

TEE SHOTS



by the Editor

The Balmore Golf Club near Glasgow has started debt actions against 18 members who have ignored repeated warnings to pay their annual subscriptions. The club's constitution, like many others, entitled them to recover subscriptions in the absence of proper notice of resignation but this is the first time that Balmore at least has gone to law.

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The usual processes of farmers turning their land into golf courses has been reversed in Galloway where the Newton Stewart golf course has to close because the owners are taking it back for farming purposes. The golf club hopes to acquire a site near Newton Stewart in order to continue. Farther north at Aberlour there was a modest 9-hole course before 1939 but it was ploughed up as part of the war effort. The books and funds have lain dormant in a local bank since then but last year a group of local residents reformed the club and arranged competitions on neighbouring courses and now they have plans for laying out their own course and building a clubhouse.

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A round of golf on one of the Bournemouth municipal courses will cost 75 new pence in the new currency. Although this sounds reasonable it represents a 50 per cent increase on the present charges: so that golfers do not bear the burden alone deck chairs in the gardens are going up from 6d. to 4 new pence and 4 new pence are said to be 9d.

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The Joint Council for Golf Greenkeeper Apprenticeship reports that over 170 sets of deeds have now been issued and 55 apprenticeships have been completed. The BGGGA can feel proud of its contribution towards ensuring the maintenance of its traditions and skills in the greenkeepers of the future. Several of the young men who have completed their apprenticeship have already got good jobs as assistants and we hope that in due course when they have a solid backing of experience they will be equally successful in the senior posts. One thing which still holds back many training schemes is the lack of educational facilities in some districts but generally it is possible to find some course of instruction which is closely related to this type of work.



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