

## LAWSUITS

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ers are killed each year on this country's fairways. Carrying golf clubs during an electrical storm—or permitting youthful caddies to tote one's golf clubs—is perhaps golfdom's most inexcusable tragedy. In many instances, a country club might be held accountable for permitting a caddie

to venture onto the course when lightning appeared eminent.

In recent years, many country clubs have taken steps to properly ground the storm shelters and certain key trees under which players seek protection in an electrical storm.

Some clubs have gone a step further by posting signs, warning golfers to avoid bringing steel golf clubs into the shelters with them.

Lightning has also taken its toll of golf course workers. Every year the newspapers carry stories about young boys who are struck and killed by lightning while cutting greens.

Until the golf industry and golf course management join forces in an all-out effort to make all golfers fully cognizant of the dangers connected with the actual playing of this game, the recount of the injuries related in this article will continue.

Much praise is due to various parts of this vast industry for their efforts to make everyone safety-minded. But unfortunately, the efforts have not kept pace with the game. □

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*Next month, Mr. Gleason will discuss the various forms of insurance which protect the club against public liability lawsuits and employee injuries.*

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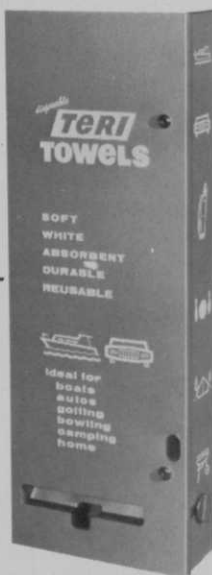
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*It is said that the club in question resolved their differences and retained this sterling chap.*