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TEE SHOTS



by the Editor

Ed. Maule, formerly of Sandyhills in Glasgow has settled down in Majorca with his wife and his sons and is picking almonds off the trees in his garden. He has also discovered an exotic fruit on a cactus which he introduces to the unwary as a rare delicacy in spite of the bristles, which they are removing from their lips for the rest of the day.

He is about the only greenkeeper in the inner circle who has had anything like sunshine this year, and Sundays often see the family on the beach at Magatoff under the pine trees. A storm nevertheless blew up in September and washed away many of the features he had built up on his new course during the summer. He will be getting them back into shape for sowing this month.

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Working Retirement

Frank Smith called to see us last week on one of the holidays which he allows himself since he retired from the post of Superintendent at the S.T.R.I. Life has not been all holiday though. He put in a hard spell at Castletown in the Isle of Man to help them get back greens which the winter had left bare. He lost a couple of stones in the process, but he says it was worth it.

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No Bagpipes?

George Wilson, formerly Hon. Treasurer of the Midland Section, has arrived in Paris to take over his new course near Meulan. One of his first tasks was to help St. Nom de la Breteche get ready for the Canada Cup. If some of the gladiators hole their approach shots at the 17th, it will be partly due to some neat turfing under George's able guidance. He left England armed with a new record player, a bottle of Chivas Regal, golf clubs and two "Trulutes". With this array he was ready for anything.

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Mr. Martin Sutton

Messrs. Sutton's 'Turf for Sport' struck a sad note when it arrived last month. An article by Mr. Martin Sutton had been written for this issue shortly before his death. Greenkeepers will greatly miss this popular figure in the world of turf.

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COURSES IN PLAY—IV

John Stobbs

IN the last month I haven't travelled to any course not already mentioned in this series: so this time we might look at the general field of club golf—the real, important, and toughest part of the game.

I've often wondered what the average club and its members look like to the greenkeepers. There must be a fairly wide variety of recognised types of bug-bear which besets them everywhere. I've met quite a few of them, I think: so why not start a collection?

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1. *The Perfectionist*. When I was a smallish boy, in the early thirties, I once heard an old member come into the club and explode at the Secretary: "Mr. Secretary, there's a plantain, as big as a sixpence, right in the middle of the 14th green. Had to putt over it. Quite spoilt my morning!" The amazing thing was that he seemed to be perfectly serious about it. The Secretary diverted him diplomatically towards the bar. Such men are probably rare, now; though they certainly used to abound. At least there was a certain integrity of purpose about them.

Nowadays the perfectionist is much more likely to be a man with a complete obsession with one particular element of the course. I knew one, an admirable chap whom I liked very much, who had somehow got it into his head that the nasty little patches of heather amongst some hollows by one green were left there especially to spoil the hole. It was his idea that the hollows ought to be

fair grass, not variable heather. Most members didn't care twopence either way; but the Head Greenkeeper was a kindly man and when the member eventually gave up the battle, he suddenly went out one day and mowed away the heather. I've never seen a golfer look so surprised and pleased as the old protester did the following Sunday morning. His usual shot was in the usual hollow. When he got there he stared at it amazed. Then he said "I've been waiting thirty years to be allowed a fair shot out of this damned hole!"

Then he fluffed it.

Other perfectionists are rough-specialists: the sort of men who think that the sole purpose of rough should be to slow up the progress of their ball and prevent it entering anything thicker! To them anything less than an evenly trimmed rough amounts almost to an obvious plot by the Committee to drive them out of the club. Their greatest hate is the small casual bush, left neatly in the middle of mown rough. They always go into it. Or if they don't, the sight of it puts them off. "Can anybody maintain," they demand, "that one little bush all by itself is anything but an unfair, fluky hazard?"

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2. Then there's the *Tee-angle Maniac*. He will maintain, bitterly, until his sight fails him, that his whole game is ruined if a tee is not exactly squared off along the edges and left as a perfect rectangle *exactly* aiming up the centre of the fairway. If the tee happens to aim a bit right, then he insists that that must make him aim right too. Other men may look only at the fairway in taking their aim. He has to take aim by the cut edge of the tee. Why he has to, no-one can imagine. Moreover, it is a fact, some sort of golfing optical illusion maybe, that if you ask three men to draw out the correct edge-line for a tee, they will all angle it different ways. There's just no answer to this chap at all.

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3. The *Hole-basher* is usually a bad player; but occasionally just a man who can't see what's difficult about putting. He'll slam the pin back without looking

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at what he's doing, tearing half-an-inch of the edge of it in the process, having already pushed the other edge of it out of shape by hiking the ball out of the hole with the head of his putter.

