Echoes from the long, not so hot summer.

... by Fred Hawtree

Another mish-mash of delicately balanced social, technical, historical and personal gossip from the fluent pen of you know who.

South-Westery

Spoke to Bill Pile, Devon and Cornwall Secretary, on the telephone. How was he getting on since he left the Downes Crediton Golf Club and started travelling the West Country on behalf of D O Hunt Limited of Devon? They supply everything for the golf course, except machinery!

He likes the life, he likes the job, he likes meeting his members more than ever before. In addition to golf greenkeepers, he also calls on bowling greenkeepers or, more usually, the bowling club committee. They get some useful advice as part of the deal. One club was told to cut back trees and bushes to get some light and air to the rink. This was so effective that they slashed their order for fertiliser from 50 to 25kgs. Bill was still happy: "They'll come back again".

Don Hunt, founder of the firm and President of Bill's Section, is Chairman of the Green Committee at the Teignmouth Golf Club on Haldon Moor. If you have ever played at Mont Agel, you will remember the view of Monte Carlo harbour spread below you as you look over the back of the old 4th Tee. The club house at Haldon offers you an equally impressive panorama, even if the yachts are less opulent and the River Teign differs in certain important respects from the Mediterranean.

Jack Moor's new office and machinery sheds are, as part of the deal, technical, historical, and literary. The members of the British Association of Golf Course Architects still try to fit the golf course to the site, not vice versa, and hope that a simple diet and devoted nursing, accompanied by gentle repetition of this message, will restore Caradon's faith in humanity and hope for the future.

Beyond the Tamar

Being in Caradon recently, (Caradon? Caradon?, you ask), I was reminded of Cornwall beyond Plymouth. I took time out to cast a jaded eye over the new St Mellion. After passing below the flags of all nations at the entrance and through two rows of black blobs, which turned out to be spherical pine trees, I was apprised of the green fee. (£25 to play the 'Nicklaus' but knock off a fiver if it's with a member).

So I walked past the back of the 9th Green instead but haven't slept a peaceful wink since, due to nightmares in which the earth rolls and heaves on a scale far beyond anything which Richter could devise for your average seismograph.

Volcanic ranges have popped up between fairways as the earthquakes proceeded and there are anti-like machines crawling all over them to cut the grass. The foothills are very much in play and most of the peaks as well. If this is a stadium course, there did not seem to be a lot of elbow room for spectators, but I only saw one of black blobs, which turned out to be spherical pine trees, I was apprised of the green fee. (£25 to play the 'Nicklaus' but knock off a fiver if it's with a member).

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I do not know what Cornwall did to deserve this fate, but J Nicklaus has certainly put his mark on it and nobody will ever be able to rub it off.

I am told by the local planners, after years of jealousy guarding their farming hinterland, have got a little bit of Ballybunion rolls and heaves on a scale far beyond anything which Richter could devise for your average seismograph.

The site has fairly strong slopes, and a stream, so you can guess the final development at the bottom of the valley. Only one guess, I'm afraid. That's right - a water hazard.

I incidentally, I looked out the ledger to see how much Elfordleigh cost in 1935. You can have as many guesses as you like for this one. The answer is £2,500. 400 times less, proportionately, I understand, than its new competitor on the other side of the Tamar, but 'fings', in case you hadn't guessed, ain't what they used to be.
Westward Ho!

John Davis, Secretary of the Royal North Devon Golf Club has given me a file containing my father's advisory reports on Westward Ho! links from 1926 until 1935, by which time, as a member of the Board of Greenkeeping Research at Bingley, he got the club to become subscribers to that developing organisation.

In view of the reaction in greenkeeping to the discovery that too much fertiliser is too much fertiliser, I skimmed through the reports to see what materials they recommended in those days. I summarise as follows:

1926 - Dried Blood
1930 - Malt Culms
Fish Guano
strongly emphasised
1931 - 7lbs Sulphate of Iron
3lbs Sulphate of Ammonia
to each cubic yard of compost.

In conclusion, it can be asked whether Jacklin was right to keep the status quo. It appears just once, in the 'Open' University's 'Longlife' range of nine integrated turf care treatments—3 Fine Turf, 3 Groundsman, Finegreen 'N', Preseeder, and Plus—are available throughout the United Kingdom.

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