

IT'S YOUR HONOR

Words of Gratitude

TO THE USGA:

I cannot find the words to express my feeling in being so highly honored with the Bob Jones Award for sportsmanship.

Frankly, I do not know what I have done to deserve it.

But I do know this—that without good sportsmanship, without observance of the Rules of the game, golf is meaningless.

Bob Jones has personified ability, quality and character, and the USGA has always held up high standards for all of us to try to observe.

To think that I may somehow have contributed something to golf in that sense is most gratifying and humbling.

HORTON SMITH
Detroit, Mich.

A New Professional

TO THE USGA:

It is with mixed emotions and considerable thought that I am writing this letter to you of my intentions to apply for membership in the Professional Golf Association.

Upon returning from the Americas Cup Match, several benefits were pointed out to me. After much thought I have concluded that due to the several sources of income available to me at the professional level, it would be unfair to my family not to accept this new responsibility.

I also have many regrets. Among these are: that my decision precludes my being eligible to defend the USGA Amateur Championship in 1962; it ends eight years of association and competition in amateur golf and international matches; and that many well-wishing friends would like me to remain at the amateur level.

I am sure that the pleasant relationship with the USGA will remain the same. I can honestly say that in competing in your tournaments since 1953, you properly administer the best tournaments in all golf and my respect and admiration has grown many-fold during those years for the organization. Without the USGA, the high standards which amateur golf now enjoys could not be maintained; these standards are the basis of all golf, amateur or professional, and are the reasons why golf has escaped the bad publicity and scandal which some other sports have received.

JACK NICKLAUS
Columbus, Ohio

Wants 15 Clubs

TO THE USGA:

I would like to go on record in agreeing with Mr. V. Wells Brabham, Jr., and his letter published in the November JOURNAL. I believe the 14 club rule was made to eliminate the practice of most professionals and some top amateurs from carrying 18 to 20 clubs that most caddies could not carry.

When I started to play golf some 50-odd years ago we used only approximately eight clubs. In those days one learned to play golf shots ($\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{3}{4}$, etc.) with the clubs we had.

Now that the sales promotion efforts of golf club manufacturers have reached the point of producing $2\frac{1}{2}$, $3\frac{1}{2}$ woods, etc., I think that 15 clubs would be a boon to the older golfers so that they could carry a No. 5 wood without eliminating the No. 2 iron or the pitching wedge.

This is offered in the spirit of giving the aging golfer a little break.

PHILLIP W. SIMONS
Longmeadow, Mass.

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