

TEE SHOTS



by the Editor

Experiment

The Taunton and Pickeridge Golf Club is carrying out trials with Econal and Regulox this year with a view to reducing the special problems of upkeep which affect their course. Limestone quarrying in the past has left a legacy of small steep ridges and hollows which would be little trouble by the sea but which grow lush inland and require much hand labour. There is also an area of brushwood in the angle of the dog-leg 17th which is a playing feature of the hole but grows vigorously and has to be thinned out each year.

Econal is a 2-4D; 2, 4, 5, 5T oil-borne emulsion which will destroy brushwood roots in a matter of months.

Regulox is a maleic-hydrazide based growth retarder. It is expected that this material will prevent the development of ragged, untidy growth.

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Extension

The Warwick Corporation has added a miniature "hazard" golf course to the putting green and short 9-hole course in St Nicholas Park. But this one is made of concrete and brick and was designed by the Architect's Department. It cost £500.

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Concession

Bulwell Forest Golf Club have gained permission from the Nottingham Corporation to play on Sundays, after 75 years. But permission is only for a ten-months' trial period and play must stop at tea-time. The problem is the public, not Sunday observance. Local inhabitants wander freely over the commonland at week-ends and the Corporation fears for their safety.

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Ace

Tom Mason has celebrated his recent retirement by holing in one at the 192-yard 13th at Hendon during the club's match against Mill Hill. Tom has been within inches of an ace several times, but has not previously seen his tee-shot disappear into the hole.