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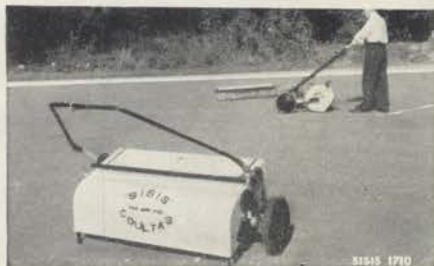
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Among the Sections

SOUTHERN SECTION NOTES

By W. Mason

The Bingley Visit.

I HAVE again contacted the firm supplying the coach for this trip to the Research Station on 14th, 15th and 16th October, and at the moment of writing the total number of the party will be in the region of 24.

I have arranged for members to be picked up at 11 a.m. on Sunday, 14th October, at the Embankment side of Charing Cross Tube Station, and I hope all members will make a careful note of these details and be on time, so that we can make a prompt start. I have also written to Mr. Dawson, who has very kindly arranged to find sleeping accommodation for two nights.

October Quiz.

Please note that the first meeting of the Winter Session will take place on Wednesday, 24th October, and will take the popular form of a Quiz, with Mr. J. K. Glass once again acting as Quiz-master.

As usual the venue will be the Stirling Castle Hotel, London Wall, commencing at 6-30 p.m. I hope many old and new members will turn up for what is bound to be a worth-while evening. It is up to members to bring along their pet questions and problems for open discussion. It is hoped that Mr. F. Chambers, and our Editor and other Vice-Presidents will be present, together with Officials of Golf Clubs who are constructively interested in the ever-recurrent problems of greenkeeping.

New Member.

I am pleased to give a hearty welcome to another new member of the Section and the Association. The following are the details:—Mr. L. Osborne, 15 Cypress Avenue, Crews Hill, Enfield, Middlesex (Head Greenkeeper, Whitewebbs Golf Club, Enfield).

A Personal Note.

In our last issue (page 8) it was mentioned in the report of the A.G.M. of the Association at Penarth that it had been agreed that the members should pay the sum of 2s. 6d. per annum to help cover the postages and distribution costs of the magazine, such amounts to be collected by the respective Hon. Secretaries of the Sections and ultimately forwarded to the Editor. May I repeat that such individual amounts should be sent by Southern Section members *to me* in the first place and not to the Editor. Names and amounts will be carefully noted by me, so please do not delay in sending along your half-crowns. Incidentally, certain members have been in touch with me to ask whether they are restricted to 2s. 6d. as a maximum as well as a minimum, as it appears that some would like to send more to show how much they do appreciate the magazine. So far as this Section is concerned, members may please themselves on this matter.

Revision of Handicaps: Southern Section.

At a meeting of the Committee on Wednesday, 29th August, the following revision of members' handicaps was approved. The handicaps of members whose names are not mentioned in the following list remain unaltered.

Bell, J., 12 to 14; Baldwin, D., 14 to 15; Chamberlain, T., 12 to 13; Cox, R. J., 8 to 9; Dennis, S. C., 14 to 15; Dixon, H. G., 14 to 15; Drewitt, W. H., 8 to 9; Drewitt, W. E., 3 to 4; Denyer, —, 14 to 17; Dunn, E., 21 to 24; Dash, A. E., 14 to 17.

Fordham, B., 5 to 6; Ford, F., 16 to 17; Foulkes, E., 6 to 7; Freeman, S., 2 to 3; Gardiner, W., 3 to 4; Glass, J., 6 to 7; Gowing, E., 12 to 13; Gibson, W., 6 to 7; Hall, E., 11 to 13; Hitchcock, G., 9 to 8; Kirkpatrick, D., 9 to 10; Kingston, W., 14 to 16; Kendal, M., 8 to 9; Lucas, R., 1 to 2.

Martin, J., 18 to 21; Mason, T., 11 to 12; Mason, W., 14 to 16; Margetts, A., 9 to 10; Moore, W. E., 8 to 9; Moore, C. A., 12 to 13; Mayes, W., 18 to 19; Macrae, J., 8 to 9; Neville, D., 5 to 7; Nelson, H. E., 9 to 11; Pearse, B., 17 to 18; Plain, R. A., 3 to 5.

Roshier, E., 7 to 8; Roberts, E. J., 12 to 14; Stainton, S., 16 to 18; Stobbs, J., 10 to 12; Stillwell, C., 17 to 20; Staines, P. 15 to 16; Tydeman, A., 15 to 17; Venn, C., 4 to 5; Venn, F., 6 to 7; Veal, F., 11 to 12; Webster, A., 9 to 11; Watts, K., 10 to 13; Whitehead, P., 10 to 12.

NORTH-WESTERN SECTION NOTES

By H. Hughes

NO doubt by the time you read these notes you will know who is to carry on as your new Sectional Hon. Secretary. For my part I must give this job up for the present. My domestic affairs do not give me time to breathe as I am at the moment situated, and it is not fair to the members for me to carry on in these circumstances.

Autumn Tournament.

Our Autumn Tournament will be held at Hillside Golf Club, Southport, on Monday, 15th October (by kind permission of the Committee). Please send your entries immediately. Caddie cars will be available for all at (I expect) the usual fee. Starting times will, I expect, be at any time from 9 a.m. onwards, but the earlier the better on account of the decreasing hours of daylight.

