

Philadelphia, September 19th, 1935

President of the P.G.A.

Dear Sir:

Three investigations were made today as scheduled by Ed Dudley, president of this section.

The first was at the Biederwood Golf Course at the request of P.G.A. member James D'Angelo. There I was met by D'Angelo, Harry V. Betz (Club manager) and greenkeeper Tony Mignon. They have one specific question to ask me. It concerned the tenth green, where the turf was poor. I determined that the condition was caused by non-ventilation (the green being in a pocket of woods) and by seepage from a large area of sloping woodland. As this would prove expensive to correct (a deep French drain at the back being necessary to a depth of more than six feet) I advised the making of a new green on a natural site, elevated and close by. This will not only correct the faults but provide a much better hole.

From Noble, Pa. where Biederwood is located, I drove to the Old York Road Country Club at nearby Jonkintown, at the request of P.G.A. member Jock Campbell. With him and the greenkeeper, Joe Kelly, I made a special inspection of the ninth green and gave directions for its reconstruction, as they desired it to be done. I also advised them concerning the reconstruction of the eighteenth green, which they also contemplated;- and then another, the tenth.

The afternoon found me at Lu Lu Temple Country Club at North Hills, at the request of P.G.A. member Bob Aitken. I made a complete study of the course with him and the greenkeeper, Ted Roberts. After advising the elimination of a number of useless pits and mounds of such formality as to prove troublesome and expensive to keep in condition, I made a special study of the fifth hole, which may be greatly improved by a new green in such a natural location that it will be possible to construct it cheaply without disturbing play. Both men favored my suggestion immediately as well as several others at greens where misplaced pits, immediately back of the greens trapped long, accurate shots.

Very truly yours .

W. T. Mumhart

Before leaving Old York Road I was joined by the chairman of the green committee, Howard W. Scholey, who had several questions to ask and we enjoyed an interesting conference, which I hope will help their work of maintenance.