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Discontinuing Play During Lightning

Attention is called to Rule 46-4-C: 37-5 and 37-6 in the "Rules of Golf". U.S.G.A. especially suggests that players be informed that they have the right to stop play if they think lightning threatens them, even though the committee may not have specifically authorized it by signal. The U.S.G.A. uses the following signals and recommends that all local committees do similarly;

DISCONTINUE PLAY: 3 consecutive notes of siren repeated.

RESUME PLAY: 1 prolonged note of siren repeated.

Besides country clubs, many businesses, farms, etc. have placed lightning rods in trees on their property. The Underwriters Laboratory in Chicago advised that the Lexington Horse Farm in Kentucky installed lightning rods in the trees to protect the horses and cattle since they seek shelter under the trees during a storm, and the lightning was killing many of them. Many horse farms and cattle raisers rod their trees due to severe losses they experienced with lightning killing the stock.

The Underwriters Laboratory also pointed out that when "Ike" was President, all shelter houses at the golf course in Augusta, Georgia, had to be "rodded" before he was permitted to play on the course.

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