

Philadelphia, September 20th. 1935

President of the P.G.A.

Dear Sir:

Last evening, just after sending in my report for the day, I was telephoned by J. W. Goldthorp of the Woodcrest Country Club, L. New Jersey. He explained to me that he was terribly disappointed because the late of my visit had been misunderstood and as a consequence there was none to meet me at the club when I visited there on Wednesday last (as mentioned in my report of September 18th.) He then came in to see me at the Benjamin Franklin Hotel and we conferred for several hours, for inasmuch as I had examined parts of the course I was familiar with the terrain and general conditions. The club had particularly wanted my opinion of the possible location of a fourteenth teeing ground as this hole is the keystone of the entire development of the last five holes of the course. This seemed so important that I agreed to revisit Woodcrest today, after I have finished the two other regularly scheduled courses in South Jersey (Philadelphia District)

First, this morning I drove to Liverton N.J. at the request of P.G.A. member Walter P. Brickley, who is also Secretary of the Philadelphia District of the P.G.A. He and the greenkeeper, Russel Kearns, accompanied me around the course. In answer to their questions, I recommended the elimination of numerous pits of obsolete character and old fashioned mounds that were costly to keep up. Their particular problem concerned the rearrangement of the first and eighteenth holes. This I gave them to their satisfaction.

Next I drove to Merchantville, J... to the country club there at the request of P.G.A. member H. C. Wetzel. Accompanying me on the tour of inspection besides Wetzel was Clarence Linger of the Green Committee. I recommended the raising of the first green with tile drains to relieve the wet condition of the low-lying green. In reply to their request I rearranged two other greens and as usual the usual percentage of useless and costly traps to be eliminated.

Later in the afternoon I drove from Merchantville to Woodcrest where I was met by P.G.A. member Bruce Coltart and J.W. Goldthorp. I found the fourteenth teeing ground, which they anticipated building, entirely wrong and they saw my point immediately. This mistake would have cost the club considerable loss. Fortunately I was able to rearrange the plan (proposed) of the holes along other lines and the suggestion entirely remedied the trouble. (Correction; - Referring to my notes, I find that the teeing ground in question was the fifteenth, although a new fourteenth teeing ground was necessary to the scheme.) Undoubtedly they will retain local architect and constructor to work to my recommendations.

When I finish this Philadelphia trip to-morrow (Saturday) at Edudley's course, the Philadelphia Country Club at Bala, I will have given the service to ten clubs here, besides addressing another P.G.A. (making the fifth since starting)

Very truly yours

(A. H. Pillsbury)