

Tee Shots

Golf, in France, after ten years or more of disappointment, after it had seemed set for expansion, now seems to have taken a forward turn again. A new President of the French Federation is keen on developing the game and several new courses are under discussion, though several, for the moment, will be restricted to 9-holes.

The City of Birmingham is planning to add a further 27 holes to its unique collection of municipal courses. The land is at Manwoods Farm which lies alongside the Handsworth Golf Course, our President's home club. Mr. Bretherton is, of course, also President of the Handsworth Golf Club where there have also been recent changes providing three new holes on land closer to the clubhouse.

The new 9-holes at Berwick-upon-Tweed, an addition to the existing 9-holes, are beginning to take shape. The site is an interesting one with possibly the best preserved earthworks anywhere in the British Isles and the whole thing only two minutes walk from the town centre.

Work should start in a month or so on the new municipal golf course at Tamworth. This will be on rather different soil and country from our Midland Secretary's home course at nearby Whittington Barracks but will fulfil a great need in this developing town.

Best wishes to all greenkeepers at this Tournament time in the 60th year of the Association. Long may it prosper!

The Editor.

In Memorium

As we were going to press, we received the following from the Secretary of NORTH WEST SECTION:

It is with deep regret I have to inform members of the death of Jim Bridges Head Greenkeeper at Malone Golf Club Belfast, Northern Ireland. I have just learned of his passing on, and on behalf of all members of the Section I extend our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Bridges and family in their sad loss.

Jim died on the 24th May after a heart

operation, he had been Head Greenkeeper at Malone Golf Club for twenty six years and was made an honorary life member after making the new Malone Course. He was the brother of W. Bridges our friend at Wallasey Golf Club and had been a member of the Association for over thirty years.



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