

TEE SHOTS



by the Editor

The Greater London Council plans to put up charges on its public courses from 10s to 15s for weekend rounds. Hainault Forest and Beckenham Place Park already pay their way under the present scale of charges with 200,000 rounds a year but the Greater London Council needs another 100,000 to cover increased costs for the whole of its sporting facilities. Golf, being a popular game, has been chosen to bear the brunt.

Towneley Golf Club members at Burnley have been complaining to their Council about their clubhouse. As one of East Lancashire's most popular golf courses, facilities at the 19th hole are stated to amount to "a sixpenny tea dispensing machine, a couple of toilets, two sinks and a geyser that doesn't work."

Harborne Golf Club Limited at Birmingham has gone into voluntary liquidation. Fortunately, this is purely a financial exercise so that nearly half of £65,000 realised by the sale of land outside the course can be distributed amongst shareholders at the rate of 16 per share. A new company has been formed called Harborne Golf Club (Birmingham) Limited but in other respects there will be no change apart from £35,000 which is being kept in the kitty.

Rumours have been circulated in the West Country that Exeter Golf and Country Club was to be sold. Mr Francis Johns, the club's Executive Director and Secretary, has emphatically denied it and also another current rumour according to which the club intended to construct a second course some miles from Exeter.

A new course in North Devon is, however, planned at South Molton where Mr F. L. Coombs, a barrister, has now received planning approval for 18 holes on 175 acres of grassland.



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