

Viewpoint

Should many courses lose money at the expense of private owners?

Government support of municipal golf courses is a major concern of private owners of public courses. And it becomes a question of free enterprise when the municipal courses are supported by tax money, allowed to operate at a loss, and take away golfers from the privately-owned public courses. Number one, the private owner is losing money because the municipal courses can get away with lower greens fees. Number two, the private owner himself, as a taxpayer, is helping to support his competition.

As a taxpayer myself, I hate to see my money going into losing propositions. And it's another thing to see it fly away when there are profitable enterprises which could serve the public as well.

Could it also be a problem of making facilities available for those who cannot afford it otherwise? I don't think so. It would seem that if a person could afford golf clubs, he could afford greens fees. What are your views?

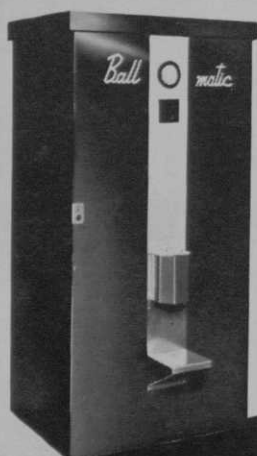
And, if you read viewpoint in the August issue, you'll notice there are a couple of oops!es in there. One was a typesetting error. It read "right besides this column". It should've read: raht thar beside this here column. Sorry about that. The other was that the reader comment card was not, in fact, raht thar where it oughta have been. The cards have been preprinted for three months and it will be the October issue before it is where I want it. So take a minute and turn back to the front of the magazine, write something, and mail it in.

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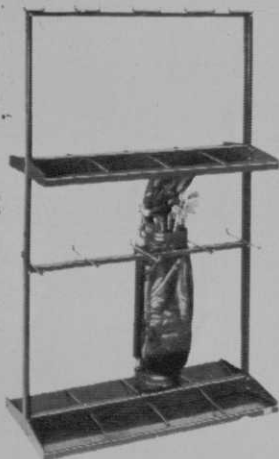
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