News

from the Sections

SHEFFIELD

Chairman: G. HERRINGTON (Lindrick)
Hon. Secretary: 63 Langsett Avenue, Sheffield, 6.

A GOLF COMPETITION ORGANISED by the Sheffield Union of Golf Clubs, for Greenkeepers of this Section, was played on the 5th June over the Hillsborough course, in the form of a four ball Stapleford. The scoring was of a very high standard on a lovely day, with the winners, S. Inman and A. Spencers, returning a score of 45 points. Other prize winners, C. Chappell, A. Goldthorpe and G. Herrington, all on 40 points.

It was good to see so many greenkeepers at the same place at the same time, from the youngest to our oldest member, Fred Keys, an Hon. Life Member, whom we were all pleased to see. The meal afterwards was of the highest order, as were all facilities extended to us by the Hillsborough Club.

Our thanks go out to the Sheffield Union and especially to Mr. Wilkinson—Union Secretary—and his helpers for their hard work in the organisation. Some healthy discussion took place over the traditional drinks at the 19th on the havoc the past winter has played on golf greens throughout the district, and it was generally agreed that nothing quite like it has been experienced before.

To sum up, an excellent day was had by all. "Keep up the good attendance, lads!".

Midland

By F. Cashmore

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

Journal Postage

I SHOULD LIKE TO REMIND members that the postage for the Journal is now 3s. 6d. That makes the subscription for Head Greenkeepers £1 3s. 6d., Assistants 10s. and Associates 12s. The Treasurer, G. Wilson, c/o 294 Middlemarch Road, Radford, Coventry, will be pleased if members will let him have their subscriptions as soon as possible and will any member who has not got a pass card let him know at the same time, so that he can let them have one with their subscription entered on it, then they will always have proof that they have paid. It is very easy to lose a receipt.

Mr. J. L. Davies, who has been head greenkeeper at the Alfreton Golf Club, Oakerthorpe, Derbyshire, for many years, has had to give up greenkeeping and move to Cheshire owing to the ill health of his wife. We wish him well in his new occupation and hope his wife's health improves.

President's Match

As I am writing these notes the President's Match is only four days away and I am still waiting for replies from eight members to a letter sent them a fortnight ago, enquiring if they would be able to play. I am very angry about it, not for myself, but I think it shows discourtesy towards our President. The amount of time and work he gives for our Association, and the Midland Section in particular, warrants a reply of yes or no, so that I can let him know how many greenkeepers will be coming.

NORTH-EAST

Chairman: J. SIMPSON (Ponteland G.C.)
Hon. Secretary: Heathery Cottage, Heathery Lane, Gosforth, Newcastle-on-Tyne 3.

OUR SPRING MEETING WAS PLAYED on the course of Hartlepool Golf Club, by kind permission of the Committee, on Thursday, 16th May. We were favoured by grand weather conditions and the course is in fine trim, particularly the greens. Congratulations to our member, Dick Nicholson.

We were pleased to have with us our President, Mr. Leslie Jones. The President's Putter was won by D. Gray, playing from scratch, with an excellent round of 66. Second was R. Derham (7) 70; third T. Davies (18) 72; T. Nutman (6) 74; T. Green (4) 75; M. Moat (15) 76; T. Kirtley (11) 76; J. Snowdon (10) 81.

Following tea, the Putter was presented by Mr. Jones, who said how pleased he was to see such a good turn-out of members. The
other prizes were presented by Mr. Pallister, Chairman of Hartlepool Golf Club, who made us very welcome and said he hoped we had a good day. Mr. Stoker and Mr. Coyne also hoped that we had enjoyed the day. Our Chairman, J. Simpson, thanked the Club and Mr. Jones thanked the Steward and Stewardess for the very good tea.

We were also pleased to have with us Mr. Vaughan, Representative of Ransomes Sims & Jefferies, and Mr. Mackenzie.

Thanks again to Les Lowery for his good work on the cards. Thirty-two members played, 36 attended.

We have to thank Mr. L. Jones for his keen support towards the Association by advising officials of Golf Clubs to encourage greenkeepers to join. We already have new members and at the end of the year in April we had a membership of 50, of which 48 are fully paid members, plus two Class F.

We also have to thank the Northumberland and Durham Golf Unions for their donations. Receipts and payments have been examined as per Balance Sheet; we have a balance at the bank of £38 17s. od.

The Annual Meeting, election of officials, etc., was held on 13th April and the meeting for April expenses was held on 1st June.

Annual General Meeting

There was a most disappointing attendance at the A.G.M. held on Thursday, 30th May, at the Market Tavern. Only seventeen members were present, these being mostly the old stalwarts who support the Section on all occasions and money raising efforts! In presenting his annual report, the Secretary reported a rather big drop in the returns of both Headquarters and Section Sweeps and hoped that the ones in the coming year would be better supported. Membership and subscriptions were slightly increased. He thanks the S.T.R.I., members of the trade, Golf Clubs, Mr. Mountain (President) and Mr. A. Nott for their help.

