News

SHEFFIELD

Chairman,
G. HERRINGTON
(Lindrick)

By J. J. Dearlove,
Hon. Secretary:
63 Langsett Avenue,
Sheffield, 6.

Lecture
ABOUT 30 MEMBERS ATTENDED
the first lecture of our winter programme, the
subject being, "The planting and maintenance
of trees suitable for Golf Courses". This
lecture was probably unique in the Green-
keepers' calendar and proved most interesting
and enlightening.

We are most grateful to Mr. R. T. Hurst,
the South Yorkshire District Forestry Com-
mmissioner, who covered grants for tree plant-
ing and licence for felling, also to Mr. Broad-
head, Head Forester to Earl Fitzwilliam at
Wentworth Woodhouse. Mr. Broadhead
showed film slides of tree planting recently
carried out on his advice at a number of local
golf courses.

Both gentlemen dealt with many questions
before time ran out.

Secretary
Having completed my first half year as
Secretary of this section, I would like to
thank our members for their support, and
hope it will continue for our remaining meet-
ings. Being the appropriate time, may I
also wish them a very Happy Christmas and
Best Wishes for 1964. These wishes also go
out from our Section to Mr. Hawtree, Mr. Dix
and others concerned in the smooth
running of the Association and publication of
the Journal.

We would also like to thank Messrs. Fearnes
Ltd., of Sheffield, for so kindly printing the
cards for our winter programme.

SOUTH-WEST

Chairman:
G. GILBERT,
(Warminster G.C.)

By A. Cockfield
Hon. Secretary:
(Shamcastle G.C.)

Autumn Competition
AN AUTUMN 18-HOLE COMPETITION
was held at Clevedon Golf Club on Thursday,
26th October. Considering the weather con-
ditions, it was most heartening to have an
almost full entry.

Our congratulations to the winner, F.
Trappell of Bristol and Clifton Golf Club, for
returning such a fine score, 84—20=64.
Something will be done about that! Other
leading scores were: H. Sheppard, Weston-
Super-Mare, and W. Light, Knowle, 72 nett.
F. Tucker, Knowle, and A. Cockfield, Bath,
74 nett. T. Moore, Bath, 76 nett.

After enjoying an excellent meal the usual
appreciations were made to the Clevedon
Golf Club, the Steward and Stewardess and
the Professional.

From the Sections

Greetings

From the President:
To all members of the British Golf
Greenkeepers' Association I send very
best wishes for Christmas and the New
Year; may your work for a larger mem-
bership and for golf courses meet every
success in 1964.

Carl Bretherton.

From the Chairman:
To all Officers and Members of the
British Golf Greenkeepers' Association
and all who read the Journal, including
our Scottish friends, I wish you a Merry
Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous
New Year.

G. T. Geddes, Chairman.

From the Hon. Secretary:
To every member of the Association
I would like to extend my very best
wishes for a Happy Christmas and a
Bright and Prosperous New Year.

C. H. Dix.
Meeting

A meeting took place during which it was proposed by B. Reeves that two or three of our senior members be made Honorary Life Members of the section. This was a unanimous decision and Messrs. W. M. Ashley, A. Butler and W. Tyrell were duly elected. These three members, with an average age of 70 years, have devoted a lifetime of faithful service to the Association, and all Golf Clubs in the South-West. We in this section are greatly indebted to them for the keenness they have created amongst our younger members. Undoubtedly our present day enthusiasm and strength is entirely due to these three stalwarts.

Arthur Meeker

All members will be sorry to hear of the illness of Arthur Meeker and I am sure you will all join me in wishing him a speedy and full recovery.

Greetings

The South-West Section send Best Wishes for Christmas and the New Year to all other sections, to our President, Vice-President, Editor and Secretary, and not forgetting all members of the trade who so generously support us throughout the year.

New Members

We welcome to the Section the following new members: T. Moore, C. Ball and T. A. Waygood.

Welsh

By S. A. Tucker

Chairman: M. Greaves
(Royal Porthcawl)

Hon. Secretary: 36 Close Road, Morriston, Swansea, Glam.

Greetings

TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE B.G.G.A. I take this opportunity on behalf of the Welsh Section to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and Prosperous New Year.

Spring Meeting

The Committee has decided to play our Spring Meeting at Langland Bay G.C. I hope to give you a full report in the January issue of the journal.

East Midland

By S. T. McNeice

Chairman: F. Frost
(Derby G.C.)

Hon. Secretary: 40 Edward Road, Clarendon Park, Leicester

A.G.M.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING was held at the Central Tavern, Huntingdon Street, Nottingham, on Wednesday, 23rd October.

The Chair was taken by Mr. D. G. Whitehead.

