



#### JULY

18th South West Section, Annual Tournament, Weston-Super-Mare Golf Club.

#### AUGUST

13th, 14th and 15th B.G.G.A., A.G.M. and Annual Tournament, Pyle and Kenfig Golf Club.

30th Southern Section, Autumn Tournament, Sunningdale Golf Club.

#### SEPTEMBER

25th East Midland Section, Autumn Tournament, Willesley Park Golf Club, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Leicestershire.

26th Welsh Section, Cardiff Cup, Glamorganshire Golf Club.

#### NOVEMBER

28th Midland Section visit to Messrs. Massey Ferguson.

## ROD DAVIES at HANDSWORTH

IT may cost £2,000 to train an apprentice greenkeeper, but unless clubs were prepared to co-operate, the standard of golf greenkeeping might slip back to the "bad old days."

This was the warning given by Mr. "Jock" Glass, the national chairman of the greenkeepers' organisation speaking after Carl Bretherton's annual match at Handsworth.

He was talking largely to the converted, for Mr. Bretherton's side largely consists of the chairmen of the Green Committees of many Midland clubs, plus those who are interested in good greenkeeping because they are good players.

Mr. Glass stirred up controversy some time ago when he forecast that unless the inflow of young men to greenkeeping increased, golfers would have to take their own mowing machines around with them before long.

"Greenkeeping must keep pace with industry as an attractive proposition to young men" was the point Mr. Glass so rightly made. That would mean that golf subscriptions would have to keep pace with rising wages in industry—and that is something golfers have been loath to see for some time.

Mr. Bretherton raised a fine side for his annual match but it was drawn  $7\frac{1}{2}$  to  $7\frac{1}{2}$  against the keen greenkeepers. Incidentally Charlie Stowe had to finish 3—2—2 to win his games.

As Charlie said at the subsequent supper: "Beware opponents who say either that they have not struck a ball for six months or are having twinges of rheumatism. When you hear that kind of thing, you know you're in for a tough fight".

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