

Tee Shots

PLANS ARE WELL AHEAD for the International Greenkeepers' Tournament at Ipswich in October. The Association is hoping to organise a Turf Conference in connection with this event at which all those interested in the maintenance of fine turf will be welcome. Further details will appear here and in other golfing magazines shortly.

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Bill Machin, Head Greenkeeper at Addington Court, will be international for the next six months, having taken on a young Frenchman, Eric Tairraz from Chamonix. Eric is over here to learn all about greenkeeping, as the shortage in France is even more acute than in this country. He is an expert skier among other accomplishments.

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Our cover this month shows the house at Foxhills, Chertsey, lately the home of Sir John Borthwick. Aer Lingus is the major partner in a consortium which has purchased this property. They propose to lay out 2 championship golf courses, both about 6,750 yards, while an eclectic course, chosen out of the two 18's, can be made to produce an even tougher circuit of 7,000 yards. Golf Landscapes Limited were the successful tenderers and work will already have started by the time this editorial appears. The site is typical Bagshot sand country with Scots Pine and Silver Birch and there are some Beech trees, most of which will be retained.

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The Elstree Rural District Council has received planning permission for a 9 hole golf course. Land alongside means that eventually 18 holes should be feasible. This method of starting with 9 holes seems quite a sensible one because popular demand inevitably brings the second 9 holes into action at an early date.

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George Wilson had some of the Burnham and Berrow members on his golf course at Le Prieuré, near Paris, in May. A party of 12 had flown from Bristol to play against the Racing Club de France at La Boulie and wished to make acquaintance with some of the other courses nearby. It being a Sunday, George was able to join the party to make up the numbers.



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