Mrs. B. Ellis.

I am sure I am expressing the thoughts of all members when I say we sincerely hope that the wife of popular Mr. B. Ellis will soon recover from her most unfortunate illness, and that her sight will be fully restored.

SHEFFIELD SECTION NOTES

By E. Peat

Annual Team Match.

OUR annual match against our friends of the Northern Section duly took place as arranged on Tuesday, 11th September, at Rotherham Golf Club (by kind permission of the Committee).

Owing to the non-arrival of quite a few of our "home" team, our opponents were a lot stronger, numerically, than we were and so had to lend us a few players to even things up; and with their valuable help we managed to win the match by seven matches to two, with one halved.

The course was in grand condition, in spite of the long spell of bad weather we have had, and great credit is due to John Rhodes and his staff. The weather on the day was dry except for one short shower, and the meals served by Mrs. Johnson, the Stewardess, were all that one could desire, so I hope that our visitors thoroughly enjoyed themselves and got home safe and sound.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Rotherham Golf Club for allowing us the courtesy of the course, to Mrs. Johnson for feeding us so well, and to Mr. R. Jennings, Professional at Rotherham, for the use, free of charge, of his caddie cars.

October Meeting.

Our next meeting, which opens the winter programme, is on Tuesday, 23rd October, at the Cannon Hotel, when Mr. Frank Smith, Superintendent at the Research Station, is again coming along to give an up-to-date version of his talk, "From Tee to Green".

Mr. Smith is always popular and we want a full attendance of members to learn from his wealth of experience and to salute him as Chairman of our Association.

NORTHERN SECTION NOTES

By F. G. Smith

Northern Section v. Sheffield Section Golf Match.

WE all had a very pleasant day with our Sheffield colleagues when we played our Four-ball Match at Rotherham Golf Club (Thrybergh Park) on Tuesday, 11th September. We got a trouncing by 7 matches to 2, with one halved, but many of the games were very close, and I will leave the report to my colleague Ted.

Very many thanks to you, Sheffield, for a wonderful outing and the excellent meals provided; and to my own members for the good timing at the various picking-up points *en route*. Members will be pleased to hear that Frank Walker caught his connection in Bingley for his long journey home.

We look forward to having you with us next year and to return the hospitality—and perhaps turn the tables.

Course of Instruction at the Sports Turf Research Station, 5th November, 1956.

We have one vacancy for the above course as the guest of the Section. Will any member of the Section wishing to have his name in the draw, please notify me immediately on reading this. "Remember, remember, the 5th of November."

Blazer Badges.

I hope you will all be supplied before you read these notes. I am sorry for the delay, but this has been caused through sickness, and holiday closing of the works for a fortnight.

Any new orders sent to me will take about two months to complete so you have plenty of time to save up for one!

Illness of Mrs. Iveson.

Members will be sorry to hear that Mrs. T. Iveson is in hospital. I have written Tom on your behalf and we all trust Mrs. Iveson will soon be back to her usual health again.

Change of Address.

Please note the change of address of the following member:—

T. Kirtley, 10 The Village, Brancepeth, Durham.

To N.E. Section Members.

I have sent quite a number of letters asking N.E. Section members to join up with us in the Northern Section, but so far the response has been poor. Do give this your earnest thought, as I am sure we can form a Sub-Section if you will only give your support. My Committee are keen to help you if you will only help yourselves; we can then arrange something for the winter months. Please let me have your views on this important matter.

Journal Fees.

The following members have paid the 2/6 towards the Journal (as at 19th September, 1956) and I trust they will take this from our Hon. Treasurer as the official receipt. Messrs. W. H. Bartle, G. Blades, T. Brook, J. Norris, A. Money, G. W. Mason, F. G. Smith, Sen. May I remind those who have not yet paid their subscription that both the Hon. Treasurer and I would be grateful for an early settlement. Thank you.

Autumn Golf Competition.

A report of the above competition, which will be played over the course of the Cleckheaton Golf Club on Thursday, 11th October (by kind permission of the Committee), will be given in the November issue of the Journal. I know Jimmy will have the course in good shape for us and I look forward to seeing you all again in our last get-together before we start the Winter Programme.

New Members.

We give a very hearty welcome to two new members who have joined the Section, and we sincerely hope they will join us in our various activities. Details are as follows:—

Mr. G. F. Clegg, Golf House Cottage, Low Laithes, Flushdyke, Ossett, Yorks. (Head Greenkeeper at Low Laithes Golf Club).

Mr. B. L. Holian, 63 Hawthorn Avenue, Armthorpe, Nr. Doncaster, Yorks. (Assistant at the Wheatley Golf Club, Doncaster).

MIDLAND SECTION NOTES

By W. Barton

Resignation.

I AM sorry to say these will be my last notes as Hon. Secretary of the Midland Section, and by the time these notes appear we shall have held a Committee Meeting and you will then know who is going to carry on in my place.

It grieves me to have to write the above, but I find I have not got the time to do the work as it should be done, and as I feel it ought to be done. However, I have done the best I could for the Section with what little time I have to spare. I want to thank all those members of the Section who have supported me in what I have tried to do for the Section during my period of office, and I wish everyone all the very best—and may we as a Section go from strength to strength.

Annual Dinner.

