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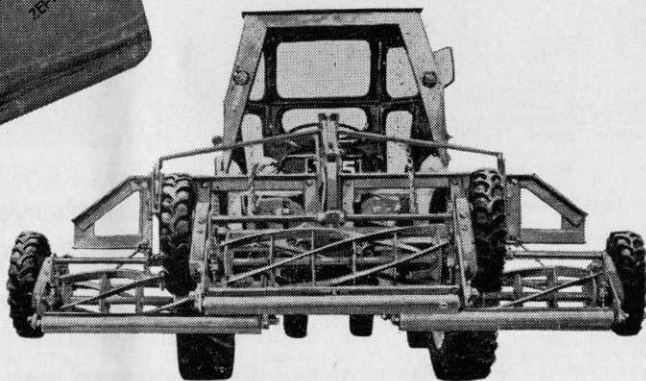
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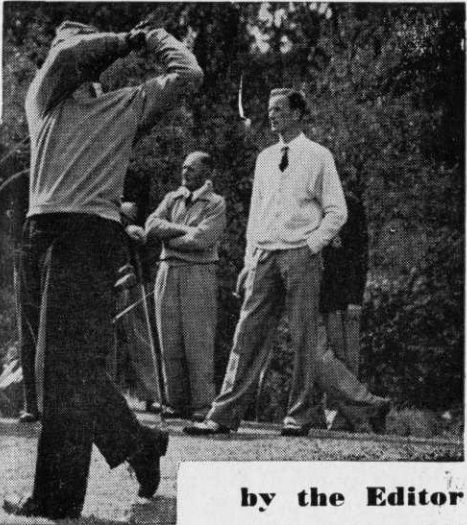
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TEE SHOTS



by the Editor

Work is expected to start this year on building a new clubhouse costing £47,000 at the Maxstoke Golf Club in Warwickshire. This Club was one of the first to move out of the built-up area of Birmingham soon after the last war into a pleasant rural site to the east of Coleshill. So far, the Club has housed itself in the old coach houses in the moated Maxstoke Castle and the new site will bring the clubhouse into more intimate relationship with the golf course.

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The West Indies are still building more golf courses to meet the needs of their growing tourist traffic. The Bermuda Government has begun a new one million pound Port Royal Golf Course and the Martinique Tourist Board is building a new fr. 8,500,000 hotel with a golf course attached, near Diamont. The first part started in August should be finished in 1968 with 80 rooms, five bungalows of two bedrooms each, a swimming pool and a nine-hole golf course.

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Sand has been drifting from the West Beach at Lossiemouth on to the first fairway of the Moray Golf Club. Mr Innes Mathieson, the Club Captain, is arranging a meeting with the Lossiemouth Town Council to discuss the problem.

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Outline planning permission for an 18-hole golf course on 90 acres at Dibden, near Hythe, has been granted by the New Forest Rural District Council. The land has views over Southampton Docks and the New Forest. The owners, Property Developments (Southampton) Ltd, will get the final layout, which may include a floodlit driving range approved by the planning authority, and then put the project in the market in the hope of attracting prospective purchasers.



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CLUBE DE GOLF DO VALE DO LOBO

by C. J. R. PITMAN

(Head Greenkeeper)

SIR RICHARD COSTAIN, being a regular visitor to Portugal especially to the sundrenched area on the south coast that is called the Algarve, and also being a scratch golfer, mused to himself one day, "What a lovely district in which to have a golf course". He set about finding a site and an architect and shortly came up with the dramatic Vale do Lobo (Valley of the Wolf) area situated 15 miles west of Faro and an international airport. For his architect he chose his old school friend, Henry Cotton, M.B.E., and together they laid the first plans of his dream.

Now, at the end of 1967, the course is almost completed but unfortunately Sir Richard Costain did not live to see and play it. He died in March 1966.

I was enrolled and brought out to the Algarve in December of that year to work as head greenkeeper and, having only twenty-four years in all and six years in the golf world behind me, I was rather bewildered at how I had been so lucky as to have won this chance. However, Mr Cotton said to me: "You can do this job as well as any older man who has twenty years' experience behind him. You will find the conditions out there very different from greenkeeping in the U.K. and your work at Richmond."

