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In clarifying the action taken against Sam Snead and Tommy Bolt for their participation in a Cincinnati pro-am tournament while the Portland (Ore.) Open was being played, PGA officials said penalties were assessed against the pair because both had won tournaments in the preceding 12 months and were required to get permission to play in an event that conflicted with a regularly sponsored tournament.

Section 3, Part B of PGA tournament regulations places such restrictions or obligations on tournament winners.

Both Snead and Bolt were fined \$500 and given six-month suspensions for their infractions. In addition, Snead was dropped from the Ryder Cup team by the PGA executive committee. Doug Ford was named as his replacement to play against the British team.

Walter Burkemo, Dick Mayer, Lew Worsham and Chick Harbert, who also participated in the Cincy pro-am, weren't penalized because they hadn't won any co-sponsored tourneys in the previous 12 months.

Both Snead and Bolt have the right to appeal the PGA ruling to the committee on appeals when the organization's annual meeting is held in Hollywood-by-the-Sea, Fla. in November.

Supt. Should Be Where He Can Hear the Members

One of the most valuable tips for the course supt. that has been voiced in a long time comes from Harry W. Easterly, Jr., Virginia State GA official, who spoke at a recent Virginia Turfgrass conference.

Easterly said: "The supt. should periodically subject himself to criticism by staying near the first tee on Saturday morning or at some other time when play is heavy. It will keep him from becoming a mystery man. He can listen to suggestions and complaints and accept or answer them. His contact with the membership can have a great effect in selling the program of the green committee which often is his own."

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