



# GARY GALYEAN'S GOLF LETTER

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Dear Subscriber:

LIKE AN UNDAUNTED professor, Brookline closed the door on the noise and distraction of fighting professional golf tours and administered an intense examination to identify and rank the best players in the world. Accuracy and control were restored as test criteria.

The mad slap fight between the PGA Tour and LIV Golf that dominated golf news pre-U.S. Open resulted from the convergence of significant historical events. Events not revealed as surprises but rather the logical result of flawed decisions staked along golf's path during the past century – decisions made in New York City offices, at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, conference rooms in Florida, and the Ghawar oil field in the Empty Quarter Desert of Saudi Arabia. They are disheartening but, in hindsight, didactic:

• 1916 – Francis Ouimet, the first amateur and second American to win the U.S. Open (1913, Brookline), was stripped of his amateur status by the United States Golf Association (USGA) because he was making money (selling sporting goods) in a business connected with golf. The unpopular decision was quietly reversed after World War I.

• 1968 – A new Tournament Players Division split away from the PGA of America, hired Joe Dey as its first commissioner, and eventually changed its name to the PGA Tour.

• 1995 – Reg Murphy, USGA president, elected to escort the association through its centennial year, was thwarted by past USGA presidents when attempting to

raise an American Express banner at the celebratory black tie banquet in the Temple of Dendur. Going forward, he was successful in supporting the candidacies of future USGA presidents who oversaw the USGA's greater commercialization.

• 2022 – LIV Golf, backed by the sovereign wealth fund of Saudi Arabia, unveiled their plans for a \$255

million, eight-tournament series in 2022 – each event to be played at 54 holes [which is the significance of the Roman numeral LIV as their series name] by a 48 player field on three different continents, shotgun start, no cut. Hundreds of millions of dollars are offered to top players as appearance money.

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These four striking events—coupled with the meteoric rise of television which provided a vast source of revenue to fund whatever decisions the professional tours and ruling bodies made—led directly to the demise of golf as most amateurs play it and the rising of influence money has in all areas of the game.

The fear of bifurcating the amateur game from the professional game has already taken place in all areas except golf equipment i.e. implements and ball.

Many, not all, of the people making the decisions and creating the tour's regulations are, or have been, people who are very good at striking golf balls and accepting money for doing so. They are money-motivated players and executives who can be sometimes petulant in reaching one-sided decisions that inure to their financial benefit with little reflection on the source and legacy of the game. That is the business.

Please remember, as you read these columns that this is simply about money. As Jason Gay wrote in the

June 14 *Wall Street Journal*, “As always, it comes down to money—especially when they say it isn’t about the money ... The payouts here are absurd, and these guys have jets to redecorate like anyone else.”

NOTE: After Jack Nicklaus rejected LIV’s \$100 million offer to become the series’ CEO, Greg Norman accepted the position. Never one to eschew the limelight, (posing nude in *ESPN’s Body Issue*, June 2018; and three years later his Instagram posts), Mr. Norman later suggested to the press that he would like to compete in the Open at St. Andrews next month but would not enter qualification rounds. His exemption as a past champion having run out, the R&A reiterated their exemption criteria, which stipulate “a champion must be aged 60 or under or have won the championship in the previous 10 years ...”. Mr. Norman’s name was never mentioned.

Both LIV Golf CEO Norman and PGA Tour Commissioner Jay Monahan have overplayed their respective hands in the struggle to control their members and their public images. Business and ethical issues have arisen in each group’s behavior. At the top of the pyramid of reason in this fight, three points must be made:

1) Professional golfers play golf for money. To criticize them for doing that would be like criticizing Jimmy Dean for selling sausage;

2) Behaving like a tough-talking monopolist, Comm. Monahan drew unnecessary attention to what is at best a C- tour being broadcast on *YouTube* with less than compelling results. All his complaining and suspending has unnecessarily increased everyone’s attention to LIV Golf.

3) Censorship always boomerangs unless the KGB is running things.

