

TEE SHOTS



by the Editor

Ideas wanted

The Annual Tournament at Walton Heath was a great success. But the entry never seems to go up as we get more members. What keeps the other 800 members away? Is it lack of time, cash, interest? We should like to know. Perhaps some other formula with a conference and exhibition is due for a trial. Let us know what you think.

Dogs on the Range

The Greyhound Racing Association Trust has slipped another £100,000 into the Athlon golf ranges kitty to help it overcome a "considerable trading loss" in its first two years' working. £200,000 had already been sunk in this venture. You can let us know what you think about this too, when writing. Or perhaps we know already!

Golfing Brothers

Alex Millar of Denham won the Artisan Championship at Walton Heath with two below par rounds of 70 and 72. His brother Jock is now at Burnham and Berrow having left Moor Park. The family has a unique record in golf and greenkeeping.

Down under

We looked at half a dozen Johannesburg courses last month. At 6,000 feet the air is so thin that the 200-yard posts are put in at 225 yards. The short hole of 215 yards is about average.

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In winter, the lack of rain leaves fairways and greens burnt brown. But the greens are not "fast" in the strict sense. On the bowling greens, it takes a wood another four seconds to travel the rink when the grass is like glass. Presumably the same thing happens on putting greens. Try it out for yourself. And if you let us know about this too, we shall be inundated with correspondence. Quite a change!

Recognition

Ted Macavoy was elected an Honorary Member of the Hillside Golf Club last month. This well-deserved honour follows 21 years' service to the club; during the past seven of them he has been actively engaged in the major alterations transforming the course into one of championship standard. Despite all the extra work, he has kept the course in play in impeccable condition and it is good to know that all his efforts have been recognised in this way.

Tail Piece

Sylvester, pet cat of the Coventry Golf Club, caused considerable concern to the members when it was taken ill.

A vet was called and he diagnosed "excessive drink".

Watched on its further movements Sylvester was seen to be taking refreshment from the drip cups of the sherry bottles.

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