

SCGA Bows to USGA on Penalty Stroke Rule

Southern California GA, which in January, abolished the penalty stroke in connection with ball out of bounds, lost ball and unplayable lie, has rescinded this rule at the request of the USGA.

However, as Donald W. Spry, pres. of SCGA, in a letter to John D. Ames, pres. of USGA, inferred, Southern California is leaving the door at least halfway open to eliminating the penalty stroke at a later date. Spry reminded Ames that the latter had said that the penalty stroke will be discussed at the May conference of the USGA and Royal & Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews, Scotland, when rules along with other matters will be reviewed. Southern California's decision to rescind its local rule on the penalty stroke, it was said, was strongly influenced by prospects that the USGA and R & A will go into this section of the golf rules.

Spry added that the penalty stroke was originally abolished because SCGA member clubs voted overwhelmingly in favor of eliminating it. He said that higher handicap golfers or "95 per cent of our players" have long urged changes in the penalty stroke rule.

200 to Play in Jaycee Finals at Portsmouth, Va.

A par 70 layout of 6,611 yards is being readied at Portsmouth, Virginia's Elizabeth Manor G&CC for the 1959 national championships (Aug. 22-29) of the 14th International Jaycee Junior Golf Tournament.

The nation's top 200 junior golfers, representing the 50 states, District of Columbia and Canada, will compete. Participation in well over 1,000 local Jaycee tournaments for some 22,000 golfers under 18 is expected in the 1959 program. The co-sponsorship of Pepsi-Cola Company has been added to this year's program. They join with the long-time co-sponsors, The Athletic Institute and the National Golf Foundation in promotion of the Jaycee golf program.

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