Annual Report

The Hon. Secretary gave a detailed report on the activities of the Section, its adoption being carried.

Financial Statement

The Hon. Treasurer, Mr. A. Thornton, presented the accounts which are still on a sound basis. The adoption of the accounts were carried.

Election of Officers

President. Mr. R. C. Ainscow was unanimously re-elected.

Vice-Presidents. The Vice-Presidents of the Section were re-elected en bloc. In addition, Mr. R. Brown was elected to join our Vice-Presidents.

Chairman. The Section Vice-Chairman, Mr. Fred Frost, Derby Golf Club, was unanimously elected Chairman for the ensuing year.

Vice-Chairman. Mr. L. A. Foster, Chilwell Manor Golf Club, was elected Vice-Chairman.

Hon. Secretary. Mr. S. T. McNeice re-elected.

Hon. Treasurer. Mr. A. Thornton re-elected.

Section Representative. Mr. S. T. McNeice re-elected.
The following were elected to serve on the Committee: Messrs. D. Bull, S. Talbot, F. Oliver and D. G. Whitehead.

Section Auditors. Mr. D. G. Whitehead and Mr. S. Talbot were elected Hon. Auditors.

It was decided at the meeting that the Headquarters of the Section in future should be based in Leicester. This would be more central, as the majority of our members were in the Leicester and Northampton area.

In making this move it was thought we would get a larger number attending the meetings.

Transfer

Mr. J. Moore, Glen Gorse G.C., Leicester, has been appointed Head Greenkeeper to the Saltburn-on-Sea G.C., Yorkshire, and has been transferred to the Northern Section.

We wish Mr. Moore every success in his new venture and hope his association with his new club will be a happy one.

Autumn Tournament

I wish to apologise for omitting Golf Ball Manufacturers as a prize donor to our Annual Tournament in my notes of last month.

Seasons Greetings

A very Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year to all officers and members of the Association from the East Midland Section.

NORTH-EAST

By T. Oliver

Chairman:
J. SIMPSON
(Ponteland G.C.)

Hon. Secretary:
By V. Crabtree
T. BRENNAN
(Willows G.C.)

NORTH-WEST

By T. Oliver

Chairman:
J. SIMPSON
(Thorpe Hall) Tel.: SUNnyhill 0245

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

Quiz

OUR QUIZ ON WEDNESDAY, 9TH October, made a very interesting evening, with plenty of questions asked. Mr. J. Noakes was very anxious to know the best way of getting worms out of his greens; he says that around the greens and fairways they respond very quickly to his treatment but the few
which appear on the greens, although given the same treatment, still remain. Most present appeared to have the same trouble and all kinds of worm killers were suggested. Next was how to get rid of thatch on the greens. This was a long and very debateable subject and, after various suggestions were made, no really definite conclusion was reached. Maybe some of the other section greenkeepers have the same trouble and would like to pass on a cure. Our next lecture will take place on Wednesday, 11th December, and will be given by Mr. D. Peters, by kind permission of Messrs. F. W. Berk. His subject will be mainly “Wormkillers”, so maybe Mr. Noakes and others will get an answer to their problems. The time and the place: 6-30 p.m., The Talbot Restaurant, Moorgate, London, E.C.

Mr. J. Rimmer

Mr. J. Rimmer phoned me to say he has taken up a new post as Head Greenkeeper to the Hartsbourne Country Club. We wish him well in his new job.

New Members

We welcome to the Section Mr. W. A. Songhurst (Shirley Park Golf Club) and R. Claydon, Woburn Green, Bucks.

Greetings

Once again the festive season comes along and on behalf of all our members may we wish all other sections and members of the Association, including trade associates, a very Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year, with a special thanks to Mr. Editor for our monthly journals.

NORTHERN

By J. Parker

Chairman: S. Bailey Hon. Secretary: 8 Goit Stock Terr., Harden, Bingley, Yorks.

Autumn Tournament

THE ANNUAL AUTUMN TOURNAMENT of the Section was played under ideal golfing conditions, on Thursday, 17th October, over the course of the West Bowling, Bradford, Golf Club, by kind permission of the Committee.

Thirty-six members took part and with the course in first class condition, many good scores were returned and the Handicap Committee will no doubt be busy at the next meeting.

Results

Scratch: R. Barnes (Hazel Grove), 67. Veterans: S. Smith (Alwoodley), 71. 1st Division: 1st, G. L. Sharp (Woodhall Hills), 66; 2nd, D. Roberts (West Bowling), 67; 3rd, M. Henderson (Ganton), 68; 4th, D. Storey (Cleckheaton), 68. 2nd Division: 1st, M. Tucker (Headingley), 66; 2nd, C. Garnett (West Bowling), 69; 3rd, D. Scott (Scarborough South Cliff), 71; 4th, P. Williams (Northcliffe), 72. Vice-Presidents: 1st, P. Geddes (Clitheroe), 71; 2nd, R. Kirk (Horsforth), 71.