How I was to find out the truth in those words.

Vale do Lobo is a championship layout with a total length of 7,030 yards. Having four par 3's and five par 5's (one of 600 yards) it is set on the coast and winds pleasantly through fig, olive, cork, pine and eucalyptus groves. The short seventh hole is particularly spectacular as your tee shot is fired out over the cliffs to a tightly bunkered green some 200 yards away. On leaving this hole we walk to the high elevated eighth tee and drive out across a valley to play alongside the new luxury Dona Filipa Hotel that Costains have built for Trust

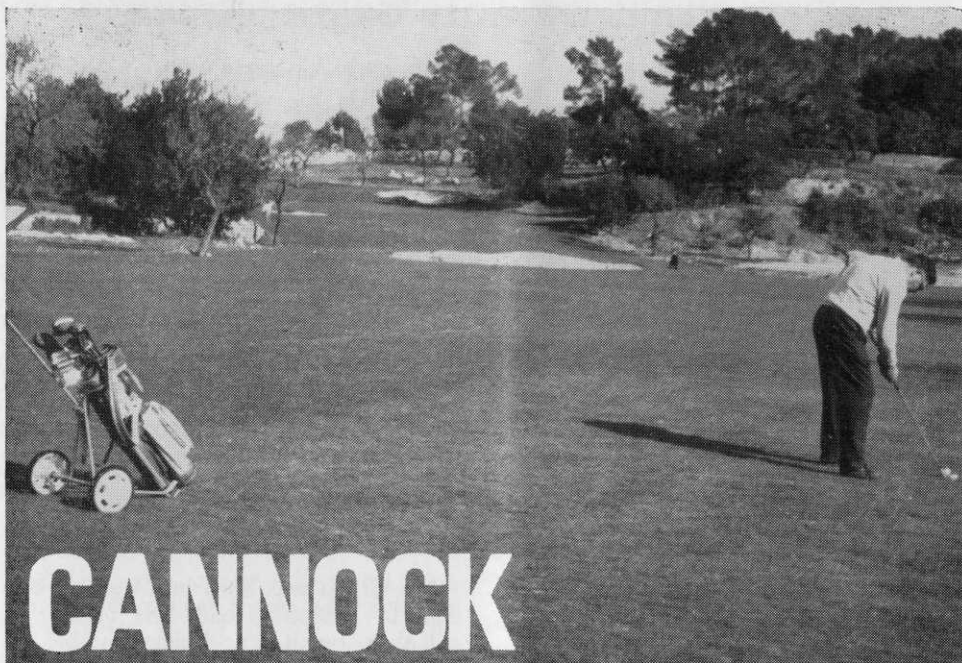
Houses. The course has been constructed in two halves because of land purchase problems and so I was to be in charge of the already seeded first nine holes until the second half had been constructed and was ready for seeding.

Most of the natural terrain is almost pure sand having very little plant food qualities and obviously unable to hold any water at all, and so some 12 inches below the excellent but imported top soil on the greens and tees an artificial impermeable clay barrier was constructed. This is working extremely well in holding moisture and so less is required from the irrigation system.

Of course we could not line the fairways with clay and so, frighteningly, consume a gigantic amount of water. However, we have installed the pop-up sprinkler set up on all parts of the course which is proving a necessity in this part of the world for most of the year.

The greens on the first nine holes sown just before I arrived in October 1966 with the Penncross Bent, and the tees and fairways with a hard-wearing mixture of *Festuca Rubra*, *Agrostis Alba* and the *Cynodon Dactylon*. In fact the greens were sown at two ounces per square yard which is far too great a rate for Penncross because of the fine quality, creeping power and of the amount of seeds to the pound. Penncross makes wonderful greens but when too thick is very susceptible to fungus attack. As a result of the thick sowing there were many outbreaks of Dollar Spot and *Fusarium* and so, without knowledge of what types of fungicides were available, I set about finding the answer as my first task and finally we finished up with a crop fungicide which was based on zinc. Now we have found a good mercuric product and are spraying the Penncross once every two weeks as a preventative.

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FIFTY YEARS OF GOLF GREENKEEPING

FOR a man who has been clouted, not once but many times, by a misguided golf ball, Mr Frank Gillett takes a remarkably kind view of the game. But golf, in spite of its painful moments, has not been bad for him. It has been his bread and butter for nearly 50 years.

