News

from the Sections

WELSH

By S. A. Tucker

Chairman: M. Geddes (Royal Porthcawl)
Hon. Secretary: 36 Clase Road, Morriston, Swansea, Glam.

SORRY I DID NOT MANAGE TO have these notes in the September issue of the Journal. Owing to pressure of work, etc., it was just not possible to do so.

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Hon. Secretary: 18 Albert Road, Hendon, N.W.4.
Tel.: SUNnyhill 0245

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AT OUR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING on 25th June, Ernie Benbow resigned the Treasurership of the Section. George Wilson, 294 Middlemarch Road, Radford, Coventry, was elected to the office and he will be pleased to receive members' subscriptions. I have had several enquiries as to what the subscriptions are. Head Greenkeepers—£1 2s. 6d. Assistant Greenkeepers—15s. Associate Members—11s. It would appear that all members who have joined the Association during the past few years have not received a book of rules, and I shall make enquiries at Headquarters to see if this can be rectified, as all members should have the Rules and Constitution of the Association. At the Annual General Meeting at Porthcawl it was agreed that a proposition should go forward to increase the postage charges on the Journal from 2s. 6d. to 3s. 6d. to cover the increase in postal rates. If members would care to pay the Is. extra this year, it would be most acceptable.

New Member

The Committee have accepted the Nomination Form from B. J. Lowe, 2 Danescourt Cottages, Tettenhall, Wolverhampton, Class C, employed at the South Staffs. Golf Club, and have fixed his Handicap at 14. They also fixed the Handicaps of C. Woodhouse, South Staffs., at 12, and D. Woolton, Shirley Golf Club, at 6.

Mr. Fred Gregory

I have received a letter from Fred Gregory who wishes to be remembered to all members who knew him before he went to Dawlish. He tells me that there has been a change of ownership at his course and as the new owners required a younger man, they have dispensed with his services. Fred says he is now drawing his pension and doing a little part-time job to keep him out of mischief. We wish him the very best of luck.

A.G.M. at Porthcawl

Congratulations to our team, G. Woodward, E. Benbow and R. Pugh, on winning the Section Cup, and we are very pleased that Gill Woodward won the "News of the World" Cup. It helped to make amends for the unsatisfactory finish at Worthing two years ago, when, owing to the weather, the tie was decided on three holes. Although we only had four competitors, there was quite a good gathering from the Midlands. Our good friend Mr. W. Payne was there doing his usual chores, also Messrs. Parker and Ballenger, together with Mr. Jack Parker. We were pleased to see Albert Oakley looking so much better.

I should like to put on record, and I think everyone will agree, the splendid way in which the staff at Porthcawl made us welcome. Nothing was too much trouble for them. They really went out of their way to make our stay comfortable and enjoyable. Any member who does not attend the Annual because he may think he would not know anyone there, would be surprised. The atmosphere is so friendly that one could not possibly feel alone, and the many members' wives who attend are just the same. No one is left out in the cold. With a bit of luck, my wife and myself will be there next year.
MEMBERS ARE REMINDED THAT
the closing date for entries for the Autumn
Tournament to be played over the course of
the Headingley Golf Club on Thursday, 18th
October (by kind permission of the Com-
mitee) is Monday, 8th October.

Mr. E. Calam and Mr. W. Hannam

Members will be pleased to hear that both
are now making satisfactory progress. I have
had letters from them expressing their thanks
for our good wishes. Ted hopes to be fit
enough to join us, even if not to play, at
our Autumn Tournament.

Blazer Badges

I have just received a new stock of
Association Blazer Badges and will be pleased
to supply any member with one on the receipt
of 30/-.

New Member

We welcome to the Section the following
new member:—Mr. D. A. Hunt, Golf House,
Glossop Golf Club, Glossop, Derbyshire.

Sheffield Match

The Annual Match versus the Sheffield
Section was played over the course of the
Lindrick Golf Club (by kind permission of
the Committee) on Tuesday, 4th September.
Over 30 members made the journey to be
entertained by the Sheffield Section to a most
enjoyable outing.

For the second year in succession the
match for the "Slater Trophy" resulted in a
tie, but Sheffield as the holders retained the
Cup. The results were as follows:—R.
Driver and S. Smith, 5 and 4, beat S. Inman
and T. Peat. G. Mason and D. Roberts,
2 and 1, beat J. Lomas and G. Herrington.
F. Cox and C. Moore lost 4 and 3 to R.
Whitehead and A. Goldthorpe. R. Slater
and D. Cooper lost 5 and 4 to A. Shardlow
and A. Spence. L. Sharp and D. Storey
lost 4 and 3 to J. Clark and J. Hicking.
G. Geddes and A. Robertshaw, 3 and 2, beat
P. Booker and H. Herrington.

Following the match, all present sat down
to a most enjoyable meal. Mr. Shardlow,
President, Sheffield Section, introduced Mr.
A. Turner, Captain of Lindrick, who wel-
comed competitors, who agreed to contend with a strong southerly wind blowing to the sea which I
should say provides the most difficult con-
ditions on the Weston links. Low scores
were always possible but never easy. It is to
the credit of our three senior members that
they mastered these difficult conditions and
took away the major prizes. Indeed, Walter
Tyrell is to be congratulated on his very fine
score, even a nett score beating one's age is
no mean achievement.

The results were as follows:—Best nett
over 36 holes, B. Reeves, 136. Greenkeepers :
1st nett, W. Tyrell, 143 (on last nine). 2nd
nett, J. Jenkins, 143. 3rd nett, G. Gilbert,
145. 4th nett, G. Morgan, 151. 5th nett,
A. Cockfield, 158. Assistant Greenkeepers :
1st nett, B. Reeves, 136. 2nd nett, R. Parr,
150. 3rd nett, S. Baber, 151. 4th nett,

The Captain of Weston Golf Club kindly
presented the prizes, a duty he obviously
performed with great pleasure as he was un-
sparing in his efforts to welcome every Green-
keeper to the Club.

November Lecture

The first of the winter lectures will be
given by a member of the staff of the Sports
Turf Research Institute. Details will be
circularised in due course. Your Committee
look for support as these educational talks are
arranged for your benefit.

Subscriptions

As in other Sections, I find many subscrip-
tions are outstanding. I should be much
obliged for early settlement. Members are
reminded that no one is eligible to play in
the Autumn Tournament unless subscriptions
are fully paid up to date.
South-West—cont.
Tyrell at the Clevedon Golf Club, and we wish him every success. We welcome also F. Trabbell of West Hill, Wraxall, near Bristol, who is assistant greenkeeper at Bristol and Clifton Golf Club.

Mr. G. Warrender
We hear that Mr. G. Warrender of Burnham & Berrow has returned to light duties after a long spell of ill health. We wish him a speedy recovery to normal work.

EAST MIDLAND

By S. T. McNeice
Chairman: Hon. Secretary:
S. TALBOT 40 Edward Road, Clarendon Park, Leicester

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the East Midland Section well be held at the Central Tavern, Huntington Street, Nottingham, on Wednesday, 17th October, 1952, at 7 p.m.

All members will be notified by post and it is hoped that they will make every effort to attend this important meeting.

THE SCOTTISH GOLF GREENKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION

NORTH & MIDLAND SECTION

MR. W. H. F. THOMSON, HEAD Greenkeeper at the Edzell Golf Course has been appointed Head Greenkeeper to Nairn Golf Club.

We wish him every success in his new post.

W. RITCHIE,
Secretary.