While it is the PGA Tour’s concern for LIV’s poaching its members and, therefore, its television audience (think money), it is the pretension of the PGA Tour’s ethical superiority—its righteousness as compared to Saudi Arabian interests—extended by a kowtowing press with sometimes compromised interests, that has added the greatest weight to the tour’s public support. On the LIV side, they argue their rights to access of free trade, player autonomy, and an open market (rights unavailable in their own country) in order to solicit the best players in the world. None of this gives either side justification for hypocritical censorship of those who do not share their public relations objectives ... their DTI, as a friend from Tarboro, N.C. puts it, that is their *Down Town Image*.

## The Ethics

### Righteousness Indignation and Thuggish Censorship

Self, or assigned, righteousness and thuggish censorship are the harbors of monopolists and manipulators. Whether it is steel, railroads, oil, or social media, this has been the case since Adam blamed everything on Eve, and Eve blamed everything on the snake. Both the PGA Tour and LIV have lived up to such behavior. When they accuse each other, or others do so on their behalf, we are suppose to nod and agree without looking into it.

• **Premise:** The PGA Tour is a well-respected mostly philanthropic group without association to human rights violations, madrassa schools that channel terrorist activity, and terrorist activity itself, such as the Saudis support.

**Reply:** Four years ago the PGA Tour, named in this instance the PGA Tour Series–China, entered into a 20 year agreement with Beijing-based Shankai Sports. Just three years before, the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) threatened expulsion of any of its members joining golf clubs. Shortly thereafter, the party’s view changed in order to attract international prestige.

“Today, under the dictatorial rule of Xi Jinping – a neo-Maoist thug – the PGA Tour and the LPGA Tour include annual treks to Shanghai, China, for the WGC-HSBC Champions and Buick LPGA Shanghai,” Jeff Smith wrote in *Pro Golf Weekly*. He added that last year China was accused officially by the United States in “forced assimilation and eventual erasure of a vulnerable ethnic and religious minority group”.

The PGA Tour holds tax-exempt status from the U.S. Internal Revenue Service but—according to Tom Anderson, director of the National Legal and Policy Center’s Government Integrity Project, as cited in an article by Michael Graham for *InsideSources*—the tour did not disclose any transactions involving China.

“The PGA Tour established a separate entity, based in Beijing,” countered PGA Tour spokesman, Laury Livsey. “... the activity of a subsidiary would not be reported ... it is not a requirement that organizations identify or disclose ancillary contracts or deals.”

As a highly respected Rules of Golf instructor observed years ago, when approaching sticky Rules situations, a player should always avoid the appearance of evil.

Mr. Graham concluded, “It is clear the PGA Tour has tried to minimize, if not outright conceal, their business relationship with China for years, and judging by their recent statement, they continue to downplay their close ties with the CCP. It is time for the non-profit, tax-exempt Tour to fully disclose the extent of their business dealings with China. If they refuse, the IRS and federal regulators must investigate to see if the Tour’s actions violate federal law.”

In light of the above, we ask again what Comm. Monahan rhetorically asked his members during a June 12 CBS interview with Jim Nantz: “Have you ever had to apologize for being a member of the PGA Tour?”

• **Premise:** The PGA Tour should resist the creation of a rival tour that could siphon their members away.

**Reply:** The PGA Tour was created when the Tour Players Division split away from the PGA of America in 1968.

• **Premise:** The LIV series speaks with one voice, speaks openly, and demands the same from those who press the question of their association with terrorists and human rights criminals.

**Reply:** Just when things were tilting a little toward LIV’s free market and free speech rights, Mr. Norman could not resist a move that would have made propagandist and censorship impresario Joseph Goebbels proud.

On June 9, a semi-bearded Mr. Mickelson, looking like a lost Bedouin – and Bedouins do not get lost – appeared at a pre-event news conference at LIV’s first tournament. His biographer, Alan Shipnuck, who revealed excerpts of his biography *Phil* that quoted Mr. Mickelson’s low opinion of the Saudis and his attempt to leverage



the PGA Tour and for which Mr. Mickelson has been roundly denounced, attempted to attend the press conference. Moments later, at 11:35 a.m., Mr. Shipnuck

tweeted from @AlanShipnuck:

*Well a couple of neckless security dudes just physically removed me from Phil Mickelson’s press conference, saying they were acting on orders from their boss, whom they refused to name. (Greg Norman? MBS? Al Capone?) Never a dull moment up in here.*

Eight minutes later, Mr. Shipnuck texted Mr. Norman:

