

YOUR RIGHT TO SAY IT!

(Editor's Note: Our members are invited to contribute letters for this column. Here is your chance to sound off on any subject pertinent to turf management — including the Bull Sheet. Please specify if you prefer that your letter appear without your name and address. Selection of the letters for publication will be at the discretion of your editor.)

Dear Editor:

Years ago we came to a meeting early, when our work permitted, to play a game of golf away from our problems at home and for a change of scenery. If we won a pen or pencil, fine. The general idea was to get away and relax with good company.

How things have changed. I think that some thought should be given to a problem that is developing with each succeeding year in regard to golf prizes. I have sat and listened to the grumbles of a number of individuals about the quality, lack of higher priced prizes as well as the regularity of certain persons on the prize list. No matter who has been in charge, or what the chairman has tried to set up, it was not right. It has gotten to the point where everyone wants a twenty dollar item whether he is first or last on the list. We spend something like 375 dollars a year of our entire association's money for the benefit of our unhappy golfing few. Is this right? Could not this money be put to better use for the benefit of all? Turf scholarship, an association library, more speakers for our clinic, research projects, and so on down the line. There are many ways that this money could be spent for the benefit of our profession, which in turn is for the betterment of ourselves. Could be that this should be brought before the membership to see what the feeling of the majority is about subsidizing our summer golfing events.

If this part of our day cannot be spent for the enjoyment of the game then we are losing sight of the pleasure of golf and putting the emphasis on the monetary end rather than the recreational or good-fellowship benefits.

Let's go back to an afternoon of fun and an evening of education.

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