

extended several feet into the fairway. In case a green is already too large, the same results can easily be obtained by moving the cutting line inward. And this also applies to the edges of traps as well as the edges of greens.

In brief, why can not one line be established for cutting, and then back of that a line established to which the work will be carried on, so that the turf on both sides of this mow line dividing the fairway from the green will be free from defects against a well-played ball? The smooth, close, clean putting turf of the green would then have a frame or setting, which would make a good finish for the labor expended on the green. Such an area once established back from the line of the green will mean weed seeds farther removed and less expense for maintenance and will at the same time be more fair to the player.

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#### Some U. S. Golf Association Decisions on the Rules of Golf

**QUESTION.**—If a player in a hazard is by actual measurement closer to the flag than his opponent, who is on the green, who should play first? The definition of a putting green is "all ground within twenty yards of the flag, except hazards." In my opinion even though a person is nearer the flag, if he is in a hazard, he is deemed not to be on the green at all and should play first.

**ANSWER.**—Whichever ball is farther from the flag must be played first, regardless of whether that ball lies in a hazard or not. See Rule 7.

**QUESTION.**—Is it at any time permissible to tee a ball one or two clubs' lengths in front of the markers? During a recent pro tournament one player teed his ball two clubs' length in front of the markers on several tees. It so happened that on several tees the markers were so far back that a player could not obtain a full swing owing to obstacles in the rear of him. On the first tee, for instance, an iron rail was only about 1½ clubs' lengths in the rear of the markers. The players were sent out in pairs together with a referee. The player above referred to declared he was allowed to tee in front of the markers, and the referee permitted him to do so. This information, however, was not conveyed to the other contestants.

**ANSWER.**—The markers placed on the teeing ground designate the limits of the course to be played. A player has no right to tee his ball in front of the disks. In medal play, the ball must be re-teed and played over again with a penalty stroke. In match play, the opponent has the option of recalling the drive if he so wishes. It is the duty of the local committee to see that the disks are so placed that ample room will be allowed for a free swing. No player has a right to tee a ball in front of a disk in medal play without having the penalty imposed as described above, otherwise he will be disqualified.