

TEE SHOTS



by the Editor

The John O'Gaunt Golf Club in Bedfordshire has bought an additional 66 acres to add a new 9-hole course and practice ground to its present 18. Cyril Chamberlain (Junior) is Head Greenkeeper. He trained under his father who still keeps 27 flags flying at Addington Court. Cyril senior has also built an 18-hole pitch and putt course in the last two winters with his own staff.

Bill Machin has recently joined him as First Assistant to look after the 45 greens and 190 acres. Bill was married last month to a Shifnal girl. They spent their honeymoon in Spain.

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The town of Blyth in Northumberland has now received approval in principle to a grant from the Ministry of Housing for a new 18-hole course. The site involves reclaiming a pit heap. This is certainly one way of solving the problem of finding land. At Belington, nearby, the N.C.B. has released an open cast coal site for use as a golf course. Both Councils are confident that two new courses at close quarters will still find plenty of support from golfers in the north-east.

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F. A. Meaker, Head Greenkeeper at Henbury near Bristol, has made a good recovery after his long course of treatment and is planning improvements to one or two greens this winter. He now has an ex-G.P.O. van for quick tours round the course. He reckons it is safer than walking in these days of concentrated golf.

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