The record entry for the Annual Tournament at Little Aston found playing conditions almost unbelievably good for these days. Tuesday brought rain, but Monday and Wednesday were fine and it was hard to believe that this tranquil park setting with views to distant hills was only a few miles from the city centre. It was good to meet so many old friends, new ones, and the faithful group of wives. We hope they will all be at Walton Heath next year.

Was shown the course equipment at Prestatyn recently. One novelty amongst others was the Overgreen trailing five Certes units instead of the usual three. Has anyone else tried this? Another time-saver was a long side-arm extending from the tractor trailing a harness with two heavy chains. These smooth all the sand bunkers on this links in something under 1 1/2 hours.

Attended the last two days of the inaugural tournament of the new Pals golf course, first on the Costa Brava, later in the month. The first seed was sown on 1st November 1964, the last in Spring this year. There were competitions every day and receptions every night for a fortnight and the final dinner and prize giving was attended by over 300. Not bad for a new nine-hole course.

Bromley has started work on the first nine of a municipal 18 holes at Downe where Charles Darwin once studied earthworm activities. The ground is a public open space well furnished with trees. The scheme was started by Orpington, now merged into the Greater London Borough. The first nine holes of the Dartford Rural District’s municipal course at Lullingstone Park opened in June is already said to be crowded though fairly remotely situated. There is still room for more.