

July 26, 1938.

Mr. L. Alan Passmore, Secretary,  
Philadelphia Country Club,  
Bala, Pa.

Dear Mr. Passmore,

The heavy rains during the past week followed by the exceptionally heavy rain on Saturday, have caused a condition at Spring Mill that gives us much concern. The eleventh green was completely covered by water and the fairway is so soft in spots that we cannot mow it with our tractor. We are, however, doing all we can to keep the grass from getting away from us. We are apparently faced with the same problem that Merion had and which resulted in their closing the East course last Spring.

Our problem is also faced by the other courses in the district. The Merion East course was closed on Sunday and is still closed. Huntingdon Valley is closed. Philadelphia Cricket Club has closed five holes until further notice. Whitmarsh had thirty acres under water on Sunday. It is too soon to estimate their loss but it may run to \$50,000.

Our putting greens offer another problem. Nearly all were rebuilt perhaps five years ago by Mr. Maxwell. There is practically no under drainage on these and also the contours are such that ponds form on them. On some of the greens these cover half the green. We are having a golf architect go over them and in the fall may have to rebuild some so that these ponds can drain off.

We are doing all we know to keep the course in shape with the present extraordinary weather conditions but much depends on what weather we have from now on. This report is made that you may be conversant with conditions and our problems and not to unduly alarm you. We have every hope that we will come out all right but the course will not be in its usual fine condition for a time and this is the situation faced by the rest of the golf clubs here.

Very truly,

MGC\*W

CHAIRMAN GOLF COMMITTEE.

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