*Are you aware that I just got muscled out of Phil’s press conference by a couple of your goons? Luckily for you guys I kept my cool and de-escalated the situation. Please call me to discuss.*



Seven minutes later, Mr. Norman answered Mr. Shipnuck with a text of his own:

*Did not hear. Thanks for letting me know.*

About six minutes later it was revealed, in a tweeted photo (above), that Mr. Norman was actually standing behind Mr. Shipnuck watching Mr. Shipnuck’s ejection unfold – staring blankly like someone in a *before picture* from a New-Teeth-in-One-Day Implant commercial.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reply:** In Early June, *SI.com/Morning Read* reported that Darren Clarke, 53, told them that he turned down a lucrative, three-year offer as a color commentator on broadcasts for LIV Golf because of threatened sanctions by the PGA Tour. Miller Brady, the president of PGA Tour Champions, phoned Mr. Clarke on May 31 to say that Mr. Clarke’s involvement with LIV would, in the article’s words, be a breach of regulations and would be subject to disciplinary actions.

“I really enjoy my time on the Champions tour and didn’t want to jeopardize it,” Mr. Clarke was quoted. “It was (*sic*) very, very generous offer. It was tempting, because the offer was so good. If I said yes, I’d almost be ready to retire from professional golf.”

• **Premise:** 9/11 FAMILIES UNITED extended the most serious criticism in this avaricious debate. On June 11, Terry Strada, the organization's national chair and a mother of three whose husband was on the 104<sup>th</sup> floor of the north tower of the World Trade Center during the attacks, issued this statement to the American LIV players:

*As a freedom-loving American, I am grateful to have the freedom of choice where I work and who I work for, and I respect your right as well. As a 9/11 widow, I feel compelled to help you understand the level of depravity the Kingdom engaged in when it knowingly sent government agents here to establish the support network needed for those hijackers.*

*As you may know, Osama bin Laden and 15 of the 19 September 11 hijackers were Saudis. It was the Saudis who cultivated and spread the evil, hate-filled Islamist ideology that inspired the violent jihadists to carry out the deadly 9/11 attacks. And, most egregiously, it is the Kingdom that has spent 20 years in denial: lying about their activities, and cowardly dodging the responsibility they bear. Yet these are your partners, and much to our disappointment, you appear pleased to be in business with them.*

*Given Saudi Arabia's role in the death of our loved ones and those injured on 9/11—your fellow Americans—we are angered that you are so willing to help the Saudis cover up this history in their request for 'respectability.' When you partner with the Saudis, you become complicit with their whitewash, and help give them the reputational cover they so desperately crave—and are willing to pay handsomely to manufacture. The Saudis do not care about the deep-rooted sportsmanship of golf or its origins as a gentleman's game built upon core values of mutual respect and personal integrity. They care about using professional golf to whitewash their reputation, and they are paying you to help them do it.*

**Reply:** True.

### **The Business Accumulating Money**

Soon after LIV's offering of extravagant appearance fees and greater per-event prize money, it became obvious that the PGA Tour, from which the top players (tour members) were being solicited, would not release their members to compete on what the tour saw as a competing tour. At odds with the PGA Tour for various media and money reasons, Mr. Mickelson began his negotiation journey in February. It ended with his being the last player to join the LIV field for their first event in June. His appearance fee was rumored to be \$200 million.

In February, Rory McIlroy characterized Mr. Mickelson's comments about the PGA Tour and LIV as quoted in Mr. Shipnuck's forthcoming Mickelson biography as "naive, selfish, egotistical, ignorant".

After contemplating that the best players all said they would not leave the PGA Tour, Mr. McIlroy commented "Who's left to go? I mean, there's no one. [LIV is] dead in the water in my opinion."

On May 31, it is revealed that Dustin Johnson, ranked 13<sup>th</sup> in the world, in a reversal of his earlier decision to stay with the PGA Tour, will join the LIV Golf series for a rumored \$125 million appearance fee. He becomes their top player. Others in the final field include Sergio Garcia, Martin Kaymer, Graeme McDowell, Louis Oosthuizen, Ian Poulter, Charl Schwartzel, and Lee Westwood.