The prizes were presented by Mr. B. Cawthray, Captain of West Bowling, who was introduced to members by our President, Mr. W. Mountain.

In a brief speech the Captain said he was pleased to welcome the Section and how much more clubs were beginning to appreciate the work of their greenkeepers.

A vote of thanks to the club was proposed by Mr. D. Roberts (Vice-Chairman), seconded by Mr. A. Robertshaw.

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Our thanks are due to the indoor staff for the enjoyable meals, to Jim Wade, professional, for loan of caddy cars, and Donald and his staff, Colin—makes one think—for a course in a condition which they can be really proud of.

Finally I wish to thank the many local Golf Clubs who so kindly contributed to our Prize Fund.

Mr. R. B. Dawson
Mr. R. B. Dawson, O.B.E. (Director of S.T.R.I.), and an Hon. Vice-President of the Section, as many of you will now know, retires this month after 34 years at the Station. Mr. Dawson is known to most members of the Section through visits to the Station and his attendance at our Tournaments. Behind the scenes he has helped the Section in many ways and I am sure all members will want to join me in wishing him a long and happy retirement.

Seasonal Greetings
Another year has quickly rolled by and as these are the last notes for 1963 I would like to take this opportunity of wishing all members the Happiest of Christmases and All the Best in the New Year. Maybe, as a resolution for 1964, a few of you will write articles for the Journal, and those who have not paid their subscriptions for 1963 will do so immediately.

New Members
We welcome to the Section the following new members: Mr. B. Gilbank (Fixby Golf Club), Mr. A. Gregg (Cleckheaton Golf Club), Mr. H. Marshall (Cleckheaton Golf Club), Mr. A. Nightegale (Longley Park Golf Club), Mr. G. Smith (Woodhall Hills Golf Club) and Mr. J. Moore (Saltburn Golf Club), who has transferred from the Midland Section on taking up his new appointment.

December Film Show
As a further reminder to the circular—don't forget, 11th December, Market Tavern, Godwin Street, Bradford, 7-15 p.m., Ransomes' film show and Christmas Social.

Seasonal Greetings
ON BEHALF OF THE MIDLAND Section I should like to send the Season's Greetings to all members of the B.G.G.A., to their families, Section Vice-Presidents, our friends of the trade and especially to our President and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bretherton.

Annual Dinner
I am glad to say that the opinion of quite a number of people who were at our Dinner on 1st November was that it was the best ever. Eighty-seven sat down to an excellent meal, ample portions and well served. As usual our President was in the Chair. We were sorry that Mrs. Bretherton was not well enough to be with us, and we all send our good wishes and hope that she will be able to be with us next year.

We were pleased to have the Association Chairman with us and I am sure George enjoyed his trip to the Midlands. We also had the pleasure of the company of our Editor, who tried to explain to us what a Golf Architect was, but I don't think he was very successful. We were also very pleased to have Maurice Woodbine, the Golf Correspondent of the Birmingham Post and Mail, with us.

Our thanks are again due to Mrs. Mason and her daughter for their grand effort in selling raffle tickets. I am pleased to say they broke their record in the amount sold. We must also thank the Park Superintendent at Warley Park for the beautiful flowers he sent as a prize, also Mr. Harley Roberts and Mrs. Mason who also gave prizes.

The artistes were excellent entertainment and Johnny Scott was a great help in making our announcements. But the highlight of the evening was the film which was taken and shown by our friend Dick Parker. His shots of Greenkeepers at work, and play, caused a lot of comment and merriment, but the
comical antics of his partner, Eric Ballinger, playing (?) golf had to be seen to be believed; it was as good as any Crazy Gang film. They must have put a tremendous amount of time and work in the making and they deserve our thanks for the pleasure and enjoyment they gave everyone.

One thing was noticed and remarked on by Mr. Ken Sargeson, of Atco Mowers, when he was proposing the Toast to the Ladies and Guests. He said he had been attending our Dinner for 13 or 14 years, and he had never seen so many ladies present as there were this year. We hope to see them again next year, when we are looking forward to another grand evening.

S.G.G.A. NORTH and MIDLAND A.G.M.

OUR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING was held in Nicoll and Smiberts Restaurant, Dundee, on 24th October, when Mr. J. K. Campbell, St. Andrews, was in the Chair. The following Office-bearers were elected:

President: Mr. J. K. Campbell, St. Andrews.
Vice-President: Mr. S. Gray, Caird Park.
Committee: W. Ritchie, R. Scott, J. Low, J. Moffatt and J. Cameron.