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Dear Steve: *Henry*

As you are well aware, the Fairway Club has been in existence for well over half a century and it has provided its members with some pleasant and thrilling days on the golf course and in the club house. Over the years the club has had a fine reputation among the better clubs in the Delaware Valley area for the quality of its membership, their etiquette on the golf course and of course the gentlemanly atmosphere that surrounds all the Fairway Club activities. I know that you, as well as myself, want to continue this tradition.

However, I'd like to bring to your attention some situations that are occurring that you may not be aware of that are definitely not in keeping with the high standards that the club has maintained over the years. Specifically I'm referring to the selfishness of two members who have little regard for their fellow members or members of the host club. These two members are Ted Jenkins and Julius Iacocca. These men take an excessively long time to play a shot on the golf course, are very rarely if ever ready to play when its their turn and do a multitude of other things that do nothing more than delay the game for their playing partners as well as anyone who is behind them. I have had the unfortunate duty of playing with both of these gentlemen quite a few times over the past few years and in each instance I have suffered greatly. My feeling is that the attitude of these two gentlemen is such that they should be corrected or asked to resign from the club. If you care for any specifics I would be delighted to discuss the matter with you.

Another area I feel should be looked into is that of the secretary arranging the partners for the various matches. This always seems to be the one growl that the secretary has. I would like to make a suggestion and a change in the by-laws in this regard. I would like to recommend that the secretary line up the matches on a draw basis. That is, as the members arrive at the club the day of the outing, they draw a number from a hat. The first four numbers (1 to 4) would be in the first foursome, etc. Also the manner in which the members arrive at the club should dictate the time they would tee off. This way the secretary would not be encumbered with the unpleasant chore of making up matches. A simple draw during lunch would solve the whole thing giving priority to those who arrived earlier. I'm certain the secretary would welcome relief from that difficult job.

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In regard to admitting members, I haven't had time to review the by-laws, but I only can wonder why we have gotten away from letter writing in regard to new members being admitted to the club. I have seen far too many gentlemen come and go in the last several years. I believe a lot of them have gone simply because of the initial problem (slow play) that I mentioned in this correspondence. Years ago, and I've been around this outfit for 20 years, the membership was rather constant with an occasional new member joining forces as older members retired or died. But any more it's more like a revolving door. I think that the membership requirements should be stiffened so that more quality people are admitted, who will stay with the club for an extended period of time.

Furthermore, I feel that admittance of members from distances far from the Philadelphia area is not in keeping with the concept of the Fairway Club. I'm speaking specifically in regard to people from Harrisburg. It's very nice for them to come down and play in Philadelphia, however, I doubt that I'll see the day that members of the Fairway Club will travel to Harrisburg to play there. With that in mind, I see absolutely no reason why we should admit members from any distance too far from the immediate Philadelphia area. In fact, I feel there are a few too many members from the Allentown/Bethlehem section.

In closing, I would like to see the old policies adhered to and more stringent application of the rules and regulations not only of the Fairway Club but of the rules of golf. It's very difficult to be a gentleman when you're playing under such adverse conditions.

Let's get back to the true spirit of the Fairway Club.



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