

RENOVATED

Colourful 19th at Hazlehead

When players at Hazlehead Golf Club, Aberdeen, return to the "19th" they can now relax in a completely re-designed and redecorated clubroom, free from draughts which used to whistle round the tables and chairs.

The clubhouse, first opened in 1934, was extended after the war, but the re-built clubroom had disadvantages.

The transformed room is now a compact shape, with window seats running along the west wall overlooking the 18-hole course.

No Tartan?

A modern grey carpet with a black abstract design adds a touch of luxury to the previously rather spartan room—a change frowned on at first by some members, but now unanimously approved. The carpet runs from wall to wall.

Electric convector heaters warm the room round the old tables, modernised with coverings of laminated plastic in blue, red and green. Bright new chairs with tapered legs echo the table-top colours.

The walls of a pale pinky grey, meet soft violet skirting boards and doors, with white cocoon-like lamps hanging from the ceiling.

RELIEVED

Fife Golf Course Plea Upheld

A Valuation Appeal Court sitting in Edinburgh upheld Fife Valuation Appeal

Committee's ruling that the four St. Andrews golf courses were subject to rating relief under the Local Government (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) Act, 1963. The appeal by the Fife County Assessor was refused.

Publicly-owned

The County Assessor proposed that the four golf courses be assessed at £1,750. Fife Valuation Committee held that the courses should be excluded from the Valuation Roll.

Lord Kilbrandon, in his judgment, referring to the St. Andrews courses, and in particular to the Old course, said the question seemed to be whether the expression "any recreation ground" was apt to describe among other things "a place of public recreation".

To answer that question in the negative required a subtlety of which he did not find himself capable. In his opinion, the expression "any recreation ground" must be taken to include any ground used for recreation. The links were not dedicated to golf alone, but from time immemorial the public had used them as of right for recreation. The public had a right to walk over the golf courses provided they did not interfere with the playing of golf.

RESTORED

£70,000 Golf Clubhouse

Highgate Golf Club's new £70,000 clubhouse replaces the one gutted by fire in 1962. Of special interest is the railed terrace from which members will have a panoramic view of North London.

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