



Golf Is a Woman's Game
By Sharron Moran
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Just when the LPGA is making great strides to improve its image, it is sad that one of their own has had to resort to the world of childish gimmicks to attract an audience. From her title we conclude that Miss Moran feels that women and golf are compatible. And they are. But it is doubtful that most women are hung up on such fads as owning multicolored golf clubs that can match every outfit.

As for her instruction, Miss Moran doesn't rate much better. You can't place a bunch of pictures in front of a beginner, or for that matter an expert, and expect her to master the technique without adequate explanations describing how each position is reached. Her approach to teaching is backwards. Since when does an instructor introduce a beginner to the game with a driver? It would make more sense to start a beginner off the tee with a seven or an eight-iron, enabling her to get a more natural and unrestrained feel for the club. And more important, she would gain the self-confidence, which is vital if she is to get the ball into the air.

Despite the lack of continuity and the textbook approach, Miss Moran does give some good advice on clothes, shoes, hair and skin care. It's only too bad that she chose to write an anachronism by approaching her subject strictly on appearances rather than enjoyment of golf for golf's sake. For a professional who lives off the game, she projects none of the empathy or genuine love that one in her position should embody. Furthermore, she does not convince us that golf is a woman's game at a time when the women should be on the golf course complementing their peers, not antagonizing them with cutesy fads.

—Ann Heavner

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The *Irviss* court, however, takes a larger step and requires that the state take positive action in its licensing policies, which will require the club on pain of loss of its license, to cease discrimination.

Over many years of history, the Supreme Court has never held constitutional rights to be absolute: Human sacrifice, even if condoned by religion is still murder; polygamy, even if required by religion, is still a crime. The extent to which one may exercise a right is limited when it comes into conflict with the rights of others or with the good of society.

The right of association, then, must be limited just as other rights are limited. It must not be exercisable to the harm of others or to the detriment of society as a whole. Here, then, lies the real issue. Here is the problem which must be faced by the courts and by the legislatures. How is such a determination to be made? What are the steps to be used? What resolution is proper? These are all questions that the courts must eventually answer. Procedurally, the Supreme Court has available to it several avenues to avoid resolution of any or all of these questions. It may well be that no resolution of these problems will result from the *Irviss* litigation. Yet, eventually, the courts must come to grips with the heart of the problem and solve these difficult questions.

Both members of clubs and those excluded from clubs have a right to see a resolution to all of these issues come from the law. Perhaps the facts in *Irviss* do not present the issues with sufficient clarity for a Supreme Court determination. If a new case with a more direct presentation is required by the Court, it will not have long to wait. The number and vigor of attacks, direct and indirect, are increasing. □

Former GCSAA president dies

Norman W. Kramer, who had been superintendent of the Point O'Woods G & CC, Benton Harbor, Mich., since 1959, died last month of a heart attack at age 44. He had just completed a one-year tenure as president of the Golf Course Superintendents Assn. of America.



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