

# Tee Shots

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It is good news that the proposed trip to Boston in January has already reached support level and is still filling up. We have received a very kind letter from Richard C. Blake, who is President Emeritus, welcoming the visit. We had to advertise the idea before approaching the American Society and hope it did not seem too much like inviting ourselves.

I was in North Carolina last month. Golf shows no sign of easing in popularity. Florida is said to have about a hundred new courses in the past few years, nearly all associated with estate development. A new course in Dominica has two greens completely surrounded by sand.

If the course doesn't fit the land, the land is remodelled to suit the course. A notice in the clubhouse at the Hickory County Club said that top soil stripping of the back nine would begin soon and it looked as if they really meant top soil off the complete nine holes.

The Hickory County Club incidentally boasts a Health Club within itself, with pretty well every device mechanical, electrical, chemical or luminous to keep you in a deeply religious state of fitness. I felt a bit of a heathen.

Yancey County where I stayed (and several others) are still 'dry'. You can carry the stuff about in a brown bag but don't be seen quaffing it. As if you would be.

The Customs make pretty sure that other addictive chemicals do not get in the County easily. Those with long hair can expect an in-depth investigation of their luggage. (Warning to those on the Boston trip). In any case there is a more conservative attitude to tonsorial self expression. The average hair cut will include a section maintained by the Autocertes as well as fairway and semi-rough. The deep rough and jungle country does not go down too well. Too many lost balls.

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