

Ponca City, Oklahoma  
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President of the P.G.A.  
Dear Sir:

Another bitterly cold day for these parts. I arrived here from Bartlesville and immediately contacted P.G.A. member Bob Higgins, whose request for service brought me here. He is Secretary of the P.G.A. Oklahoma Section.

With him I visited his club, The Conoco Golf Club, together with the club's secretary and general manager, D.B. Camblin (and also another club official, Joe Greager. They wanted my opinion concerning the changing over from Cile-sanded greens to Bent turf. This question has been rather the bone of contention in their club's circle for some time. I went into the matter thoroughly, giving them probable costs for the building of proper turfed greens and the necessary costs of maintenance. I told them candidly, unless they were prepared to spend the necessary money to do the work thoroughly and well, it would be a disappointing and extravagant venture. Obviously the finances of the club were not sufficient for the purpose. Consequently I told them that it would be better to have very good sanded greens than poor turf,- a point that Higgins had made, as he told me later.

I then showed them by sketches how they could improve the formation (and placements) of hazards, and specifically advised them concerning two holes,- the third, where the slopes to the green in front needed gentle grading and turf; and the fifteenth, where I increased the length from the T from 273 yards to 40 yards more.

Erosion has cut their Bermuda fairway in certain places and I gave them advice concerning the correction of this. Before leaving them I was interviewed by the sporting editor of the paper, to whom I outlined the P.G.A. work.

I am leaving now to drive approximately a hundred miles to Oklahoma city, and early tomorrow morning I will start from there on the two days' drive to Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Very truly yours  
A. W. Tillinghast.