And now, after that long familiarity with the rough and the greens and the fairways, Mr Gillett is leaving the links. He is getting on for 70 and next month this head greenkeeper at Parkstone Golf Club retires.

"I suppose I could go on for another 10 years if I wanted to but I think it's time to pull out and make way for a younger man," said Mr Gillett, who lives within driving range of the club at 30 Lilliput Road, Parkstone.

He is a fit, hardy man with a spring in his step. A cheerful man. These are attributes which must owe something to his job—a job that involves long hours every day in the fresh air and many miles of walking. "I couldn't stand an indoor job," he said.

Married, with one daughter and two grandchildren, Mr Gillett has never had much time for playing golf. "Years ago when we had 30 or 40 caddies here I used to get in an occasional round—the groundsmen used to take on the caddies—but really I prefer gardening to golf," he explained.

Followed Father

Mr Gillett, who served with the 5th Dorsets in the First World War, joined the outside working staff of Parkstone

Golf Club in 1919. His father was already on the staff and later became head greenkeeper. He carried on until he was 79. "I also had a brother working here for a time," he recalled.

In the old days the ground staff knew most of the members, if only by sight, but today with so many more players around things are different. Working conditions, of course, are better with mechanical equipment contributing much to take the backache out of the job.

Among the famous people Mr Gillett has met on the course were Lloyd George and Ramsay MacDonald.

Humble Cottage

Mr Gillett was born in a humble cottage in Lilliput Road—the cottage is still there but it is no longer humble. Its desirable position, close to the golf course, and the extensive renovations carried out to it, have long since removed it from the category of working class dwellings.

However, as his present home in Lilliput Road is also close to the golf course he will be able to keep a friendly eye on those green acres of Parkstone in his retirement. And if ever he feels in the mood to swing a club or make a drive for the nineteenth hole, he won't have far to go. There will always be a welcome there for him.

(With grateful acknowledgments to the "Evening Echo", Bournemouth, 17th November 1967)

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Yours faithfully,

Secretary.

[Messrs. Pattisson's inform us that they are going to collect it and restore it for preservation purposes.

The tractor was made in 1925, and sold to Littlestone Golf Club for £97 10s. 0d., and is still working. One wonders how many modern tractors will still be in "daily use" after the next 42 years. Up to, and for a while after the last war, the Pattisson Golf tractors were unbeatable for their work, and would be today if the same components were available to build them as they used to be made. Many a Greenkeeper still asks "why can't we have a Golf Tractor like the pre-war ones". There are still some old ones doing faithful service, although spares are now non-existent.]

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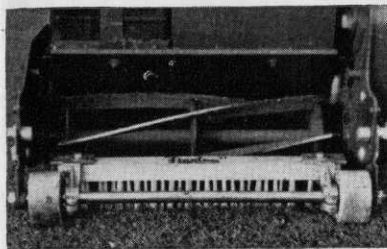
HON. SECRETARY'S NOTES

Annual Tournament

A reminder to members wishing to make arrangements for the 1968 Tournament, it will be held at the Seacroft Golf Club, Skegness, on the 12th, 13th and 14th August.

Executive Committee Meeting

A meeting of the Executive Committee has been arranged for Saturday, the 16th March 1968, at the Imperial Hotel, Birmingham, commencing at 12 noon.



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Yours,

"Worried Groundsman"

Dear Worried Groundsman,

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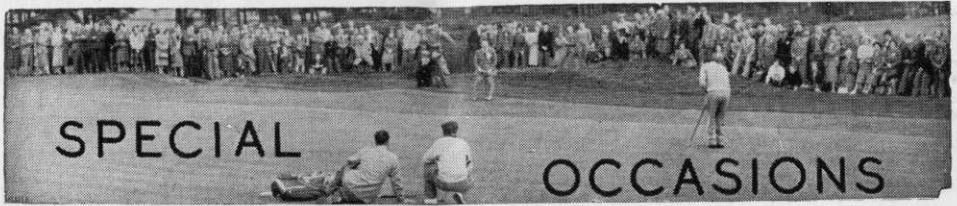
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