OUR SPRING TOURNAMENT was held at the Finchley Golf Club on the 16th May with an entry of 48. In spite of the weather the course was in very good condition. I would like to thank the Members of the Trade who so kindly supported our Prize Fund, also the Finchley Golf Club for their cheques, one for £5 5s. 0d., and one for £3 3s. 0d., the latter being from the Ladies’ Section.

The results were as follows:—1st Morning, E. Foulds, 77—6=71. 1st Afternoon, P. Staines, 87—15=72. Scratch, G. Darby, 78—77 Gross. Over 60’s, S. Morton, 160; W. E. Moore, 164. 1st Year Competitor: D. Major, 90—93, 183 Gross. Vice-Presidents, D. Craig.

The Autumn Tournament

Our Autumn Tournament to be played at Sunningdale on Thursday, 30th August will be run on the same lines as in previous years, 4 Ball Stableford in the morning, and Greensome Stableford in the afternoon. When sending entries will members please state handicap and club, also partner’s handicap. Partners may be either the Captain, or a member of the competitor’s club. Closing date for entries is 20th August.
We are indebted to the following who so kindly contributed to our Prize Fund: Mr. R. C. Ainscow, President; Mr. A. E. Smith and Mr. G. V. Lee, Vice-President; Mr. A. G. Beck, Messrs. Ransomes, Sims & Jefferies Ltd.; Messrs. H. Pattison & Co.; Messrs. T. Green, Ltd.; and Messrs. ATCO Service Branch, Sheffield.

Mr. S. C. Long
Stan Long, head greenkeeper at the Western Park Municipal Golf Course, and our Section Treasurer since 1958, has been appointed professional in succession to Jack Loach, who retired in April.

Mr. Long, who will also remain head of the greenkeeping staff, was recommended by the Parks Committee for the profession’s post and this has now been confirmed. A low handicap golfer who has played for the county second team, he joined the staff of Western Park as head greenkeeper four years ago and the course has made remarkable strides since then.

New Member
We are glad to welcome to our Section Mr. P. McCarron, 28 St. Peter’s Road, Leicester, who is a member of the Leicestershire Golf Club staff.

MIDLAND
By F. Cashmore
Chairman: Hon. Secretary: G. HART 76 Four Oaks Common Road (Gay Hill) Sutton Coldfield, Warwickshire.

THE WEATHER WAS VERY KIND to us this year for our President’s Match. It must have been the warmest evening of the year and the greenkeepers had to work hard to keep their end up as the President’s team included five or six internationals. We were very pleased to have the Association Chairman, Jock Glass with us for the evening. After a great struggle the greenkeepers were able to keep it all square 7½ matches each, which was a very satisfying result. After the Match, our President again provided a wonderful meal for all present, including a number of notabilities who had not played in the match, chief of them, Sir Ernest Canning, a young man of over eighty.

The President introduced Jock Glass, Chairman of the B.G.G.A., who made some very true remarks about the past, present, and future of the greenkeeping profession, which I am sure had a great effect on the company present. Our Section Chairman, George Hart thanked our President for his kindness in making it possible for us to play against some of the cream of Midland golfers. Our old friend Charlie Stowe had some very amusing things to say about his match and the opposition with which he had to contend. Our President thanked everyone for their kind remarks, the Handsworth Club for their co-operation in making the evening such a success, and the Steward and his staff for the grand way in which they looked after us. So ended a night that everyone present will remember for many days to come.

The results were as follows:—

**PRESIDENT’S TEAM**
1. C. Stowe and J. M. Urry 3 & 1, 1
2. H. J. Roberts and J. T. Mitchley 0
3. A. W. Holmes and I. Wheeler — 0
4. E. W. Fiddian and W. Johnston — 0
5. A. W. Pullar and D. M. G. Sutherland — 0
6. G. Stubbings and A. H. Clayton — 0
7. T. R. Hodgetts and R. W. Bailey — 0
8. E. Mogg-Wright and R. Baldwin 1 up, 1
9. W. H. R. Lloyds and D. J. Davies 8 & 6, 1
10. Dr. E. G. Wilkinson and H. G. Lunt 4 & 3, 1
11. S. A. Dark and J. P. Richards — 1
13. C. Gold and T. A. Phillips 4 & 3, 1
14. J. Conlon and G. N. James 7 & 6, 1
15. R. D. Parker and E. Ballinger 3 & 2, 1

**MIDLAND GREENKEEPERS**
1. G. Woodward and G. Hart — 0
2. E. Benbow and H. Gibbs 2 & 1, 1
3. R. Pugh and T. Jones 1 up 1
4. J. Glass and W. Handy 1 up 1
5. V. Smith and W. Barton 3 & 2, 1
6. G. Wilson and S. Christie 3 & 1, 1
7. H. Drewitt and E. Adams 2 & 1, 1
8. A. Hastelow and J. Toy — 0
9. E. Walford and W. Machin — 0
10. G. Smith and B. Powell — 0
11. A. Stephens and E. Mitton 2 & 1, 1
12. G. Barton and E. H. Lumby — 3
13. W. D. G. Handy and D. Wolton — 0
14. A. Bevington and B. Baxter — 0
15. G. Fox and D. Hoynes — 0

Handicap Revision
The Committee have made the following revisions to handicaps: A. C. Jones, 10 to 8; W. Machin, 6 to 10; and W. D. J. Handy, 14 to 20.

**MR. S. R. GIBBS**
We were grieved to learn of the death on Sunday, 3rd June, of Sydney Robertson Gibbs of Gwynne Cottage, Stanwell Road, Bedfont.

Mr. Gibbs was Director and Secretary of J. Gibbs Limited at Bedfont, Middlesex and Ripley, Surrey.

The Funeral Service was held at Bedfont Church on Friday, the 8th June, followed by cremation at the South West Middlesex Crematorium, Hanworth.
OUR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING took place at the Royal Porthcawl Golf Club by kind permission of the Captain and Committee in conjunction with the Secretaries. All members observed a minute of silence in memory of the late Stan Phillips of the Southerndown Golf Club. May I express, on behalf of all members our deepest sympathy to the relatives. Stan was a very fine fellow, always willing to help the Section in any way he could, a very staunch Committee man who never missed a meeting. We shall all miss him very much.

I would like to express our thanks to John O’Gorman our retiring Secretary for all the work he put into the Section in spite of personal worries, and I sincerely hope that I shall be able to carry on the good work.

Our A.G.M. was a very pleasant one and all present were pleased with the position of the Section.

Competition.

We played an 18 Hole Competition Medal Round in very windy weather conditions but there were some very good scores. The John Duncan Cup was won by J. Williams with a score of 88—15=73; 2nd, J. Martin, 80—6=76, and 3rd, J. Rees, 89—9=80. The Birdie Cup was won by B. Jones with a score of 95—15=80; 2nd, H. Fry Snr., 103—22=81, and 3rd, D. Jones, 99—14=85.

D. G. Lord writes,

“It is with deep regret that I have to inform you of the death of Mr. Stan Phillips, Assistant Greenkeeper at the Southerndown Golf Club, who died on the 14th June, in Bridgend Hospital.

Stan commenced his greenkeeping career at the Southerndown Club in 1926 and spent all his working life there. He was an active member of the Welsh Section for the past 27 years, and his staunch support will be sadly missed.

The funeral service was held at St. Bride’s Church, nr. Bridgend on the 18th June when Mr. M. Geddes, Chairman, Mr. A. Jury, and Mr. Cox represented the Section, and I attended on behalf of the Association.”