The Annual Dinner of the Section will be held at the King's Head Hotel, Hagley Road, Bearwood, on Monday, 10th December. Please make a careful note in your diary and keep the date open. You will read more about this popular function in your November issue of the magazine.

Autumn Tournament.

[We are indebted to Mr. F. Cashmore for the following report of the Autumn Tournament.—Editor.]

The Autumn Tournament of the Midland Section was held at the Worcester Golf and Country Club, on Tuesday, 11th September (by kind permission of the Committee). The weather was not too unkind to us; it was fine until the late afternoon when we had a sharp shower.

Congratulations to G. Woodward on his great golf. He won both the gross and net prizes for 36 holes, and holds the Clayton Challenge Cup. His cards were as follows:—

Morning: Out, 4, 4, 5, 4, 4, 6, 5, 4, 3—39; In, 4, 4, 4, 4, 4, 4, 4, 3, 5—36. 75—4=71.

Afternoon: Out, 5, 4, 5, 3, 4, 5, 4, 3, 5—38; In, 3, 4, 3, 4, 4, 3, 4, 3, 5—33. 71—4=67.

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We had a very poor entry for our guests section. The winners were Mr. Withers, 1st; and Mr. Kettle, 2nd, both of the Warley Club.

Prize Presentations.

One of our Vice-Presidents, Mr. L. Price, kindly presented the prizes. In the course of his remarks, he said how sorry he was so many golfers had very little appreciation of the men who made it possible for them to play the game. Later he very generously invited everyone present to take a drink with him.

Our Chairman, Mr. G. Hart, proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Price for presenting the prizes; to the Worcester Golf and Country Club for granting us the use of their course and Club-house for the day; to the many keen golfers and trade firms who had donated prizes; to the trade representatives for running the Tournament for us; and finally to C. Fletcher and his staff for the fine condition of the course under the very difficult weather conditions, and the Club Professional for lending his caddy-carts free of charge.

Mr. Hart also mentioned how pleased we were to welcome a member of the Southern Section, Mr. Bert Dash, who said how much he had enjoyed his day with us.

A gentleman, who wishes to be anonymous, brought a mystery prize for the "over fifties". He said it was "different, something you could get your teeth into, a leg of pork", and it was won by C. Fletcher.

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Future Events.

I want to call members' attention to two future dates. On Monday, 19th November, we are to have a lecture by Frank Smith from the Research Institute. Come and learn something from an old friend which will help you in your job.

Our Christmas dinner will be held on Monday, 10th December, at the King's Head, Bearwood. I will give you the details in next month's issue.

Mr. E. Benbow has asked me to say there are several members who still have not paid their annual subs. He would like to hear from them, and all members (except those who played at Worcester who paid them) owe another 2s. 6d. for their Journal, and I think we all agree it is well worth it.

NOTTINGHAM SECTION NOTES

By G. Mitchell

Autumn Tournament.

AS members of the Nottingham Section we extend a hearty vote of thanks to the Director of Parks (Mr. W. G. Ayres) and his Committee for granting the Section permission to hold our Autumn Tournament at the Nottingham City Golf Course at Bulwell Hall on Wednesday, 5th September.

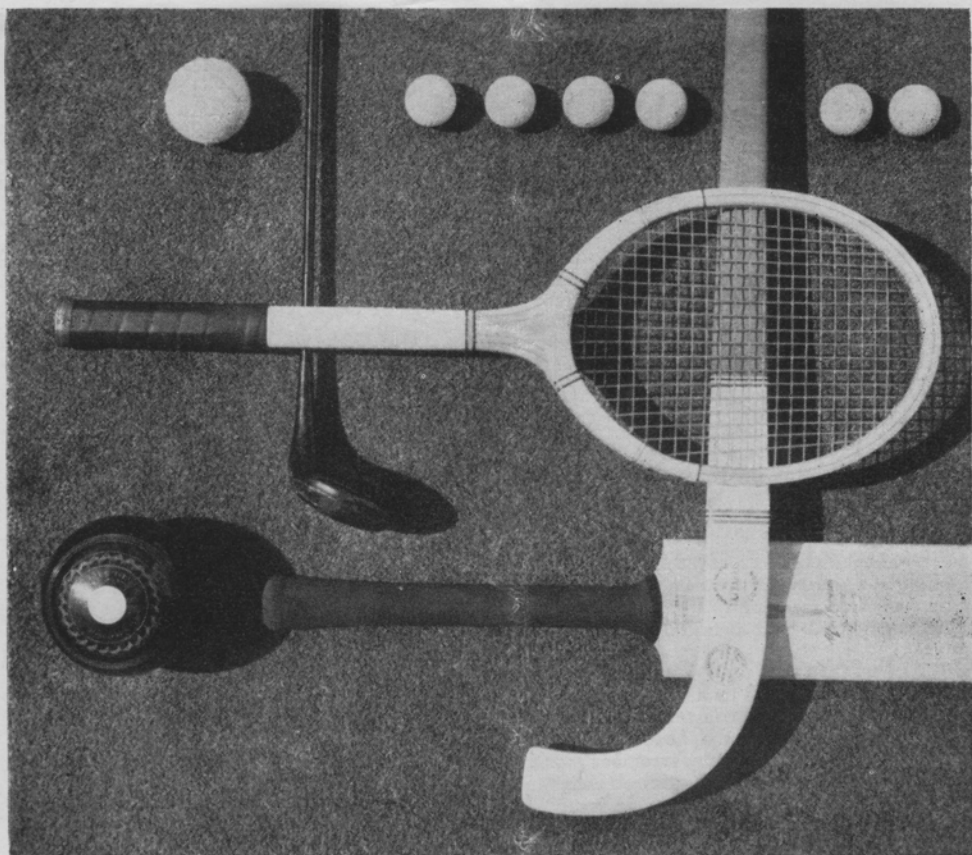
After the incessant rainy spell we were fortunate that the meteorological experts provided us with a fine day on this occasion. As usual, our worthy friend Mr. A. J. E. Cook, of Ransomes, was on the spot to issue the cards, etc., to the contestants, who were soon off to a good start; and once again your humble scribe found out to his anguish and despair that a rolling ball gathers no moss! After a somewhat tiring round under trying conditions, the cards began to filter in to the checkers, and it was ultimately discovered that there was a triple tie for first place at net 76.

