USGA Rules of Golf Book Is Committee Hunch


Playing strictly according to the rules puts a zest into the game that many have not experienced.

The USGA is hoping to have American golfers the world’s wisest when it comes to the rules. As it is, the rules problem is international as the following remarks by L. W. Broughton in Golf in Australia, indicate. Mr. Broughton says:

“I fear quite a number of players do not even possess a copy of the rules, and still they quite cheerfully certify to the correctness of their opponent’s card, and possibly bring him in a winner, i.e., according to the card, though he has not proved so according to the rules. I have known this to happen more than once.

“If it can be shown that any player breaks the rules so as to gain an advantage, then he should, at all costs, be frozen out of his club and the world of golf.

“Very few of us have an adequate knowledge of the rules, and this is greatly to be regretted. To suggest to some players the carrying (on the round) of a Book of Rules would appear ridiculous, and create a quiet chuckle, but all the same it might prevent us from doing something unfair to another competitor, and surely that, in itself, is sufficient justification for the trouble. We can’t be fair to our clubmates if we don’t play the game absolutely strictly, and this is imperative if handicaps are to be of any practical value whatever.

“Players who fail to let the handicappers know from time to time of any improvement in their game should receive most drastic treatment.”

School Teaching Income Suggests Pro Promotion Effort

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After 5 years’ attention, at leisurely moments, to placing golf in the public schools I have come to the conclusion that a greater benefit will come to the game providing the pros all over the land come