leisure. Consequently, our lady golfers are handing in as many as five cards a week.

Now, we find, taking the best 10 of the last 25 cards, that players' handicaps are going up and down much more often than before. In fact, one lady's handicap went up in the morning and down in the afternoon. We tend to have many changes every Friday, and the majority of handicaps are going up.

Mrs. S. D. CARVER  
Lima, Peru

## Conceded Putts

To THE USGA:

I wish something could be done to make golfers more careful about complying with the rules when the ball is near the hole.

The golfer who is accustomed to playing match play in the usual non-tournament golf rounds gets in the habit of taking and giving conceded putts. When he is playing in a stroke-play tournament he may without thinking knock his ball away from the cup or pick up the ball and walk off the green.

I wish everyone would realize that the conceded putt in stroke play is very bad for three reasons: (1) It violates the rules; (2) Any putt regardless of length can be missed; (3) A person who concedes a putt to him-

self may fail to count the conceded putt.

The following are some other violations observed when the ball is near the cup: The ball is raked into the hole with an illegal stroke; the ball is stopped, deflected, or struck with club while ball is still moving; the player taps the ball several times before getting into the hole and counts only one tap; the player holds the flag stick in the hole with one hand and taps the ball into the hole with the other, without taking penalty for striking attended flagstick; the player taps the ball carelessly and misses, then wants to shoot it over and not count the miss.

W. DAVIS HAMILTON  
Atlanta, Ga.

## "Bad" Example

To THE USGA:

I am not trying to be funny in wanting an answer to a problem.

I used the statement in my column that my golf is so terrible, I work for a pro while he is giving lessons. He points to me and advises his pupils not to do it that way.

Since using the squib, I have had questions from readers asking me if I would be a pro under such circumstances.

Could you enlighten me?

DEAN EAGLE  
The Louisville Times

## AND HERE IS MR. EAGLE'S ANSWER

A person receiving remuneration for assisting with golf lessons in the manner described in your letter would be violating Rule 1-3 of the Rules of Amateur Status. Where there is no remuneration of any kind, there is no violation.

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