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TEE SHOTS

On holiday in Scotland last month, I attended morning service in the local village with some friends. Before the service began, the minister came out of the vestry and removed the board showing psalm and hymn numbers. When he brought it back, the first item read 'Par 2' "Must have known you were coming" a friend whispered. "Must be a very short service" I whispered back. By chance the minister happened to be a golfer—plays at Fort Augustus, Annual subscription £3.00.

Golf International reports a Chi Chi Rodriguez new course in his native Puerto Rico. The layout has 19 holes, cart paths down the middle of the fairways and watering on the sides in the rough. The reasons for the innovations?—

The first hole in the round should never count—the middle of the hole should reward straight shots with a bounce for extra distance—most courses have watering centred on fairways stopping the ball dead on wet spots.

P.L. London Golf Club, a new course for both Japanese and British sponsored by a Japanese organisation, is now well into construction by Messrs. J. R. Bishop, the firm who reconstructed the Wembley Stadium. P.L. stands for Perfect Liberty, a state of mind which recreation through golf is believed to induce. The site is at Essendon, under 45 minutes north of London.

Reference is made in this issue of the magazine to Mr. Jack Wayman having retired after 42 years loyal service on the Green Staff of Ashridge Golf Club. May I add my good wishes to those of his Club and colleagues for a long and happy retirement.

Robert Trent Jones, in a talk before a group of Chicagoland superintendents, suggested that a monorail system might be a long-range solution to moving golfers around the course, rather than golf carts.

These will be the last Tee Shots written for this magazine as Hon. Editor. Best wishes to the new editor and thank you for your patience over the last seventeen years.



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1 square metre weighs 5.5 to 6.5 kgs. (12-14 lbs.), i.e. three times lighter than ordinary turf.

Dimensions

Soil ...	...	...	...	...
Width ...	...	...	...	...
Length ...	...	...	...	...

Approximately 1.25 cm.

1 metre

2-5 meters (as required)

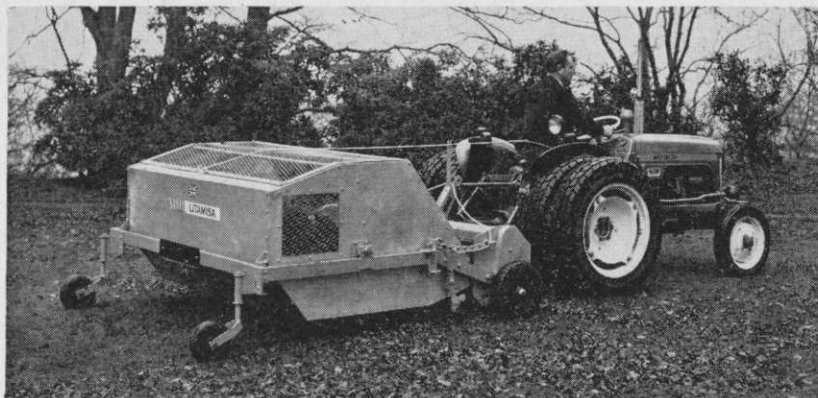


Note dense healthy fine grass sward.

Laying

No elaborate soil preparation is needed.

Simply roll out "Grasscarpet" onto firm fine tilled ground. If necessary, a light roll can be applied with a 3-5 cwt. roller. "Grasscarpet" does not need boxing and is easily cut to any shape or size with ordinary household-type scissors.



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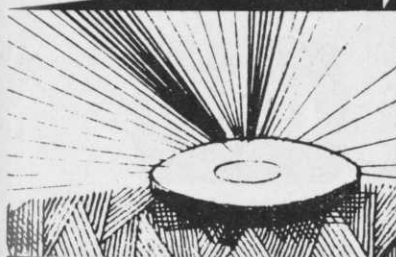
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of grasses used and the unique method employed in growing “Grasscarpet”, the need for mowing and other managerial tasks, i.e. fertilization, irrigation and disease/weed control, is reduced considerably.

Progress comparison

Stage of Development	Time in Weeks (approximately)		
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