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4. He is followed round the course, inevitably, by the *Hole-Fusser*. The hole fusser is a low handicap player, who suffers perpetually from the jitters on the short ones. He will examine each hole minutely for its comparison with a perfect circle; then complain bitterly that no-one can possibly get short putts in when all the holes are out of shape. He also hates the little thicker growth that a hot day may bring round the very edge. He also claims that the greenkeepers always cut holes on top of a small hill, so that whichever way he putts at them, the ball rolls to one side or the other. He also claims that the holes are $\frac{1}{4}$ in. too small, which they probably are after the passage of . . .

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5. The *Hole-Treader* (often female), whose illusion it is, and has always been, that the correct way to hold the flag is to stand with both feet together, the outer edge of the sole of the nearer foot just overlapping the edge of the hole. They have a habit, strangely, of standing on the side of the hole which their own subsequent putt will be aimed at. This, of course, is just co-incidence.

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6. The *Hole Treader* usually behaves in a neat and careful manner, unlike the *Bag Dropper*, who often, for good measure, throws his recalcitrant putter in the air and then fails to catch it.

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7. The *Idle-Trolley-Ghosts* ignore all notices and signs diverting them round bunkers etc., and pull their trolleys directly over the shortest possible route across the edge of the green. Their traces are everywhere, but their identity—unless caught in the act—remain obscure. Hence "ghosts", since they must be the double-lives of some of the angels complaining about them in the club.

8. The *Divot-Sprayer* holds that crows remove divots from their proper places all the time, and therefore there's no point in him putting his back. He doesn't.

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9. The *Desperation-Man* putts with a 3-iron—and leaves nice little chip marks all over the place to prove it, often three to a green, every time round.

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10. The *Olde Body-Englishe Dancer*. Any sort of putt sets him off; gesticulating, capering, twisting, stamping, and finally falling flat on his face. He wears shoes with the longest spikes he can find. He thinks his pirouettes help to keep the greens aerated.

Have you any more types you can add to this collection?

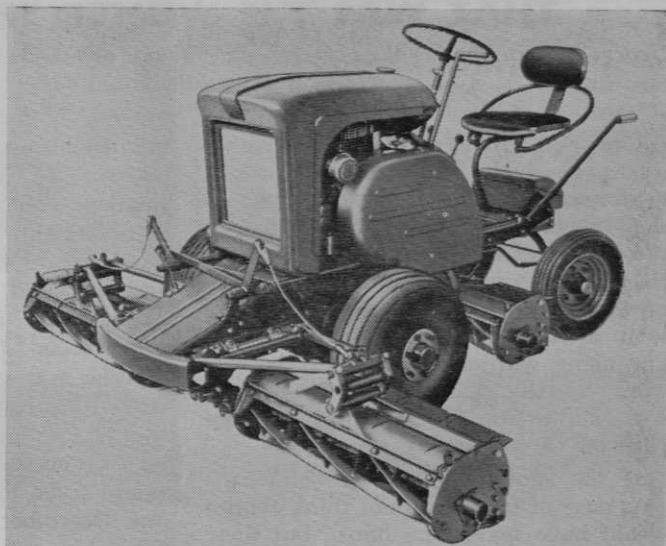


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George Herrington recalls last season's troubles as a warning of what we may have to expect soon.

One can safely say that last winter was one which all greenkeepers want to forget and one that we hope we shall never see the likes of again. In the middle of December, our course was in perfect condition and we cut the greens ready for Christmas golf. Then, soon afterwards, came the frost, day and night, with cold winds into the bargain. Finally came the snow, which I was glad to see, as I thought it would keep off the cold winds.

If the snow had arrived before the long days of frost, I do not think courses would have taken any harm, but there was too much frost in the ground before it came and this remained in the ground for many weeks after the snow had gone.

After about eleven weeks, the snow started to thaw and the only place where there was any sign of damage was where people had walked on the snow and caused scald marks. We also had a little fusarium where the greens and semi-greens joined, but none at all on the greens.

Suffocated

It was with the thaw that the trouble began. There was still so much frost in the ground that the water from the melting snow could not get away and so formed big pools on the greens. With more frost, these were then frozen over for days on end, keeping the air from the grass. Thus, in cases where the grass had been cut close, the greens did not get any air and the grass died back. On the other hand, courses which did not cut so low were better off, because the air was able to get at the grasses more easily. This would seem to be borne out in our district, as none of the courses with long grass on the greens were hit at all badly, whilst we only had trouble on the greens and on odd semi-greens where caddy-cars had worn the grass rather thin and not where the grass was long.

