

IT'S YOUR HONOR

The World Championship

The USGA has received a number of communications following the World Amateur Team Championship at Merion. Below are extracts from a few.

"It has been an eye-opener and will set a standard of efficiency and hospitality which may be equalled but certainly never surpassed. Our lads, though not good enough—who could be? — enjoyed themselves thoroughly, and the motto of Friendship-Sportsmanship was never seen in better light."

DR. W. D. ACKLAND-HORMAN
AUSTRALIA

"How much we all appreciated the many kindnesses and most generous hospitality that seemed almost unimaginable. We expected something pretty good in the States, but this tournament was quite out of this world. All but about a dozen golfers go away cursing their bad golf but I can't tell you how much I, and everybody else, I'm sure, enjoyed ourselves."

R. K. PITAMBER
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"All of us in our hearts have a great wish that we shall soon have the opportunity of meeting again our friends from all over the world."

MOGENS BREFDELDT, PRESIDENT
DANISH GOLF UNION

"The fact that nobody shot himself after the many heart-breaking disasters at Merion is proof of the almost humble sportsmanship of your amateur golfer! May that never change! . . . (With reference to the 1962 tournament:) I hope I may compete in this great tournament for the third time. It will be great meeting all the old faces again at Tokyo."

JOAN F. DUDOK VAN HEEL
NETHERLANDS

To The USGA:

While I no longer play golf I made my first attempt at surveying a golf club in 1892 and up to a few years ago played all my life. At one time I was a student of the rules and watched the various phases which finally resulted, to my intense regret, in the elimination of the stymie. I write you now to enquire what is the purpose of the present rule which stipulates that when both players in a match are on the green only the player furthest from the hole can decide whether or not his opponent's ball shall be lifted. Why? On occasions it can result in the opponent's ball being of material benefit to the player particularly when the ball nearer the hole is very close to it and its position is such that it creates a target considerably larger than the 4¼" hole.

I have put this query to many eminent golfers on both sides of the international boundary of the northwest and none of them has been able to answer it except by saying the rule exists.

Further, from time immemorial when on the green the flag could be removed or attended at the player's option but the player was penalized if he hit it. Under the present rule something has been removed from what was so long normal practice and flagsticks have been reduced substantially in diameter so that there is additional insurance that a player may hit the stick and drop in the cup.

Golf as I understand it is a game crowded with adventure and chance which are almost synonymous. I have grave fears that further endeavors will be made to eliminate those very essential qualities. If it were possible to make it completely equitable, which would seem the tendency, the game will become quite unrecognisable.

A. VERNON MACAN
Victoria, B. C. Canada

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