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Lopez, claims, "The same long hitting lineup is hitting it long at the US Open too but it's not just the length that's causing the higher scores. It's the super fast greens and tight fairways with considerable rough that makes it very difficult for any player to reach the green in regulations once in deep rough's grasp.?"

At the Player's Championship, we watched the best PGA touring professionals in the business agonize over a par three of only 123 yards. You have to question what made the Masters committee decide that only a 240-yard par three could tame today's long hitting bullies?

Bobby Lopez says, "Tighten up the golf course I say, don't lengthen it. Add a vicious intimidating rough that would make even the longest hitters reach for their 1 iron or a three wood to not risk hitting their drive in the rough and lose a stroke, (or maybe even your ball) to a deep club swallowing hazard.?"

This adjustment Not only would have the scores go up but at the same time you would bring more players into contention and in Bobby's estimation bring out the best ball strikers not just the long knockers.

You can think of it like NASCAR. Doesn't this sport do the same thing? Look at how successful NASCAR is! They control the speed of the cars so that more competitors are bunched up at the finish to create a more exciting race.

Maybe the powers to be at The Masters, with all their glory, high income power brokers, members of the powerful business clicks, don't have as much sense as a bunch of rednecks with a beer in their hand watching a Chevy go around in a circle. Could it be true? The numbers don't lie NASCAR has the largest audience in the sports business and golf is losing popularity and participation.

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