Henry Cotton stated in the "*News of the World*" that Lead Arsenate caused

the trouble at Birkdale, through being put on too late just before the bad weather. He should, however, get his facts straight, as I had a talk with D. Pate, Head Greenkeeper at Birkdale, and he told me he put his Lead Arsenate on in October, but had to water it in. You may remember the weather was very dry at this time last year. I dressed all my greens with lead at 1 oz. per sq. yd. early in October and began to wonder when the rain would come to wash it in, but long before December our greens were back to normal.

Whitewash

After the snow, when the frost was coming out of the ground, I agree it did bring the lead up with it and if you walked on the greens, it came to the top like white-wash. I do not think, however, that it had anything to do with the grass "going-off" as other well-known courses that had not used lead were affected and were just as 'bald' on their greens.

For once, our Pros had something to make excuses about. While they were going to warmer climates for the good of their health, we greenkeepers were striving against the worst possible weather to get our greens back into shape. A lot of people would do well to realise that greenkeepers cannot beat the weather, but only try to work with it and help where we can.

What I should like someone to do is to give a piece of land to make a golf course on, get all the leading Pros to work on it, pay them greenkeepers' wages and work their hours. I suggest they put the Henry Cottons in charge, the Dai Rees as foremen, and the Harry Weetman's to pull up trees, and to borrow a few of Max's old clothes to keep off the birds when they have sown it. Then, when they get it to perfection, if they ever do, call on the first eight in the 'Open' usually foreign players, to show how to play on it.



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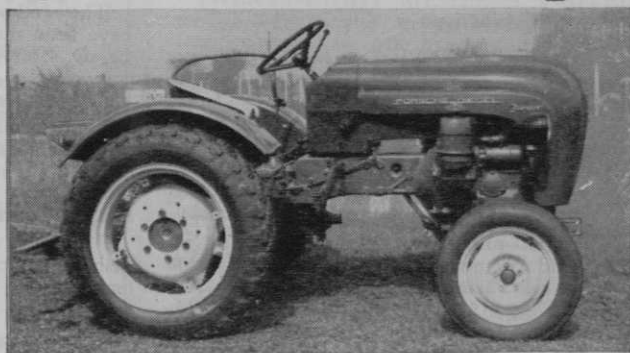
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By W. Mason

Chairman:
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OUR FIRST MEETING WILL BE held at the Talbot Restaurant, London Walk, Moorgate E.C. on Wednesday, 9th October, time 6-30 p.m. This will be a quiz and we look forward to seeing you all, with plenty of questions to ask, to keep our Mr. J. K. Glass, who will be in the chair as usual, busy.

Autumn Tournament

Apart from the weather we had a very successful meeting on Wednesday, the 4th at Walton Heath with an entry of 86. Thanks to the directors of the club we had both the old and new courses to play on. The Tournament was 36 holes, four ball, better ball Stableford, $\frac{3}{4}$ of individual handicap with competitors changing courses in the afternoon.

The first prize aggregate was won by D. Place and Partner with 80 points; 2nd, A. M. Cooke and Partner, 75; 3rd, E. Folkes and Partner, 74; 4th, J. Rennie and Partner, 74. Best morning round—1st Prize, G. Hitchcock and Partner, 39 points; 2nd, E. James and Partner, 39. Best afternoon—1st Prize, A. Fordham and Partner, 41 points; 2nd Prize, D. Kirkpatrick and Partner, 41. Messrs. J. K. Glass and D. Craig took over for the prize-giving, and Miss Paul, the Lady Secretary very kindly presented them. After the usual thanks given to all concerned, Mr. Glass suggested the next best place was the nineteenth.

Association Ties

I would like to mention I still have a few Association Ties left, and will be pleased to send one to anyone on application.

New Member

We welcome to the Section Mr. E. R. West, 268 Arne Avenue, Parkstone, Dorset.

NORTHERN

By J. Parker

Chairman:
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8 Goit Stock Terr., Harden,
Bingley, Yorks.

November Lecture

THE FIRST LECTURE OF THE winter programme will be given on Tuesday, 12th November. We have been fortunate to get Mr. J. R. Escritt, Assistant Director of S.T.R.I., who has recently visited America in connection with his work and he will give a talk on greenkeeping in that country. Members will be circularised nearer the date as to venue, etc. Make a note of the date. It is hoped that members will support the events arranged in the winter months. Remember these are for your benefit.

Autumn Tournament

Members are reminded that the closing date for entries for the Autumn Tournament to be played on Thursday, 17th October over the course of the West Bowling Golf Club is Tuesday, 8th October.