With so mundane a field, Comm. Monahan still could not let it go, could not underplay LIV's importance until it simply fades away. On June 9, as LIV's first event got underway near London, Comm. Monahan sent a letter to his PGA Tour members announcing the suspension – for an undisclosed period of time – of the 17 members competing in the LIV event. Nine of the 17 players resigned their membership on the PGA Tour. Mr. Mickelson did not resign his lifetime membership status. It is speculated that Mr. Mickelson's staying, although suspended, is designed to leave the door open for future legal action against the PGA Tour.

Comm. Monahan accused the suspended and resigned players as having "decided to turn their backs on the PGA Tour by willfully violating a regulation". He also wrote that he was certain that PGA Tour fans and partners "are surely tired of all this talk of money, money and more money". (Obfuscation alert!) When Patrick Cantlay won \$15 million at last fall's Tour Championship the commissioner was very happy to talk about it.

The behavior and rationalizing are much the same on both sides. The major difference is that the Saudis have a threateningly deep well (so to speak/write) from which to draw their funding.

### **The Abandonment of Amateur Golf Francis Ouimet, Junior Johnson, and John Ball**

For nearly a century the Ruling Bodies have followed the allure of public attention, and the revenues it brings, to the general demise of the amateur game. That is a strong and unpopular statement to make.

The amateur game led the way from the late 19<sup>th</sup> century until the mid 20<sup>th</sup> century. It was the amateur players who founded the clubs, formed associations, held

the championships, and took a generally effete social position. Amateurs were very good at these things. Professionals were employees hired to teach, design courses, make clubs, supervise caddies, and attend to greenkeeping. They were not allowed in clubhouses and not allowed to smoke on a golf course without permission.

While it was John McDermott who was the first American to win the U.S. Open – he did so consecutively (1911 & 1912), and remains the youngest (19) winner – it is Francis Ouimet (1913, Brookline) who is best remembered and venerated, even by the USGA, because he was the first *amateur* to win.

Amateur status rules were severe. In 1916, the USGA stripped Mr. Ouimet of his amateur status for accepting money by selling sporting goods, which included some golf paraphernalia. The decision was widely criticized and Mr. Ouimet's amateur standing was quietly reinstated.

More than a decade of expansion, stunning course design and construction, and amateur competition came to a climax when Bobby Jones won the Amateur, the U.S. Amateur, the Open, and the U.S. Open all in one season.

Mr. Jones retired at age 28. He was perhaps the most famous sportsman in the world. He appeared in instruction films, designed equipment, and would lead the efforts to build a golf club in Augusta and host an invitational competition presumptuously known as the Masters Tournament. The name was not his idea.

Amateurs and professionals were invited to compete. A bit later, television swept the nation and the Masters administrators, as well as those at the USGA and the PGA of America, knew a good thing when they saw it. The R&A would catch on a bit later. Television revenue led to bigger purses, which led to fast cars and faster airplanes, which led to private airplanes, which led to design fees, appearances fees, endorsement fees, ... all the way to \$80 million homes on the coast of Florida, and \$200 million appearance fees from the Saudis.

Along this way, amateur golf got lost, overwhelmed perhaps, and amateur status rules weakened. Mr. Murphy's attempt to raise a commercial banner at the Temple of Dendur dinner (1995, Metropolitan Museum) was a green flag. Greater commercialization was in the cards

at the USGA directed by Presidents Fred Ridley, Walter Driver, and Jim Hyler. The amateur status code was carried along in the wake. Current USGA amateur status guidance states:

*The Rules do not restrict an amateur golfer from entering into a contract or agreement and receiving financial compensation from that contract or agreement while an amateur golfer ... An amateur golfer may accept payment or compensation, including expenses, for using or allowing the use of their name, image or likeness to promote or sell a product or service ...*

Some of this is due to local governments allowing college athletes to cash in on what colleges were keeping for themselves, which have been detailed in our past issues. However, it is a deep bow to the idolatry of money.