Prize-winners.

The following competitors won prizes:—
1st.—A. White (Nottingham City) (10), 76 net. Won on last 9 holes. Pair of Sheets (presented by Carters Tested Seeds).
2nd.—F. Oliver (Nottingham City) (12), 76. Set of Knives (Messrs. C. H. Pugh).
3rd.—F. Frost (Derby) (5), 76. Household Scales (Henton and Chattell).
4th.—S. Talbot (Wollaton Park) (24), 79. Ronson Lighter (Patissons).
5th.—G. Mitchell (Chilwell Manor) (21), 83. Voucher (Mr. A. J. E. Cook).
6th.—J. Johnson (Wollaton Park) (24), 84. Silver Pencil (May and Baker).
7th.—W. Cox (Nottingham City) (24), 84. Golf Balls (Nottingham City G.C.).
8th.—W. Elson (Bulwell Forest) (13), 84. Golf Balls (Nottingham City G.C.).
Booby Prize (for highest score).—L. Sanderson (Chilwell Manor) (24), 102. Golf Balls (Mr. W. Teddar, Nottingham City G.C. Professional).

Vice-Presidents' Competition.

1st.—R. Squires (Sleaford) (Scr.), 69.
2nd.—E. B. Shipstone (Bulwell Forest) (3), 73. 3rd.—K. Milner (Bulwell Forest) (Scr.), 77. 4th.—J. Small (Mapperley) (Scr.), 78.
5th.—A. E. Smith (Bulwell Forest) (8), 79.
6th.—A. J. E. Cook (Birstall) (13), 84.



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Prize Presentation.

The Captain of the Nottingham City Golf Club, who was to have participated, and had also agreed to present the prizes, was unfortunately indisposed, but the Club Secretary, Mr. E. Burdett, officiated in a most able manner. He was introduced by our President, Mr. E. Williamson, of Wollaton Park Golf Club, and he then presented the prizes.

After the presentation, Mr. F. Oliver proposed a collective vote of thanks to the Club for granting the courtesy of the course and Club-house; to the Stewardess and Staff for the way they had catered for the wants of the inner man; to the Donors to the Prize List who, by their willingness to subscribe, show their support of and appreciation of the Section; and, lastly, to the Secretary for his untiring efforts to organise and see that the event was in every way a thorough success.

Winter Lectures, etc.

With the coming of the long winter evenings, I am endeavouring to arrange a series of Lectures, and I will contact the members when I have definitely fixed matters.

Correction.

I regret that owing to a slip of the pen a slight error occurred in last month's issue of the magazine. Under the heading of "New Member" (page 3) the new member's name should have read Mr. L. Sanderson (and not Mr. L. Anderson, as printed). He is on the ground staff of the Chilwell Manor Golf Club.

Situations Vacant

A YORKSHIRE GOLF CLUB (in the Leeds District) requires the services of a Head Greenkeeper. It is understood that the wages will be £10 0s. 0d. per week together with use of cottage and garden adjoining the Course. Applications, with usual details, should be addressed to: The Hon. Secretary, B.G.G.A. (Box No. 1), 56 Avondale Road, South Croydon, Surrey.

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Hon. Secretary's Notes

Christmas Draw, 1956.

FURTHER to my notes in the September Journal, I am pleased to say that we have now been registered under the Small Lotteries and Gaming Act, 1956, and having received assurance from the local Police on one or two points, arrangements are now in hand for the forwarding of books of tickets as under. They will be despatched by Parcel Post to Hon. Secretaries and will probably be delivered about the same time as you receive this Journal.

Name.	Ticket Nos.	No. of Books.
Mr. F. G. Smith.	1/3,000	600
Mr. W. J. Tyrrell.	3,001/4,500	300
Mr. H. Hughes.	4,501/6,750	450
Mr. E. Peat.	6,751/9,000	450
Mr. W. Barton.	9,001/12,000	600
Mr. G. Mitchell.	12,001/13,500	300
Mr. W. Mason.	13,501/16,500	600
Mr. D. G. Lord.	16,501/18,750	450

All members are requested to read the following notes very carefully.

