## **Tee Shots**

THE GOLF FOUNDATION closed another successful year with their 1972 A.G.M. in November. Expenditure exceeded income by £2,505 but the Golf Club Manufacturers are stepping up their contribution from 1d. to 1n.p. per shaft, so the immediate future is brighter. The loss, however, meant that coaching remained at a high level all over the British Isles – 1,562 schools in the scheme. But this is only part of the work. Open coaching centres in the summer, a winter scheme for promising youngsters, County Schools' Golf Associations, golf for handicapped children, London Schools Tournament, junior sets of clubs at reduced prices – all these ideas spring from the same source and young golfers follow on willingly.



Writing in Golf International, Peter Allis referred to the accident at Broadstone Golf Club where two greenkeepers were electrocuted while putting up a marker post behind a green, near overhead electricity cables. The important point he made was that the post never touched the wires. The electricity jumped – perhaps as much as 15 feet.



Attending the opening of the new Vallromanas Golf Course, fifteen miles north of Barcelona, we were glad to see the Church brought in to the ceremonies with a prayer, a blessing and some incense. The same thing, less the incense, enhanced the opening of the new Chipping Sodbury Golf course last year.

The celebrations continued with a banquet lasting from 3 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. in the President's mediaeval castle. Chipping Sodbury put on a cold buffet *before* the opening, so that there was no doubt whether it was luncheon, high tea, or dinner.

Don Antonio Andreu, President of the Spanish Golf Federation, spoke at Vallromanas and said there were more than forty schemes for new courses under way in Spain.

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Still'room for a few more on the Boston trip; or perhaps some more wives would like to come. A 'Boston Tee Party' organised by the New England Superintendents looks promising.

A. Hodgkiss has got his new 9 holes into very good shape at John O'Gaunt. This is one of those brave clubs that started soon after the war when golf was by no means the dead cert it is now. They were therefore well placed to extend recently and all the work was home-produced, except for the hire of a bull-dozer.



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