

The President of the P. G. A.

Dear Sir:

The schedule prepared by Ed Dudley took me over the Delaware River bridge into South Jersey for two investigations. The first visit was to the Tavistock Country Club at the request of P.G.A. member Jack Hiner, who accompanied me around the course together with E.C. Ridgeway, manager of the club, and Paul Cannarota, the greenkeeper. Hiner informed me that my afternoon call at the Woodcrest Country Club would probably be futile as Bruce Coltart had survived to the finals of the Foursomes for the Philadelphia championship and consequently would necessarily be away from his club and unable to keep his appointment with me. Consequently I was able to stay until after 2 o'clock on the Tavistock course, where they required an unusual amount of advice.

A number of useless pits were recommended to be removed but particularly bad were the formal mounds and slopes, which framed in most of the greens. All of these were noted by Mr. Ridgeway. My chief service consisted in finding a new teeing ground for the ninth hole, in an entirely different location, dog-legging the hole and at little cost developing one of the finest two-shot holes to be found anywhere. I also gave them a new arrangement of the twelfth hole. Altogether our assistance at Tavistock was considerable.

I resolved to drive the few miles to Woodcrest for Hiner told me that probably the club's manager would go over matters with me in the absence of Coltart. However when I arrived at Woodcrest I was told that the manager, Mr. Goldthorpe, had been away all day to see Coltart play at In In Temple, and absolutely no word had been left for me. Although this seemed strange in view of the fact that Bruce Coltart had requested the visit through Dudley, I made no comments and briefly surveyed the course, which was laid over an unusually fine tract of Golf land. Obviously it was not in the best of condition but some of the holes were extremely good, notably the first nine. The finishing holes were not nearly in the class with the early ones and I inferred it was concerning the improvement of these that Coltart desired to confer had he not been absent. There were in evidence some misplaced pits of the "Duffer's headache" type, notably across the line of the drive to the fifth.

Very truly yours

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