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we get a set of specifications or forms, or where can we get information to guide us in drawing up a contract? Where should we send our soil and sand materials for compaction tests?—(Nevada)

A. By all means secure the services of a qualified golf course architect. These men make it their business to prepare specs on the spot, tailormade to the existing conditions. A blank set of specs (outline) would be of little use without someone who is used to developing specs on which the construction outits make their bids.

The architect you engage will have access to soil-testing labs so that the mixtures for the putting greens will be porous, yet retentive of moisture and nutrients.

You are to be commended for seeking this information before starting construction. This department is available to you and to the architect of your choice should questions arise.

Q. We can get soil for topdressing from two sources:

No. 1. Short Haul 45% 35% 20% No. 2. 30-mile Haul 70% 20% 10% Which is the best? Is No. 2 worth hauling 30 miles?—(Indiana)

A. By all means drive the 30 miles and get the best soil. No. 1 has excessive quantities of fines that will become severely compacted. No. 2 is nearly perfect as we see the percentage analysis you sent.

Clubmakers apparently experiment with putters as often as players experiment with putting stances. Of 28 items submitted for rulings to the USGA Implements and Ball Committee during 1963, 10 were putters. Non-conformance with the Rules was found in 18 of the 28 cases.