

TEE SHOTS



by the Editor

All Change

Greenkeepers in the Sheffield area have perhaps been treading warily over their prized greens during the last few weeks. Mr Lomas, secretary of Phoenix, has recently sown the suggestion that Clubs should change their greenkeepers at frequent intervals. His idea of a pool of greenkeepers from which a club selects one for 18 months, is based on the observation that the standard of courses invariably goes up with a new greenkeeper. Mr Gillespie, of Hillsborough, has protested that 18 months is hardly long enough to get to know a course. One might add that the habit of change might perhaps kill an incentive very largely fired by the wish to stay put.

Recognition

However, the Scarcroft Golf Club is certainly in no doubt about the value of their head greenkeeper's stay. No less than 21 years' service to the club by Geoffrey Mawson and Dick Chalk (pro.) provided the occasion for a dinner. They were both presented with a clock and a pipe. I am sure all of us would wish the partnership to continue for many more years.

Training

Earlier this month, Bingley held its first course for employees of sports ground and landscape contractors. The course was attended by 15 and consisted of lectures, practical work and demonstrations of much of the specialised equipment needed for this work.

A new pattern of industrial training is taking shape under the provisions of the Industrial Training Act, 1964 whereby training boards established under the Act impose a levy on employers and make grants to those who provide approved courses. The one held at Bingley was arranged at the request of the British Association of Sports Ground and Landscape Contractors with the approval of the Construction Industry Training Board.

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