1. Tickets 6d. each—5 Tickets per Book. Under the new Rules and Regulations we are not allowed to give "free" tickets.
2. All unsold and sold Counterfoils and monies to reach me not later than Saturday, 8th December, 1956.
3. The Draw will be made on Saturday, 15th December, 1956. Mr. F. W. Hawtree has very kindly given permission for the Draw to be made at Addington Court Golf Club.
4. Results Sheets will be forwarded as soon as possible after the Draw. As last year, the Results Sheet will not show names and addresses of winners, but only the winning ticket numbers.
5. Please see that all Counterfoils are filled in in BLOCK CAPITALS.
6. The Draw must not be advertised except to members. I am assured by the local Police this does NOT mean that tickets cannot be sold to non-members of the Association. In other words, tickets may be sold to non-members.
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Membership.

In my September notes I asked members to submit FIVE good reasons why Greenkeepers should join the B.G.G.A. So far I have not received any replies whatsoever, but I hope at least a few will be forthcoming before the end of October.

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Photograph.

So far I have not received any written applications for the group photograph taken at Penarth during the Annual Tournament. Details were published in the September Journal and it is still not too late to make application to me.

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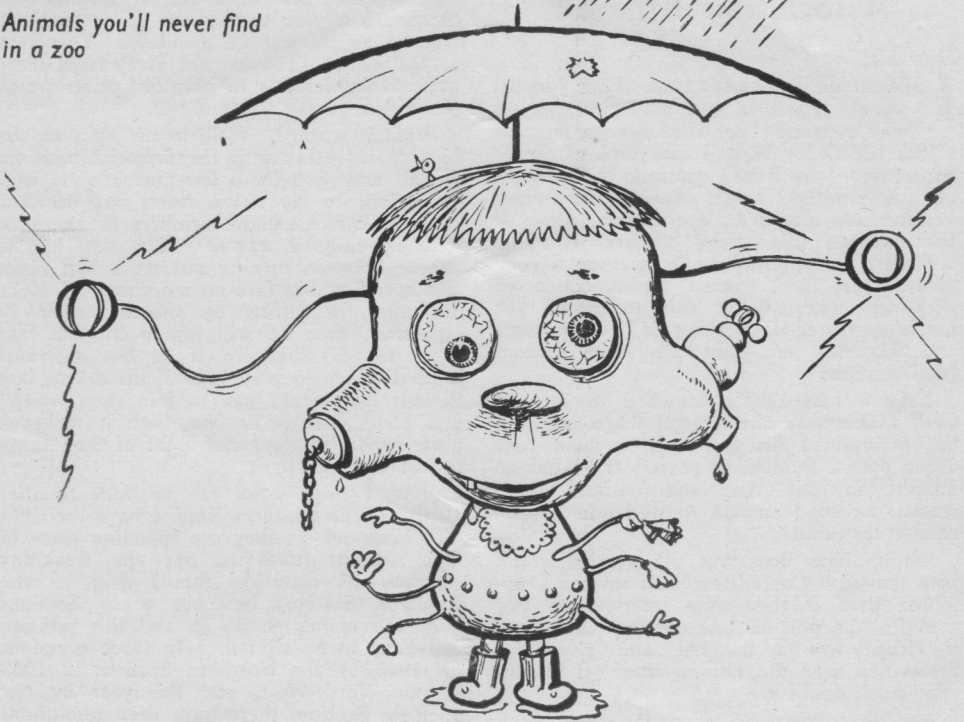
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Association Affairs

Dear Sir,

I SEE in the September issue of our Journal we are asked to find five good reasons why a greenkeeper should be a member of the B.G.G.A. Well, I can think of one or two reasons why I shall continue to "belong", but whether these would convince Sir Robert Webber is a matter for speculation. I value the facilities offered by contact with the S.T.R.I.; the opportunity to meet my fellow-greenkeepers and discuss topics connected with our work; being able to attend the Lectures arranged; playing in Tournaments and Matches, etc.—but are these reasons good enough?

Take a greenkeeper attached to a good Club which pays him a good wage and who has maintained his course in a good condition over a number of years. If he has no interest in our Association would these reasons be good enough to persuade him to change his mind?

Again, how does our Association stand with the Club Committees? Is there a Committee who, if they were interviewing two men for the post of greenkeeper, would ask if either was a member and give him preference over the non-member? I should very much doubt it.

And that brings to mind the very much discussed word "status". What is the status of a greenkeeper? I should say he hasn't any. The plain truth is that with some Clubs he is a valued member of the Staff; with some others he is just a necessary evil; and with most Clubs he is something in between. But being a member or not doesn't make a scrap of difference either to his employers' views or to the wage they pay him—further proof that our Association doesn't stand very high.

This brings up the question of what is wrong with the B.G.G.A.? There are approximately 1,100 Golf Clubs in England and Wales, and at the lowest estimate they must employ something in the order of 3,000 men. Yet the latest total membership given is 515. Not a very big percentage of greenkeeping staffs think it worth while to join.

Moreover, out of the 515 who are members how many take any active part in the Association's affairs? We have complaints in every month's Section Notes of poor attendances at Lectures and Meetings. In our Section if we get a 50% attendance we are doing well. More often it is less. The only occasion on which we can count on a "full-house" is the Section Tournament.

Other Sections seem to fare worse. In the Midland, from figures published, out of a membership of 59, 14 attended the A.G.M., and there were 20 entries for their September Tournament.

