

We looked at the Ankara Golf Course last month to see how sand greens worked. Members said they soon got the strength but were liable to hit the ball off the green when they went back to grass. Best results are obtained with local caddies who, when smoothing out the surface for their client, give an extra swish round the hole so that the ball will drop though inches off the line.

Needle matches tend to be won by the side with the best swisher. . . .

Thence to Aldeburgh, almost as dry this year as Turkey. J. Cassidy, who has been there for over thirty years, told us he had not mown his fairways since June.

Group Captain E. R. Berry is Secretary—Engineering is his speciality and he has found a new use for old Overgreens by removing every other blade from the Certes mowers and using the outfit on tees or elsewhere where a close but less fine cut is needed. The same idea has been used at Pannal. The Group Captain was there too. . . .

Members of the Llandeilo club in Carmarthenshire are visiting the new 100acre site which they have bought for a new eighteen to replace their present nine. Enthusiasm for the game in South Wales is infectious and inter-club matches frequent. Thus there are several course extensions and transfers in this corner of Wales.

With land as cheap as £80 an acre in some areas a new course is a good deal more feasible here than in most English suburban areas. Of two very similar sites we have seen lately, likely to produce courses of the same length and quality, one cost £20,000 more than the other. Who said £1,000 a hole?

