

golf course is not like a sieve through which an unlimited number of golfers may be screened. This capacity must be accurately measured by anyone interested in pursuing the matter further by reference to the speed of golfers leaving the first tee in foursomes, it being conceded that by grouping players in this manner the greatest number will tee off.

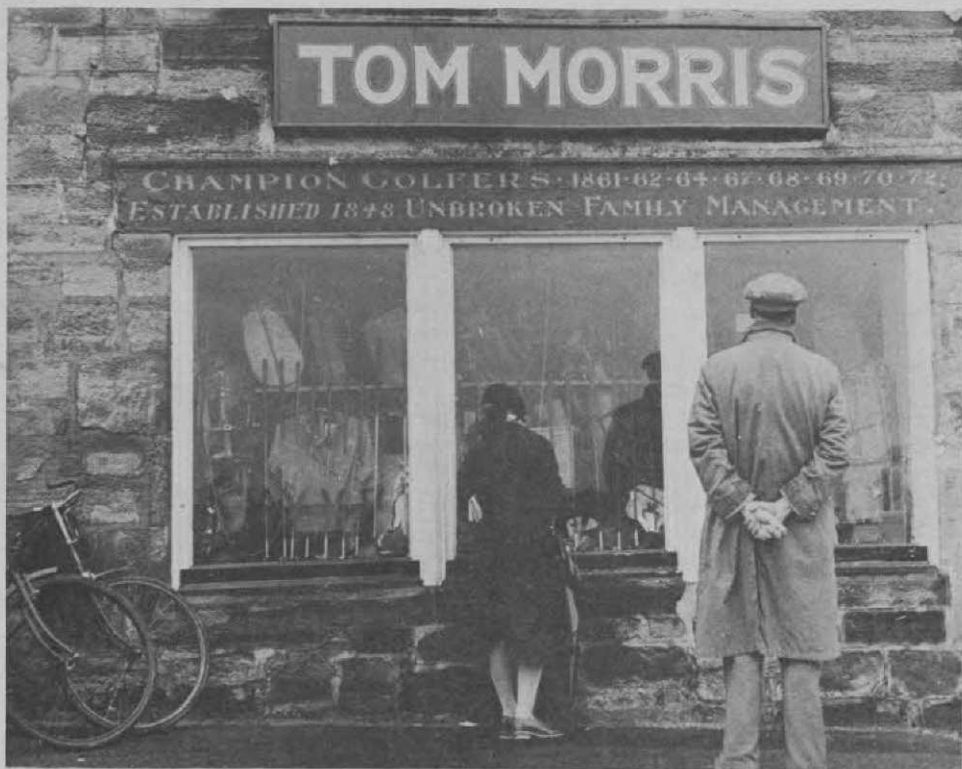
"Rules of safety require that a four-some drive off, walk to the ball, play a second shot and proceed out of distance before the subsequent foursome may drive. It will therefore be found that one foursome every five to seven minutes (depending on the speed and ability of the individual players) is the best that can be done. It must be taken into consideration that many municipal players are beginners and a large number of players lacking skill. Thus, it has been found that 11 foursomes, or 44 golfers to the hour, is just about capacity of a course. By figuring on daylight hours, inclement weather and other limiting factors, the mathematician will find that 70,000 rounds is very close to capacity for the average course."

It has often been said that the city went out of bounds when it went into the golf course business, competing with private enterprise, but Commissioner Moses insists such is not the case. "At most, we have expanded public functions and facilities where they need to be expanded to meet the requirements of the community," declared Moses.

Within the city limits the cost of land is so high that there is no possibility of acquiring new courses, unless some scheme is devised to purchase existing private courses which may come onto the market through some sort of municipal authority authorized to issue bonds and to operate on revenues, like the Bethpage State Park Authority.

There is so much work for the Parks Department to do in congested parts of New York City that it is impossible to schedule new golf construction. The city, however, is studying the possibility of additional pitch-and-putt courses such as the one at Riis Park in Far Rockaway which has proved so popular during recent years.

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