The Southern Section had a gathering of less than 30 for their A.G.M., whilst I seem to remember that at a Dinner arranged in the South a year or two ago the attendance was 54 guests and 12 members. This year at the Annual Tournament at Penarth there were 51 contestants to play for prizes worth (I should guess) about £100.

What is wrong? Well, in my opinion, the biggest single factor is the financial position. It's all very well for a few greenkeepers with good jobs to lay down rules, but do they consider the Associate members or the men with not-so-good wages? If a man has to choose between turning out on a bad night and spending bus fare on a journey of 10 or 15 miles, or sitting by the fire with 20 cigarettes, then he will plump for the fags every time! Similarly, if he has to travel some distance to play in a Tournament, buy himself two meals, pay to join the "sweep" and have a drink or two, then it makes a quite expensive day, and a lot of men think it just isn't worth it.

Now, I think a lot can be done to alter all this. The Southern Section have the right idea inasmuch as they are spending some of their surplus funds to pay the travelling expenses of members for a trip to the Research Station; but not many Sections have the money to do it, and this position will have to be altered. On three occasions (in 1948 by the Northern Section, in 1953 by the North-West, and this year by our Sheffield Section) there have been resolutions put forward to amend the allocation made to H.Q. out of subscriptions. These have all been defeated on the plea that H.Q. cannot manage without this percentage. But what is the position? Here let me explain that I have before me the Balance Sheet for the year ended 31st May, 1955. (This year's, at the moment of writing, is not yet available.) So those are the figures I will discuss.

In the first meeting after the war (1946) our late President, Mr. F. G. Hawtree, was very disturbed because there was nothing in the kitty to get the Association started up again, but in this Balance Sheet the assets of the Central Fund are shown as £2,220—not bad in 10 years and considering that 1954 showed a loss owing, I think, to a mix-up in the Christmas Draw. And no doubt this last financial year will have shown a surplus of income over expenditure of something over £100. What is the limit to this accumulation of funds and what use is going to be made of it? Are there any set plans? I have never heard of any.

About the Balance Sheet itself. To my mind there are one or two items on the expenditure side which could do with a little more explanation, and please don't tell me that this should be brought up at the A.G.M. because the Balance Sheet was not available at that meeting, neither for examination nor for discussion. But even if it were I think most members are too apathetic to give it



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much thought; so long as there's a surplus on the right side then "everything in the garden is lovely".

The first item which hits me in the eye is one of Tournament Expenses, £30 11s. 8d. What is all this for? Did we have to pay Green Fees? Let's have an explanation and if my suspicions are correct then let us have a big reduction in this expense. After all, it's not a big job dealing with a mere 50 competitors.

The next item I object to is General Expenses at £18 13s. 8d. All money spent of this sort should be listed in detail. These odd £20's add up to quite a sum.

And now my biggest objection, which is Management at £155. Contrary to a lot of people's belief I contend that there is not a lot of work to do at H.Q. All writing to and dealing with individual members is done by the Section Hon. Secretaries. All notices are sent out and all monies are collected by them. The percentage of subs. is sent to H.Q. in 10 cheques, one from each Section. In the case of the Christmas Draw the tickets are sent direct from the Printers to the Sections and are returned by the various Hon. Secretaries to H.Q. in 10 parcels of counterfoils and 10 cheques, after having done all the work of distribution and recollection.

The only job of any size done at H.Q. is the arranging of the Annual General Meeting and the Tournament, and this surely doesn't present much difficulty once the problem of getting the course is settled. No, Mr. Editor, the amount paid to H.Q. by way of subscription is less than £200, yet we pay out £155 for having it dealt with.

Now to return to the Central Fund, I think £2,000 is quite enough to hold. After all, what are the calls on this fund? The Objects of the Association are "mutual self-help and improvement of its members by arranging lectures, etc., etc.; collaboration with the B.O.G.R.; to act as employment agency and other objects of a like nature". Nothing there which will mean the spending of any money out of the Central Fund. The only thing I can think of is the application under the Benevolent Grant Scheme, and as the most that has been paid in any one year so far is £30 this needn't cause any loss of sleep.

Now we are told we must collect another 2s. 6d. from each member. No more work at H.Q., but not so bad in my case with a mere 40 members, but pity the poor Section Hon. Secretary with upwards of 200 letters to write and who hasn't even got his normal subs. in yet. Now, don't misunderstand me; No-one expects the Journal to be published at a loss, but the cost of postage to 500 members over 12 months is £50 and there is over £1,000 lying idle in the Central Fund which could be invested to bring in nearly this amount, thus saving a lot of work and at no expense to anyone.

Now, I am certain the time has come to put our house in order, both financially and with the idea of making the Association more attractive—and the more attractive we can make it the more members we shall get, and who knows, in time we might even have a "Status".

These are my ideas for improving matters.

The Central Fund is large enough to meet any calls which may be made, and all monies received from now on should be used in two directions. Some of it must revert to the Sections for the respective Committees to make Section life more attractive to their members, and to help the less fortunate ones or those who live the greatest distances away and who always pay through the nose for travelling to Lectures, etc.

The other thing that must be done is to brighten up our Journal. We need something more than Section Notes and reports of tournaments; we want articles on the maintenance of fine turf.

