

# TEE SHOTS



by the Editor

The autumn course at the Sports Turf Research Institute was so heavily booked that it was decided to run three courses of a week instead of the customary two. A total of 77 attended of which 49 were from golf clubs.

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The foot-and-mouth disease outbreak in Westmorland produced many voluntary extensions of precautions to limit movement around the countryside. The Ullswater, Coniston and Lunesdale fox-hounds have all given up hunting and Kirkby Lonsdale Golf Club announced that they had closed their course until further notice.

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Bridge of Weir's Old Ranfurly Golf Club were putting a big increase of annual subscription to an extraordinary general meeting on 30th November. Resolutions to be discussed asked for a £5 levy until the end of the financial year in February and an increase of subscriptions from 14 gns to £20. The club captain, Mr D. M. Gibson, said he thought the days of cheap golf were over.

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The Stafford Sports Council in a survey of local golf requirements caused some worry to the Stafford Council Golf Club when they suggested that an extension from nine to eighteen holes would have to be considered in the light of any proposals for a municipal golf course. However, the Council's chairman at the annual general meeting allayed their fears and the meeting decided to reword the section to imply support for the Castle Golf Club and backing for any suggested extensions.

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The fifth green at Hazlehead Golf Course, Aberdeen, was the worst hit when four greens suffered damage from galloping horses last month. Mr A. Pirie, head greenkeeper, found the damage while making his routine round of the course.

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The Strood Rural District Council is planning to negotiate for the new golf course site near Hoo. The previous site which they had considered was found to be unsuitable but the Council is determined to provide golf facilities in this area of Kent which is not now very well served.

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