

our greens. This percentage, I understand, is standard, and nothing for any supt. to become unduly perturbed about.

Getting the course in shape, and then trying to keep it that way, generally is thought to be the biggest problem confronting a supt. But as the tournament proceeds, you begin to realize that this perhaps is a relatively minor, if vital, factor. Cleaning up, both during and after the tourney, may well be the most important work you have to contend with. Debris left by the gallery was picked up after each day's play. During the first two days of the tournament, when the crowds were somewhat smaller than they were on the weekend, we hauled away two one-ton truck loads of debris each day. On both Saturday and Sunday, this was increased to seven truck loads. For the playoff round, the haul again dropped to two loads.

### **Follow Final Threesome**

The concession company that was responsible for policing the course hired a troop of boy scouts to follow the final threesome and start the day's cleanup operation. Each scout was equipped with a sticker or stabber for picking up paper, discarded cups, etc. and the refuse was placed in containers spotted around the course. Within an hour after the last threesome had holed out, the course was completely free of litter. The time required for a two-man crew to put the trash containers on a truck, which hauled them away, was about 14 hours daily.

The erection and maintenance of ropes and stakes, which kept the galleries off fairways, greens and tees, turned out to be a fairly big job. It took our crew a couple days to get the stakes set out and the rope threaded through them, and thereafter two men were kept busy every day straightening the stakes and re-threading or tightening the ropes. The gallery was quite orderly throughout the entire regular tournament, but when Palmer, Boros and Nicklaus hooked up in the playoff round, the crowd got a little out of hand. At least, many of the stakes were bent on the final day and the rope chewed up in spots. For the statistical minded, we used 70,000 feet of rope and nearly 2,000 stakes in getting the course roped off.

### **Galleries Were Considerate**

Considering that more than 65,000 people viewed the five-day Western proceedings, we had no kick on the way the galleries treated the course. Some of the turf

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## **This Young Lady Wanted the Point Clarified**

Rules governing the USGA's Women Amateur competition stipulate that players aren't permitted to use automotive transportation during play. According to John English, vice-chairman of this year's tournament at Taconic GC in Williamstown, Mass., the following inquiry was received from a young lady who was considering entering the tournament:

"Does prohibition of automotive transportation mean that I wouldn't be allowed to use my automobile to drive back and forth between my residence and the course?"

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around the elevated tees was damaged and the clubhouse lawn, of course, took a thorough beating, but this was expected, because the ground had been well saturated by the heavy rains of the previous week. The souvenir hunters helped themselves to no more than a few flags and tee markers. On the final day, there was some damage to the traps because the gallery continued to close in to watch the playoff contestants putt out. But this and whatever other small damage that was done was repaired within a few days, and by the following Saturday, you never would have known that a big, 5-day tournament had been played at Beverly.

Actually, my biggest headaches during the pre-tournament and tournament days were caused by the truck drivers for the concessions company. They refused to drive along the routes we laid out until we cracked down on them. Two of them were forced to bring their deliveries in on foot after repeated violations. No trucks were allowed on the course after the tournament started.

### **They Clean Up The Range**

The practice tee was both interesting and discouraging to behold after the tournament was over. One-hundred and fifty golfers can tear up a lot of real estate when they are turned loose on it for from two or three to five days. Some of the turf surface was completely removed by the pros in areas as large as a 9 x 12-foot rug. There must be at least 20 such bare spots on our range in addition to thousands of small divots scattered over the area. A heavy mixture of seed and soil is being

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