

TEE SHOTS



by the Editor

The Hillside course was in superlative order for the Piccadilly No. 1 Tournament last month. The weather on the first three days was all wind and rain but Ted Macavoy had left nothing to the last minute and the players were full of praise for his efforts. "The best greens . . .". "The best fairways . . .", were almost commonplace remarks.

The new practice ground sown last September was already in action. The seeds mixture was pure fescue and bent on a mixture of river sludge, sewage sludge, and the natural sand to proportions which seem to give the moisture holding and fertility levels needed without destroying seaside character.

The first of the six new holes which will bring the championship length up to just under 7,100 yards is now nearly completed and with recent clubhouse extensions and improvements, this club has taken its rightful place among memorable seaside links.

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On another part of the coast, we were pleased to see J. Warrender again at Burnham and Berrow. He moved there from Woodcote Park about eighteen months ago and has lost no time in adapting himself to the very different conditions.

The long stretch of dune country gives an arrangement of nine holes out and nine holes back which is time-consuming in maintenance operations. However, we timed the complete operation of hole-changing at 2 hours, 6 minutes. Two younger members of his team shot round the course in a jeep but still took extreme care over the vital stages of the job. Mr. Warrender is due to go into hospital for a leg operation but is seeing the course into perfect order for the Summer season before he takes the necessary break.

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A new course near Cannes is in the planning stage. The greens at Mougins nearby were bright yellow at the beginning of May just before this course closed for the Summer. The new site has an abundance of water and will be able to keep open throughout the year. Another new layout at the other end of the French Riviera is also in a mountain valley where water can be stored and will have the same charm of pine clad hills surrounding it without the climbing which more elevated sites demand. A good spot for the Annual Tournament when the Common Market leads the B.G.G.A. to become the E.G.G.A.