During the last month or two we have had a paper given in America by William A. Albrecht on "The Living Soil", but much of this is over the head of the average green-keeper. He doesn't understand "Biological dynamics" and "Hydroponic procedure"—and doesn't want to. Why not contact the Research Station, Messrs. Sutton's, Carters, Fisons, or anyone who might be interested and ask if their experts would contribute articles written in non-technical language, and if we have to pay for them, well it will be money well spent. And, best of all, offer two prize vouchers every month for the best letters or articles received from members, and enclose a voting slip so that readers can judge which are the winners.

I am sure that other members can think of lots of other ideas which will create interest in an Association which at present, in my opinion is slowly dying.

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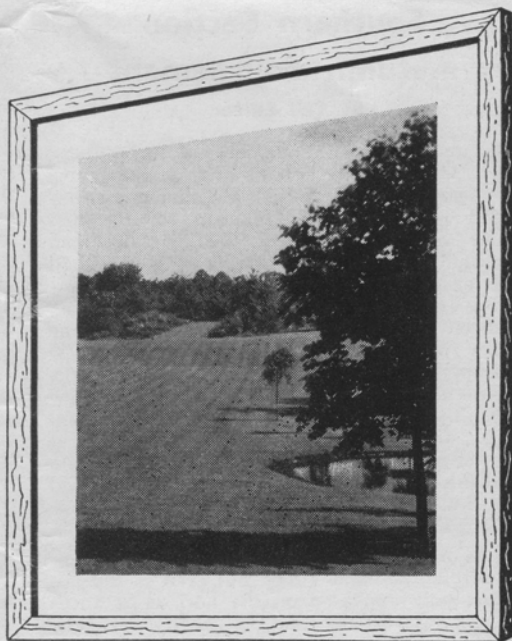
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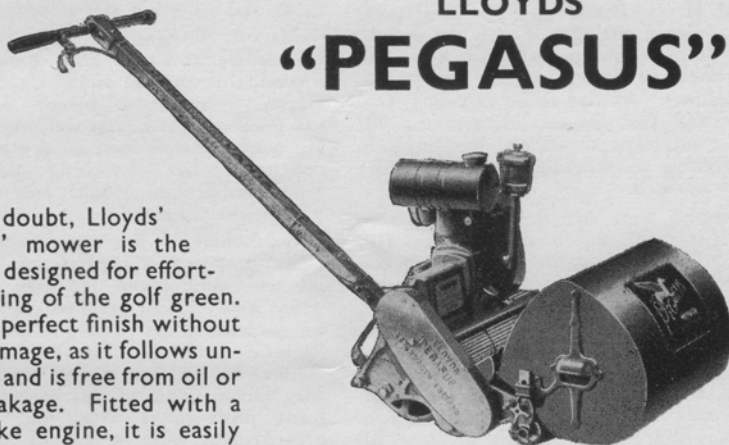
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Southern Section Autumn Tournament

By The Editor

IN two respects the members of the Southern Section broke new ground, as the saying goes, last month. In the first place they held an Autumn Tournament for the first time in the history of the Section; and, secondly, it took the form of a four-ball better-ball event against bogey, the partnerships consisting of a greenkeeper plus an official of his Club. Without a doubt the idea proved most successful, for over 50 competitors faced the starter, and everyone, particularly the guests, expressed the view that the experiment should be repeated next year, though not necessarily in the form of better-ball against bogey, since it can be a slowish procedure if 36-holes are attempted at this time of the year, when the hours of daylight are visibly shortening.

As it happened, we had the luck to strike a brilliant summer's day, but even so the last pairs only appeared on the horizon at about 7 p.m., and by the time the cards were finally checked another hour or so had elapsed before the prizes could be presented—making a rather late get-away for couples who had a return journey to their far distant homes—in some cases over 50 miles.

The event was played over the course of the Crews Hill Golf Club, Enfield, Middlesex (by kind permission of the Committee), and this, for once in a way, was very handy for your scribe! As already mentioned, Wednesday, 26th September, was a glorious day as regards weather, and with the course in really first-class condition (thanks to the unremitting labours of H. G. Dixon and his loyal staff) we had a visual setting not only to delight the heart of man, but perfect from the competitors' point of view for the production of good returns. As was to be expected, Old Man Par and Col. Bogey (identical at 71) received a merciless thrashing, the more so as seven-eighths of individual handicaps were generously allowed.

The winners were Mr. L. Freedman (scr.) and G. Hitchcock (8), of the Coombe Hill Club, who finished 6 up in the morning and added an additional 4 up in the afternoon to lead the field with 10 up on the day. The former played brilliantly with rounds of 70 and 73 "off his own bat", and with his partner fitting in most admirably at the holes where he received strokes, their better-ball scores were 64 in the a.m. and 67 in the p.m. In fact they did not lose a hole to bogey all the livelong day, halving 26 holes and winning 10. Great stuff, indeed!

