

player would be tempted to continue with his second shot, unaware of whether players were just over the brow, rather than walk another hundred yards up and back. If, to overcome this snag, the tee were brought forward so that the shorter player reached the brow, the longer player would be well over it involving the same danger or possibly more as the ball kicked forward on the down slope towards the green.

The answer in 1971 was not a bell to be rung when the coast is clear. It was a par 3 hole. Firstly, the long par 3 is a severe test and even frightening at the climax of the round. Even Mr Michael Bonallack said last month "But I am not a good 2-iron player". If he isn't, who is? Secondly, the scenic effect, looking down on the green (a large one again, naturally) with the clubhouse a little higher beyond it, will be agreeable. Lastly, for the spectators in the clubhouse, the view of the players on the tee, the tee-shots and the full play of the hole will be ideal.

The 18th green is very much the link between life indoors and out. It should be seen from all the main rooms and preferably when sitting fairly well back in these rooms. Windows often are not deep enough, balconies or terraces often obstruct the view. There is always need for earnest consultation between the golf architect and the proper architect. Then the pleasures of the course can somehow pervade the building and the two aspects of golf club life are unified. In another sense, this is what the perfect golf club secretary is achieving.

Thanks for the game. At least, it went to the last hole.

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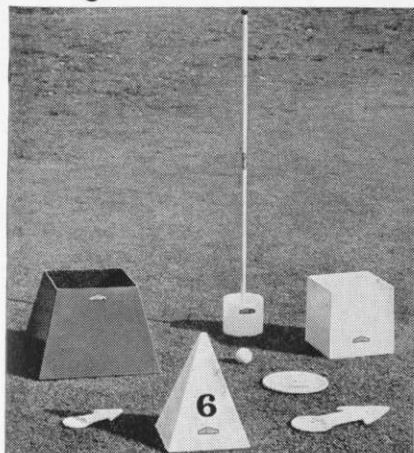
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