

TEE SHOTS



by the Editor

According to a report by the Southern Sports Council, Hampshire has a shortage of 45 9-hole courses. This calculation is based on an estimated need of 9 holes per 15,000 population and does not mean that all these new courses have to be of 9 holes.

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Farmers continue to play their part in meeting the need for new courses and Mr F. L. Coombs is proposing to turn 100 acres on the outskirts of South Molton in Devon into an 18-hole golf course.

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The Eastern Sports Council is also backing a new £140,000 scheme at Stockwood Park in Luton. Luton Corporation welcome the sport but say that they will have to get the approval of the Ministry of Housing and Local Government for this expenditure.

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Mr Willy Gill, President of the Golfing Union of Ireland, speaking at the Limerick Golf Club dinner, has called for the establishment of municipal golf courses throughout Ireland. Last year the Union had the support of the Irish Tourist Board and the Minister for Finance to make a municipal course in the Phoenix Park but the plans were "stymied" in the final stage.

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The Midland Sports Council is recommending a plan for a new course at Odeby near Leicester. The Council say they will be looking for considerable financial assistance for the £54,000 scheme.

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Dennis Gillery, Head Greenkeeper at Scarborough South Cliff Golf Course, is moving south to work for the Greater London Borough of Bromley. He will have charge of Bromley's two municipal courses, one of which was only opened last year. The Chairman of the Club's Green Committee presented him with an inscribed silver cigarette box on behalf of the members and described Mr Gillery as "a man for all seasons".



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