Even at The R&A – the administrative side, not the Club – the following language seeped into a recent announcement about a future

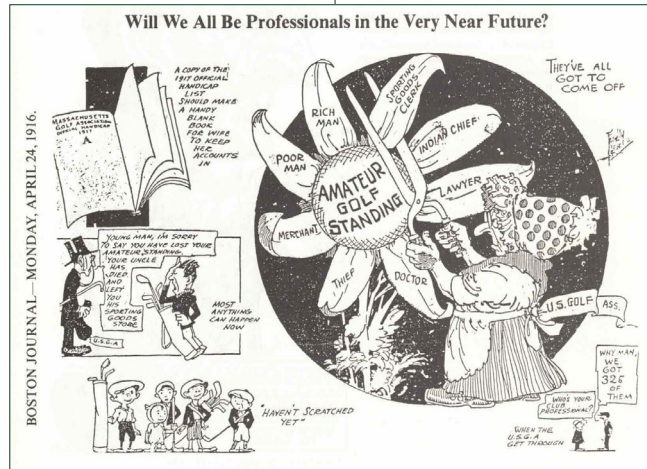
Amateur Championship site in Ireland:

*For the first time, the Irish links of Ballyliffin in County Donegal, which staged the 2018 Dubai Duty Free Irish Open, will then host the Amateur in 2024.*

A most hideous irony in all of this is that the medal for being the number one player in the World Amateur Golf Ranking is named for Mark H. McCormack, the Ohioan who invented sports management, the amateur and professional world ranking systems, and who taught The R&A how to get the most bang for their buck, or the most bucks for their bang.

None of what you have just read should come as a surprise in light of what has taken place during the past century. What did we think would happen? Recounting what Mr. Gay wrote, "As always, it comes down to money—especially when they say it isn't about the money."

How the official world ranking mechanism may or may not consider the LIV Golf series in making their calculations will be of interest. How can 54-hole performances be compared to 72-hole performances? This will impact Ryder Cup and Presidents Cup team selections, which, if LIV players who are also top performing players generally, are excluded will affect television revenues.



WHILE IT SEEMED at times that Matthew Fitzpatrick played much better than Will Zalatoris and Scottie Scheffler, in the end it came down to the last stroke on the last putting green. The in nine played a bit harder than the out, but there were no great collapses or runaways. Brookline exacted stunning performances from each of these three players, and the audience was pleasantly distracted by a national championship without trickery, bad behavior, or disappointment. Some make the point that the old U.S. Open venues have to be *rigged* in order to deal with modern equipment and advanced player preparation. At Brookline they say the fescue was too penal, too close to the greens, the rough too long at the bunker edges, and the fairways too narrow. However, if we want to see the championship played on the old courses – and everyone enjoys that – these are the preparations that must be made for the U.S. Open. They may be more exaggerated now, but that is a defensive response to club and ball improvements that could not have been foreseen 50 years ago. It is the price we pay and when the preparation is skillfully accomplished it is acceptable—preferable to playing long, boring, ill-prepared courses like Erin Hills.



## US OPEN

The proof was in Brookline's pudding.

Bernard Darwin, golf's most accomplished writer and the marker for 1913 U.S. Open playoff when Francis Ouimet won, wrote this after the championship ended:

*No golf course could have had more cruel and pitiless weather to withstand, but Brookline came out of its ordeal with flying colors. It has not the glamor of the sea about it, that belongs to the National Links, nor perhaps quite the same superlative difficult holes; but it supplies a fair and searching test of golf, demanding the greatest accuracy with all clubs, and a more delightfully pretty spot in which to play golf, no one could desire.*

Collin Morikawa, the current Open Champion who finished tied for fifth place at Brookline, commented, "There's only been a handful of courses where I really step foot on property, and you see it for a short period of time, and then you think you're going to love it, and this was one of them. It's a good golf course."

It was not the first time Mr. Fitzpatrick had been to Brookline. In 2013, at the age of 18, he became the first Englishman since 1911 to win the U.S. Amateur. With his U.S. Open victory he joined Jack Nicklaus as the only two players to win the National Amateur and the

National Open on the same course. Mr. Fitzpatrick, during his amateur years, also became the first player since Bobby Jones to simultaneously hold low-amateur honors from the Open Championship (2013) and the U.S. Open Championship (2014).

The four days of pure competition uninterrupted by thuggery and self-righteous chatter was a needed change. Whatever criticism may be leveled at the 122<sup>nd</sup> U.S. Open, it cannot accurately include boredom. This was an extraction of excellence for several bold players who performed impressively under tremendous pressure and a grueling set-up. Exactly what the U.S. Open is meant to be.

