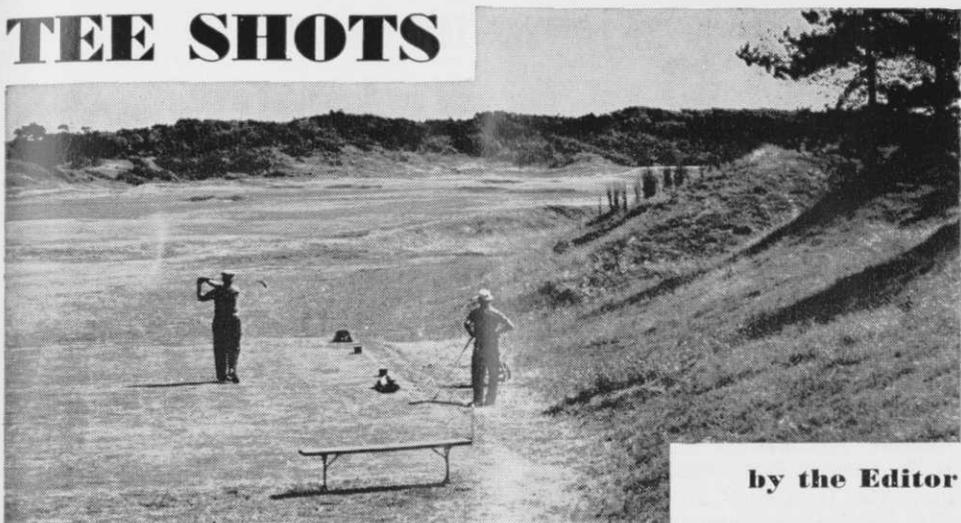


TEE SHOTS



by the Editor

Duddingston Golf Club in Edinburgh is looking around for ways to raise £31,000; the price needed to buy their course which they have leased for the past 75 years.

Jock Millar, the Burnham and Berrow head greenkeeper, won the Somerset County Championship at Burnham in May by one stroke from Michael Ham. Millar came to the last hole needing a four to win. He was 25 yards from the pin in two but the approach putt and the final three-footer gave him the championship. The week later, Millar and Ham together tied for first place in the Bristol Scratch Foursomes Championship at Shirehampton Park. The Burnham green-keeping pair won after four extra holes in the play-off.

Portsmouth's Great Salterns Golf Course will lose seven holes to industrial development next January, but an £8,000 scheme to provide 18 holes again within the next three years has already been approved.

The local residents' association is up in arms about Dartford Rural Council's plans for an additional nine-hole course in Lullingstone Park. Copies of their protest letter were sent to two M.P.s, three district councils, the Department of the Environment, the Countryside Commission, the Nature Conservancy, the Council for the Preservation of Rural England, the Footpaths Preservation Society, the Committee for the Preservation of Rural Kent, Orpington Field Club and the Kent Trust for Nature Conservation. A fairly wide coverage.

An American-European company, Hamblyn-Collett (Europe), is looking into the possibility of building a new course overlooking the Severn Gorge in the new town of Telford in Shropshire.

Ireland's first public course is now taking shape 15 miles from Dublin city centre. Eddie Hackett is the designer and the length will be about 6,540 yards. A member of Cill Dara Golf Club, Richard Mather, owns the land and plans to do most of the work himself as he is a highly mechanised farmer.

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