

TEE SHOTS



by the Editor

An enquiry in Renfrewshire produced a new estimation of the dangers of playing golf. Giffnock residents were objecting to a proposal for a country club and par-3 course. Their solicitor suggested that players would be round it in 25 minutes and that this would give them too much time for drinking and gambling.

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A £75,000 9-hole municipal golf course at Fulwell Park is still on the list of capital projects approved by Richmond on Thames Council despite public opposition. Councillor Woodward thought that the pressure group against the golf course now used the land for exercising their dogs.

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Keith Golf Club in Banffshire have appointed a trained greenkeeper. "But please," said the secretary in his annual report, "give him a chance and do not expect him to give you a Carnoustie within a few months."

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S. L. McKinlay, writing in the *Glasgow Herald*, recalls the size of the crowd which followed the Bobby Jones-Cyril Tolley semi-final in the 1930 Amateur Championship. "Even Moses might have found it more difficult to part that crowd than the waters of the Red Sea. The steward was valiant and vociferous—"Make way for the players, please," and a rich Fife accent answered him—"Tae hell wi' the players—we came tae see the gofff."

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Copt Heath Golf Club near Birmingham owns an 83 acre farm next to its course. This is now scheduled for development in the Solihull plan and might be worth £20,000 to £25,000 per acre. Even after paying betterment levy there should be something over £1 million left.

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