Compromise in Green Building

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courses dull. These are the courses you don’t want to play and I am sure the reason that lengthening courses has been so publicized is because the shots to the greens and on the greens are too easy and uninteresting.

I have talked to many supts. in our area and they conclude that a small green today should be about 4,000 square feet, and under no circumstances should a green be over 8,000 square feet in area.

By taking into consideration the playing values, and using slopes, surface irregularities, contours and traps there should be sufficient area for changing cups, providing traffic flow and caring for all maintenance problems. If this were done it would create sufficient interest, require good shots, create long and short putting to keep golfers of all abilities happy and interested in that hole or that course.

This article is condensed from a speech made by Chuck Eckstein at the 1964 USGA green section meeting in New York.

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A vigorous, open, medium textured zoysia has been released by Purdue University. W. H. Daniel, research director, has selected Midwest zoysia as a preferred type, resulting from a ten-year selection program. It is proposed for use on athletic fields, fairways, rotary mowed lawns in areas where zoysia is favored by warm, spring weather. It’s zone of adaptation should not extend farther north than Meyer zoysia, but it is not as fluffy or difficult to maintain.

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