Close on their heels, however, were Mr. G. B. Law (14) and J. G. Glass (7), of Thorpe Hall, with 9 up on the day; followed by Mr. Brooks Billing (8) and evergreen Tom Mason (12), of Hendon, with 8 up. Then came two "locals" in Mr. F. Skinner (6) and

A. M. Webster (11), of neighbouring Bush Hill Park, with 7 up. There were also prizes for the best morning and afternoon returns, the former being annexed by Mr. Siemssen (5) and B. D. Fordham (6), of Tandridge, with a capital return of 5 up. Messrs. Law and Glass, with an afternoon return of 5 up, exercised their option to take the afternoon prize with 5 up, in preference to the runners-up award over 36 holes. This meant that Messrs. Brooks Billing and Mason took the second aggregate award, while Messrs. Skinner and Webster took the third prize.

Apart from the awards mentioned above (provided by members of the Trade and individual donors) the Committee of the Crews Hill Club generously gave special additional prizes for hidden holes, and these were won as follows:—Morning: J. Noakes, W. Mason and T. Mason. Afternoon: D. G. Neville, A. M. Webster and J. G. Glass.

In the unavoidable absence of the Captain and the Vice-Captain of the Crews Hill Club, our Section President, Mr. Fred Chambers, presented the prizes, which consisted of Electric Table Lamps; sets of Coffee Cups; Tankards; Table Clocks (given by Mr. D. M. Craig); and sets of Kitchen Knives.

Mr. Chambers expressed his thanks to the Club for granting the use of the course and Club-house, and for donating the special prizes, and congratulated H. G. Dixon on the grand condition of the course. He was glad to see so many Golf Captains present, and he hoped they would all come along to the Section Lectures, etc., held during the winter months. He thanked Mr. A. Bullock, Secretary of the Club, for the fine work he had put in throughout the day in issuing the cards and collating the returns.

Mr. A. Brown, Chairman of the Greens Committee at Crews Hill, apologised for the unavoidable absence of the Captain and Vice-Captain; and, on behalf of the Club, extended a most hearty welcome to all present. He congratulated their local greenkeeper, and concluded by expressing the hope the Southern Section would pay them another visit in the future.

On behalf of the greenkeepers Mr. J. G. Glass proposed a cordial vote of thanks to all who had made the day so enjoyable. They were greatly indebted to Mr. Chambers for presenting the prizes; to Mr. Bullock, the Secretary; to the Vice-Presidents and the Editor; to the indoor and outdoor staffs; to Mr. Dixon; and to Mr. Len Mitchell, the local professional, who had provided the greenkeepers with the use of caddy cars free of charge.

Mr. G. B. Law finally expressed his sincere thanks to the Club on behalf of the guests, who had really enjoyed their day's golf in partnership with their respective greenkeepers. He felt sure they would all be delighted to come again and play in a similar competition if invited to do so.

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"Then, one day, his wife went golfing with him and noticed a groundsman dressing a green with a weed killer which contained arsenic.

"She said yesterday: 'I also noticed that my husband, after picking up the ball, licked the tips of his fingers before driving from the next tee.

'I pointed out that this might be causing slight arsenical poisoning. He stopped doing it—and the sickness disappeared.'"

An even older habit than licking fingers is that of licking the ball—a habit which many old caddies used to carry out almost religiously; and some old golfers did the same. Undoubtedly in these modern days of chemicalised greenkeeping the habit is not in any way to be recommended; but one must admit that one would like to know precisely how the lady referred to above knew in the first place that the "groundsman" was in fact using an arsenical preparation?

Anyway, she prevailed on her hubby to stop the finger-licking habit, and all now seems to be well.

Wives of golf greenkeepers, please note carefully!

Wicked Wicket Preparation!

Golf and cricket are too most dissimilar games in the playing sense, but they have much in common in the sense that the poor old cricket groundsman and the poor old golf greenkeeper always have to take the can back in the matter of the preparation of a wicket or the maintenance of a golf green.

During the past summer cricket groundsmen have caught it hot and strong from the Australian players and journalists in the matter of the preparation of Test Match wickets. They, poor fellows, have been accused of the most diabolical plots to ensure that England retained the Ashes! In my opinion this is utter balderdash, springing from an attempt to find an excuse for not being good enough to win.

Golf greenkeepers have been getting it in the neck in a similar way, and for a similar excuse, from time immemorial. Somebody must be blamed: who better than the poor devil who is held responsible for 18 greens, 18 fairways, 36 or more teeing-grounds, not to mention 100 acres or more of terrain in

all—and all in spite of a depleted staff, and a wage at the end of the week which most Corporation dustmen would despise?

These commotions about, and criticism of, cricket ground and golf course staffs are nevertheless perhaps beginning to be of some use. Perhaps the powers that be in both games may begin dimly to realise that these chaps mentioned above are not quite the dumb-bells that they are so often supposed to be; that they are in fact highly-skilled men with great responsibilities.

Maybe, even, the day may be dawning when their skill and devotion may be realised and appreciated; when they may be given some status higher than that of the worms and weeds they so effectively destroy for and on behalf of the pleasure-loving critical devotees of golf and cricket—particularly the former.

I say, maybe!

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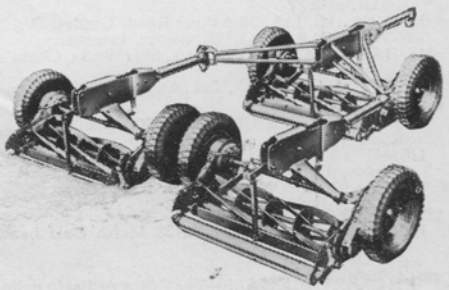
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