As it came to a close on the final green, a fraction of an inch was the only difference between a playoff and a win. "It stings, obviously," said Mr. Zalatoris

who barely missed provoking a playoff, "to have three runner-ups so far in my career in [nine] majors, but I'll keep knocking on that door. We're obviously doing the right things. I'd pay a lot of money for about an inch and a half, and I'd probably be a three-time major champion at this point." Later he commented that Brookline was the hardest he ever played.

Ultimately, it came down to Mr. Fitzpatrick's superb 155-yard bunker shot into the final green. A few inches to the right and his line would have been blocked by an island of grass inside the bunker. He played a high cut that cleared the lip and finished 20 feet from the hole. "I thought even going for it was going to be ballsy," Mr. Zalatoris reflected. "It's probably 1 in 20, at best, to pull it off." Both players made par and Mr. Fitzpatrick won by one stroke – one of two gained at the 15<sup>th</sup>.

As the final pair came down the 18<sup>th</sup> fairway, across the public crosswalk, and the spectators were allowed to gather behind the players, there was a moment of excitement and a touch of concern.

"It felt like [my caddie] Billy [Foster] and me (*sic*) were going to get stampeded," said Mr. Fitzpatrick, "but we didn't. We're fine. I love that. I love when the crowd is excited and loud. It's what makes it more exciting. I love football, and I love the atmosphere in that. I know golf's different, and it's got to be all nice and calm and everything, but sometimes it's good to be a bit different."

Mr. Fitzpatrick's caddie, Mr. Foster, has worked 30 years as a caddie for notable players including Seve Ballesteros, Darren Clarke, Thomas Bjorn and Lee Westwood. Through all those years, he never worked for

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**Thursday Morning  
LADBROKE Odds**

McIlroy	10-1
Thomas	12-1
Rahm	14-1
Scheffler	14-1
C. Smith	20-1
Schauffele	20-1

**Friday Morning  
LADBROKE Odds**

McIlroy	-3	9-2
Thomas	-1	10-1
Rahm	-1	11-1
Fitzpatrick	-2	11-1
Morikawa	-1	16-1
Scheffler E		16-1

**Saturday Morning  
LADBROKE Odds**

McIlroy	-4	4-1
Morikawa	-5	9-2
Rahm	-4	9-2
Scheffler	-3	7-1
Wise	-4	16-1
Fitzpatrick	-2	20-1

**Sunday Morning  
LADBROKE Odds**

Fitzpatrick	-4	10-3
Zalatoris	-4	7-2
Rahm	-3	4-1
Scheffler	-2	6-1
McIlroy	-1	10-1
Bradley	-2	14-1

**Saturday Back Nine**

FITZPATRICK ZALATORIS SCHEFFLER

10 <sup>th</sup>	5	4	4
11 <sup>th</sup>	3	3	5
12 <sup>th</sup>	4	4	5
13 <sup>th</sup>	4	4	5
14 <sup>th</sup>	4	5	6
15 <sup>th</sup>	3	3	4
16 <sup>th</sup>	3	3	3
17 <sup>th</sup>	3	4	3
18 <sup>th</sup>	5	4	4
	34	34	39



**Sunday Back Nine**

FITZPATRICK ZALATORIS SCHEFFLER

10 <sup>th</sup>	5	4	5
11 <sup>th</sup>	4	2	4
12 <sup>th</sup>	4	5	4
13 <sup>th</sup>	3	4	4
14 <sup>th</sup>	5	5	5
15 <sup>th</sup>	3	5	4
16 <sup>th</sup>	3	2	3
17 <sup>th</sup>	4	4	3
18 <sup>th</sup>	4	4	4
	35	35	36

**8 a.m. Thursday**

66° partly cloudy  
S Wind 7 m.p.h.  
72% Humidity  
No rain last 24 hours  
No rain expected

**8 a.m. Friday**

70° mostly cloudy  
SW Wind 14 m.p.h.  
76% Humidity  
.5" rain last 6 hours  
.5 expected next 24 hours

**2 p.m. Saturday**

68° partly cloudy  
Wind 17 m.p.h. NW  
43% Humidity  
No rain last 24 hours  
.1" rain expected

