

The June drought has brought additional problems to Colin Baxter at the Whitburn Golf Course, South Shields. His course is built on rock and pipe laying cannot be contemplated. Until the club got the South Shields Fire Brigade to assist he was relying on borrowing milk churns from a local farm to carry water to his greens. He describes this spring and summer as a "nightmare".

York Golf Club whose club-house was largely destroyed by fire in February 1969 has now re-opened an imposing new club-house which cost between £47,000 and £50,000. The official opening is on 1st August and will be performed by Mr A. R. Alvin, President of the English Golf Union and a leading figure in Yorkshire golf for many years.

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Work has also started on new municipal golf courses for the Strood Rural District Council and the London Borough of Havering. A new 18-holes at Addington Court will also be open for the public within the next month or so. Problems experienced by greenkeepers in the quick transition from cold winter to dry spring have been accentuated on many recently constructed courses.

