

TEE SHOTS



by the Editor

Yelverton Golf Club on Dartmoor is puzzled by the trail of deep hoof marks appearing across their fairways and greens. The free-roaming Dartmoor ponies are not shod and do relatively little damage by comparison. At Tavistock, another moorland course, there was damage to fairways and greens recently but this was after a hunt meeting. Regular huntsmen were as annoyed as regular golfers that some of their followers should be so careless.

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Mr Kenneth Male, Cheshire County Planning Officer, estimated that about 30 new golf clubs with about 500 members each will be needed in his county in the next 20 years. The problem for his department is the area which these courses will require which will make up a total of nearly five square miles. Cheshire had 22,000 golf club members last year and there are 8,000 more who do not belong to clubs. These figures could add up to nearly 45,000 by 1987.

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Vigilante night patrols are being considered by the Teignmouth Golf Club because of damage on the course from tyre tracks. The course is on moorland with plenty of hares and nocturnal hunters catch them in their headlights prior to pulling the trigger.

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Work on extending the Llanymynech Golf Club had to be stopped when a bulldozer uncovered part of earth works on the site of the ancient Blodwel Camp. Until the Ministry of Works is able to decide whether the involuntary excavations are of historical value the new 9 holes have to steer round this area.

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