



Paulette Markoff

IS YOUR "WELCOME MAT" SHOWING ! !

Lady golfers in greater numbers than ever patronize golf courses, especially on weekdays. If only the golf course superintendents could be made aware of the friendly atmosphere and conveniences that can so easily be created for his newly acquired majority—We Women! He has it within his power either to put out the "welcome mat," or in many unspoken ways to let women golfers know that they are still "Second-Class Citizens" on his golf course.

The "Welcome Ladies" feeling can be expressed in several ways. The same pride, care, and maintenance of the Ladies' Tees as given to the Mens' is a good start. I have played on many public and private courses where the area around the Ladies' Tee has been so neglected that it is hard to believe the same ground crew also cares for the rest of the more immaculate surroundings. The ground crew reflects the Superintendent's attitude in their courtesies toward women golfers during spraying, sprinkling, and mowing operations. The lack of ball washers, benches, and yardage markers indicating Ladies Par are yet other signs that women golfers are unwelcome. It is certainly an insult when Ladies Tee-off areas are indicated by broken markers which are obvious rejects from the Mens' Tees! With a little extra thought and care by the Golf Course Superintendent, the very same areas could offer the "welcome feeling."

Much has been said of amateur Lady Tournament golfers, who are sticklers for "rules." We are laughed at and sometimes scorned. But how often does that very area of controversy concern an unnatural lie. The friendly Course Superintendent is the Tournament Chairman's greatest ally. He will instruct his crew to repair or mark-off "construction" tracks created by maintenance vehicles, and other unnatural hazards in advance of tournament play.

How nice it is to know that we can ask our Course Superintendent when he changes the Tee-off markers daily to place them to our needs during our 3-Day Medal Tourney. To help make things more challenging, the "cups" are moved daily so yesterday's putting surface is no help today.

It your Welcome Mat showing? ? ? Ours is ! ! !

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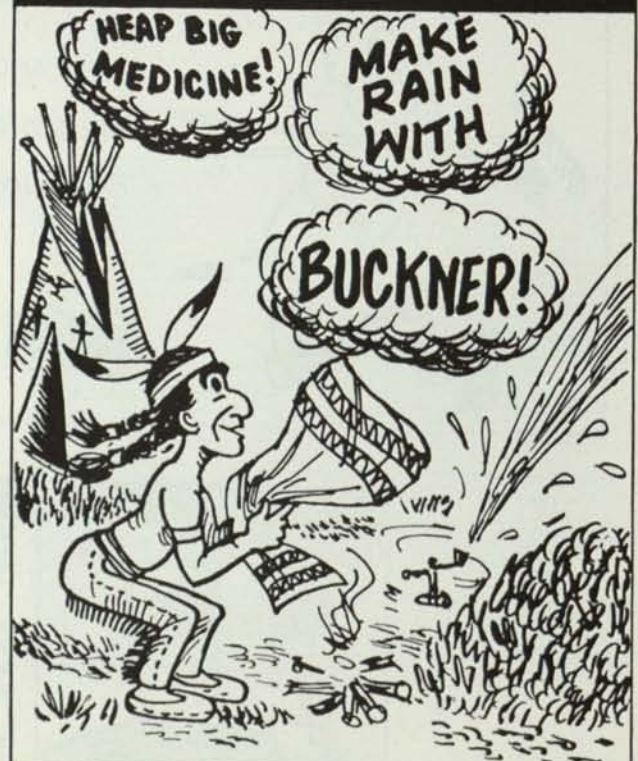
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