Messrs. S. Jolly and L. Lowcock

I am sure that members will be pleased to hear that both of them are steadily improving after their recent illnesses and I am sure we wish them continued improvement to good health.

Handicaps

The following adjustments of handicaps have been made:—J. Readhead 15, E. Munns 15, D. Storey 10.

New Member

We welcome to the Section the following new member: F. Hall, 50 Bexley Grove, Leeds 8 (Assistant Templenewsam Golf Club).

Annual Tournament

I am sure all members of the Section will wish me to congratulate on their behalf, the team of K. Driver, A. Crawford and D. Roberts on winning the Jubilee Cup for Inter-Section Competition.

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OUR DINNER AND CONCERT WILL be at the King's Head Hotel, Hagley Rd., on Friday, 1st November. We have booked the concert party on the same lines as last year, when everyone expressed their satisfaction. The Committee would be pleased to receive any gifts for the raffle, which helps us with our expenses. We hope that all our members will make an effort to attend, and make it as big a success as previous years.

Treasurer

As you are aware George Wilson has moved to a job in France, we wish him the best of luck, and thank him for his work on our behalf. For the time being, the Committee have asked me to combine the Treasurer's job with my own, so I shall be pleased to hear from those members who have not yet paid their subs as I see from the books there are quite a number outstanding.

A.G.M.

We had quite an enjoyable time at Birkdale and I was very pleased to see Bill Machin from Shifnal there. He told me how much he had enjoyed it and I am sure that more of our younger members would feel the same if they would make the effort to attend. Some very interesting discussions took place at the meeting, wages, increased subscriptions, etc., I will write more about them in a later journal.

News of the World Draw

Thanks to the members who supported the draw. I will send a list for inclusion in a later journal, as an acknowledgment of the money received.

S.T.R.I.

TWENTY-EIGHT MEMBERS VISITED the S.T.R.I., Bingley on 3rd September. We were welcomed by Mr. Bartle and spent the remainder of the morning with the wide selection of machinery on view.

The afternoon was devoted to the trial plots which proved very interesting and were very well explained by the advisory staff.

It was evident that a lot of work was put in preparing for our visit—marking out plots, etc. Nothing seemed too much trouble to Mr. John Parker and his staff who demonstrated a number of machines.

The meals in St. Ives Mansion were excellent and I would recommend them to other visiting sections. It was good to see many of our younger members present again and their keenness seems to emphasise the need for the apprenticeship scheme to help them.

Dennis Sadler

We wish Dennis Sadler of Lees Hall Golf Club who is at present in hospital a speedy recovery and hope he will soon be well enough to join in our activities again.

GOLF!!!!

Brigadier C. Morton, M.C., has written a new book from the golf club secretary's standpoint. "GOLF!!!" (Hammond, Hammond & Company, 21/-d.) is dedicated "to the Backroom Boys of Golf and to Their harrassed and long-suffering wives", John Cooper's illustrations back up the entertaining text admirably and few of the foibles of golf club members escape comment. It is the sort of book which is likely to make the boys in the front room, slightly self-conscious when they next enter their clubhouse and give more subtlety to the perennial contest in which paid and elected officials play the rest.

Chapter 6 is (we hope) rather more serious than the rest and our readers will be interested to see themselves as Brigadier Morton sees them.

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He is a man of the animal world; is the enemy of and knows in detail the damage than can be done by hares, rabbits, moles, earthworms, leather-jackets, rats, field-mice, birds (*and members*).

He is a man of the trees; knows all the species, what and when to plant, where to look in the woods for the vermin that sally forth to do damage to his course.

He is a man of science; knows all about fertilizers and their action; also about poisons which he uses for his assaults on the vermin of the course.

He is a man of irrigation and water; knows all about hoses and sprinklers, when and how to use them in times of drought.

He is a man of diplomacy; knows how to deal with directors, captains, committees, and members (all of whom think they know more about his job than he does).

He is a man of mechanisation; knows all about mechanical operation in turf upkeep; the maintenance of his machines; the driving of tractors, mowers, gang-mowers, roto-rakes, auto-scythes and cultivators.

He is a man of the weather; knows nature's signs for change and is far more accurate than the B.B.C.

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"Show me something in the Rules that says I can't" young Price replied. Then he belted his first drive 250 yards up the middle.

O. J. didn't win the tournament, but he proved again that the best equipment next to a good pair of golf shoes is a strong pair of bare feet. Legal but tender.

