

TEE SHOTS

TRAINING

There are hopeful signs of better training for young and older Greenkeepers before long.

The Department of Employment and the Lancashire College of Agriculture are setting up a course in "Groundsmanship and Greenkeeping" at the Department of Amenity Horticulture, Myerscough Hall, near Preston.

There will be a full-time course of 36 weeks devised for training adult entrants or retraining Greenkeepers wishing to improve their skills.

Course members will be entered for the City and Guilds of London Institute Stage II examination and a College certificate will also be awarded to those who complete the course successfully.

The English Golf Union has also come up with a handsome promise of funds for setting up a correspondence course once details can be satisfactorily settled. This will run concurrently with a three year apprenticeship, but could be taken by others.

It is hoped that it will lead to similar qualifications at the appropriate level.

The Lancashire course will be free and trainees will receive tax free payments during training. The postal course is likely to be one for which students can get grants from their Local Authority.

In Scotland, training is also now directed towards a City & Guilds examination.

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CRACKS IN GOLF COURSE

A nine-hole golf course, Ashley Wood, near Blandford is cracking up because of the weather.

The cracks first became apparent nearly two weeks ago. Some of them are about one-eighth of an inch wide and they run round in small circles, said Col. Shove, Club Secretary.

He said the damage was not permanent "All we need is a change in the wind, some rain and a warm spell, he said.

Greens at Ashley Wood are not artificially watered because water has to be pumped to the clubhouse from a deep well. In any case we would not have dared used water on the greens with the cold north-east wind and frosts", said Col. Shove. "That would only have caused more damage".

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