In the last year, the debate over technology in golf has intensified, with the American Society of Golf Course Architects calling for more regulation of golf equipment in order to keep golf course length and, by extension costs, from spiraling out of control.

Pete Dye has seen a lot of changes in his more than 40 years designing courses, including technology. Never one to temper his opinions, during a panel discussion at the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America conference in Atlanta, Dye appealed to the USGA and other organizations to take a more hand-hyphen approach to regulating technology.

"[The industry] needs to get together and try to stop the golf ball for the great players," Dye said. "This hitting a golf ball 600 yards is ridiculous. You can't make golf courses 8,000 yards long, with the environment and the costs—it's crazy."

Dye said one solution would be having two sets of rules—one for professional golfers and another for the average golfers who make up the vast majority of the golfing population.

"The ball's going farther for the good player, but they're not going any farther for Mabel Smith, who tees off on Tuesday morning and hits the ball 135 yards. Not one ball today goes one inch farther than the ball they made 50 years ago," he said. "So Martha Burkh ought to be yelling at the golf ball manufacturers that they're discriminating.