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OCTOBER

- 9th Southern Section Quiz, Talbot Restaurant.
 17th Northern Section Autumn Tournament, West Bowling Golf Club, Bradford.
 17th S.G.A. East Section, Annual General Meeting, Torphine Golf Club.
 23rd East Midland Section, Annual General Meeting, Central Tavern, Huntingdon Street, Nottingham.

NOVEMBER.

- 1st Midland Section, Dinner and Concert, King's Head Hotel, Hagley Road.
 12th Northern Section Lecture.

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CRITICAL SOIL TEMPERATURES FOR NITRATE CONVERSION

The critical temperature for converting ammonium nitrogen over to the nitrate form—which will move down through the soil in drainage water—is about 42°F., says O. E. Anderson of the Georgia Experiment Station.

If the soil temperature is below 42°F., little change of nitrogen will take place, says Anderson. But if the soil temperature is above 42°F., the soil microbes will convert the ammonium to the nitrate form in a relatively short time, he says.

In one experiment, with a 52°F. soil temperature, virtually all of the ammonium was converted to nitrate within 12 weeks, Anderson says. But at 42°F. only about one-third was converted in 12 weeks. This fertiliser had been applied at normal rates for fall and winter crops.

Conversion starts more slowly at the lower temperatures, Anderson says. But, over a 3-month period, a daily average of 1.2 pounds of ammonium nitrogen was changed to nitrate nitrogen at 42°F. Some conversion took place even at temperatures as low as 37°F., but it was negligible.

Anderson concludes that the conversion of ammonium to nitrate proceeds at an appreciable rate in most well-limed Piedmont soils, until the soil temperature drops below 42°F. It is unlikely that much fall-applied nitrogen will be carried over to the spring in the ammonium form, except that which is applied just before the time when soil temperatures normally drop to 42°F. and below.

(With acknowledgments to "The Golf Course Reporter".



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EAST SECTION

IT IS WITH SINCERE REGRET THAT we announce the deaths of three of our members, J. Melrose, Muirfield; J. Jamieson, Lothian Burn and P. Flynn, North Berwick.



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Vice-Chairman, 1963/4

I am very pleased to announce that the South West Section have nominated Mr. Harry Sheppard of the Weston-Super-Mare Golf Club to act as Vice-Chairman for the current year. I am sure all members would like to join me in thanking Mr. Sheppard for accepting this office and wish him every success.

Annual Tournament, 1964

Mr. A. A. Cockfield has been successful in obtaining the courtesy of the Weston-Super-Mare Golf Club for our Tournament in 1964, to be held on the 10th, 11th and 12th of August. I have expressed our appreciation to the Secretary and Committee for their kindness, and I am sure we can look forward to a most enjoyable meeting.

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Our Chairman, Mr. G. T. Geddes had the misfortune to lose one of his clubs during the meeting at Birkdale. It was a Pinsplitter No. 5 Iron and I am asked to enquire if any member inadvertently picked it up in error, as there is no evidence of it having been left in the Club.

Annual Draw

I would like to congratulate all members on the successful result of the Annual Draw. In particular, I must mention the Welsh Section who sold 570 books, a truly great effort, Mr. T. G. Lloyd topping the list with 139. Details of the results are given below.

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NEWS AND NOTES

Drought in North Wales

Ernie Folkes has now shaped up three of his four new greens at Flackwell Heath in record time and managed a week's holiday in North Wales into the bargain. We were worried how Ernie would manage on the arid Sundays in that part of the world but the well-known Folkes charm apparently opened the back doors of suitable establishments with no trouble at all.

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Stanmore to County Down

Charlie Moore from Stanmore was off to Ireland for the British Ladies' Championship at the end of last month. His daughter was meeting the Vicomtesse de Saint-Sauveux in the first round. The prospect in no sense alarmed her and by the time this appears in print we shall know if she got over this first stiff hurdle and, let us hope, others as well.

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As the Hurlingham Exhibition took place after we had gone to press, a full report will be appearing in the November issue.

New Club House

We were shown over the new club house at Whitefield, Manchester, last week. This is the work of the Design Partnership, a group of architects in the North. They had not planned a golf club house before but we hope they will do more. The building gives a sense of space although it is not large by pre-war standards. Circulation, cleanliness, cost and convenience have all been admirably studied and we recommend it to all those many clubs who are now considering setting fire to their wooden pavilions.

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Old and New

Messrs. Pattison's have sent us a copy of their latest catalogue. Several new features, especially motorised aerated machines are included. This firm has carved a very special niche for itself in the maintenance of golf courses by painstaking service and sensible design. We hear that they are now experimenting with ball retrievers for driving ranges.

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