**2 p.m. Sunday**

61° partly cloudy  
Wind 11 m.p.h. NW  
49% Humidity  
No rain expected  
.35 last 24 hours

**Par 3s  
ALL ROUNDS**

	2 <sup>nd</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup>	16 <sup>th</sup>	TOTAL
Fitzpatrick	+1	+1	+3	E	+5
Zalatoris	E	-1	-1	E	-2
Scheffler	E	E	+3	-1	+2

**Par 5s  
ALL ROUNDS**

	8 <sup>th</sup>	14 <sup>th</sup>	TOTAL
Fitzpatrick	-4	-2	-6
Zalatoris	-1	E	-1
Scheffler	-4	-1	-5

**2022 U.S. Open Championship Top Three Finishers' Statistics**

72 HOLES

	EAGLES	BIRDIES	BOGEYS	DOUBLE BOGEYS+	FAIRWAYS HIT	GREENS IN REG.	SAND SAVES	PUTTS PER HOLE
Fitzpatrick	0	19	13	0	70% <sup>5</sup>	72% <sup>1</sup>	43% <sup>T45</sup>	1.69 <sup>T50</sup>
Zalatoris	0	17	12	0	55% <sup>T29</sup>	65% <sup>T11</sup>	50% <sup>T36</sup>	1.57 <sup>T5</sup>
Scheffler	2	14	11	1	68% <sup>T6</sup>	65% <sup>T11</sup>	60% <sup>T23</sup>	1.54 <sup>T2</sup>

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the right player at the right moment until last Sunday. Mr. Foster broke down in tears the moment after it happened. Caddie and champion were both ecstatic.

We needed a strong, uncluttered competition like the one Brookline gave us to remember that golf is not petulant players and bloated purses. Half the U.S. Open field was comprised of qualifiers. There was a high school student, college students, and the world's number one player, and those just finding their way on the Korn Ferry Tour. The *total* age of the three top finishers is five years less than Mr. Nicklaus' 82 years.

The 122<sup>nd</sup> U.S. Open was the seventeenth USGA championship to be held at Brookline. The U.S. Amateur has been played there six times; the Women's Amateur three times; the Walker Cup twice; the U.S. Junior Amateur and Girls' Junior each once; and now four U.S. Opens. Thirty-seven years ago, Brookline was the first major championship course to be restored. Rees Jones did that work for the 1988 U.S. Open.

For nearly a decade the anticipation, preparation, and expense for the return to Brookline was sometimes the cause for head shaking and doubt from outsiders and insiders. All the effort turned out to be worth the effort. We were treated to a memorable, intriguing, nail-biting, and fulfilling National Open. It was very welcome.



NOTE: Of the eight LIV Golf players suspended by the PGA Tour who competed at Brookline, five missed the cut. Of the three who played 72 holes, the highest finisher was former U.S. Open Champion Dustin Johnson who tied for 24<sup>th</sup> place. Patrick Reed tied at 49<sup>th</sup>, Bryson DeChambeau tied at 56<sup>th</sup>, and Brooks Koepka, who just joined LIV, finished 55<sup>th</sup>.



For J.W.M. and G.J.N.:

*"Those are my principles, and if you don't like them  
... well I have others."*

Groucho Marx



### **The Forthcoming 150<sup>th</sup> Open Record-Breaking Attendance Anticipated**

Next month's Open Championship will be the most attended in the championship's history. According to The R&A, 290,000 spectators will attend at the Old Course from July 10-17. The previous high mark for attendance at the Open when played at St. Andrews came in 2000 when 239,000 watched Tiger Woods win for the first of his three Open victories (2000, 2005, 2006).

It is anticipated that £200 million in total economic benefit will be generated for Scotland.

### **Nicklaus to be Honorary Citizen of St. Andrews The Third American to be So Honored**

Jack Nicklaus will be granted honorary citizenship of the Royal Burgh of St. Andrews at a ceremony the week of the 150<sup>th</sup> Open. The honor is sometimes referred to as the Freedom of the Burgh or Freedom of St. Andrews.

Benjamin Franklin (1759) and Bobby Jones (1958) are the only Americans to have previously received this honor. The awarding of citizenship will be part of a larger ceremony at Younger Hall at 1 p.m. Tuesday, July 12.

Yours vry truly



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