Tee Shots

We seemed to lose a few between London and Shannon, but 47 members eventually made the trip to Boston in January, with no further losses. The same number returned safely at the end of the week.

General impressions were that this was a well worthwhile exercise. The hotel was a shade rugged but naturally this was reflected in the low price of the package deal.

The exhibition and educational assemblies occupied most of the few days but there was time for the odd excursion.

The sheer size of the conference was impressive in itself – over 5,000 visited the exhibition and 1,000 sat down to the banquet on our last evening.

We are most grateful to the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America for their kindness and hospitality; both were much appreciated and enjoyed.

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Ransomes new film ‘The Royal and Ancient Game’ has already been shown to audiences in London, Brussels and the USA. Comments are very favourable and even those who have sat through it several times still enjoy seeing it.

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The Chairman, Hon. Secretary, and Southern Section Hon. Secretary visited Ransomes, Ipswich, at the end of December to discuss Ransome’s offer to sponsor an international Greenkeepers’ match. The idea has been well received and will be further discussed at the Executive Meeting in March.

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The Editor went to Brussels last month to address a gathering, representative of all the Belgian clubs, which was organised by Mr. Verbeek, Ransome’s Belgian agent. The subject was Golf Development and an interesting discussion ensued.

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The new member stood above the lake at the short hole and hit ball after ball into the water.

Each one, brand new, he removed the paper, teed it up and topped it down the hill in front of the tee.

‘Why don’t you put down an old ball’ they asked.

He drew himself up sadly ‘I have never had an old ball’.

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