

to see what was possible and he would advise the Secretary when he had any views to offer.

There being nothing further, the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Chair by Mr G. Herrington.

GOLF FOR THE OVER SIXTIES

By George Herrington

At my last Greens Committee meeting I was asked if it would be possible to bring the fairways ten yards nearer to the tees to make it easier for the older players.

I have already done this but have warned my committee that it may take a year before we can call them fairways which are up to the standard of the present fairways.

Whilst I was on holiday, I had the opportunity to re-consider the problem and wondered if this was the answer. I have now decided a much better solution would be to make forward tees, say on holes where one has to walk back twenty yards or more, to give us

old uns a start and the opportunity to reach the fairway. Also on holes of 160 yards or more there are not many elderly golfers who can get up with an iron. Having to take a wood means more often than not a ball dropping on the green will go over giving little chance for a three. Again a forward tee might well provide the answer. This in effect would be like many seaside courses which have forward tees for visitors.

Some may ask why not use the ladies tees? I think this would be the last straw for men who have played golf all their lives. As more and more elderly people now have more time and opportunity to go round other courses I think they should receive some consideration.

Many elderly visitors who have come to Lindricksay state that some of the carries over the gorse are too much for them and can spoil a day's outing. I think the time has now come to make a shorter course for the older player without spoiling the course for the younger, stronger players.

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