Election of Officers

The following were elected as officials for the coming year: Mr. W. Mountain (President), Mr. S. Bailes (Chairman), Mr. D. Roberts (Vice-Chairman), Messrs. A. Routledge, A. Robertshaw, E. Paley, G. Garnett, G. Mason, K. Chamberlain and A. Tallant (Committee), J. Parker (Hon. Secretary and Treasurer). As a mark of appreciation for his services to the Section and Association, Mr. G. Geddes was elected Hon. Vice-President of the Section.

New Chairman.

On taking over Chairmanship, Mr. Bailes thanked members for thus honouring him and hoped he would be able to serve the Section well. He thanks Mr. Mason, who had been Chairman for the past three years, and had declined nomination, feeling that the honour should go round to other members, for his work during that period.

Several matters were discussed in which most members present took part. The meeting closed with members partaking of liquid refreshments with the President.

New Members

We welcome to the Section the following new members: P. Bowden, 19 Highfield Terrace, Cullingworth, Bradford (West Bradford G.C.); J. Smith, 20 Escott Street, Burnley (Burnley G.C.); R. F. Waterson, 21 Lyndon Avenue, Garforth, near Leeds (Garforth G.C.).
These are the leading scores and prize-winners:

1st, B. Mott, Kingsthorpe Golf Club, 85—13 = 72.
4th, F. Frost, Derby Municipal G.C., 80—6 = 74.
5th, R. W. Willars, Leicestershire G.C., 97—22 = 75.
6th, A. Thornton, Ohilwell Manor G.C., 98—22 = 76.
7th, D. G. Whitehead, Wollaton Park G.C., 100—24 = 76.

Special Prize for 3s—S. Fretter, Kirby Muxlow.

Vice-Presidents:

1st, R. Whitcombe, Chilwell Manor, 90—18 = 72.
2nd, D. Ezard, Bulwell Hall, 73—scr. = 73.

All ties were decided on second 9 holes.

We are indebted to the following, who have kindly contributed to our prize fund:


New Members

We welcome to the Section Roger Frederick Buchanan, 12 Aston Drive, Bulwell Hall Est., Nottingham.

IN SPITE OF THE THREAT OF RAIL strike, we had quite a good entry for our Spring Tournament, a total of forty-one.

The winners were as follows:

Scratch prize—J. Kirkpatrick, 158.

Our thanks go to all those firms who kindly contributed towards our prize list and also to Thorndon Park Golf Club for their great welcome.

Will members please note that subscriptions are now overdue.

New Members

We welcome to the Section the following new member: P. W. Robinson, 11 Council Houses, Shephall, Stevenage.

If you know any greenkeepers who are not members, let me know or send for a membership form.

Have you paid your subscriptions? Please note Class A is now £1 3s. 6d., Class B 16s., Class C 12s. This increase is due to the cost and postage of the journal. Please send your subscriptions to the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. E. Macavoy, 21 White Meadows Drive, Thornton, Liverpool, except in the case of new members, when they should be sent to me. No new member will be placed on the membership roll until the first subscription and entrance fee of 2s. 6d. is paid.
The Chairman and Committee feel that should you play your part along with us, greater benefits can be gained by all concerned.

Mr. B. Ellis

We were all very sorry to learn, at our Annual General Meeting, that Ben was adamant about his decision to resign as Secretary. His resignation was accepted with real regret, his wishes to be a back-bencher were acknowledged. He joined the Golf Greenkeepers' Association 36 years ago, the knowledge and experience gained over so many years cannot but leave a place that requires a lot of filling.

He has served on the staff at Romily Golf Club for 32 years, which shows a steadiness and consistency to be admired. In 1946 he was approached by Mr. Hawtree regarding the re-formation of this branch, so along with Mr. T. Bridges and Mr. T. Morton and a bank balance of 7s. 4d. he was appointed Hon. Secretary. Mr. W. Hargreaves, who was then President, was contacted and the circumstances made known to him. He promptly wrote out a cheque for £10 to help start. Ben continued in this office for six years until 1952, he was then Vice-Chairman and Chairman in 1953-54. Again he stepped into the breach for two years as Secretary in 1961-62.

This sounds a bit like "This is Your Life", and perhaps it is, but it is a record without which The North Western Section would have been much the poorer.

From us all, "Thank you, Ben, for a good job of work".

The meeting then acknowledged Mr. Ellis' services by making him a Life Member, and a tankard is to be purchased, suitably inscribed, and presented to him.

Trip to Research Station, Bingley

A visit has been arranged to the Turf Research Station, Bingley, for Tuesday, 16th July, 1963. Would members wishing to go please let me have their names by 1st July, so catering arrangements can be finalised. The party will travel by coach, picking up times as listed below: Queen Hotel, Bradbury, Bents Lane, at 8-0 a.m.; Cherry Tree Hotel, Romiley, 8-5 a.m.; Navigation Hotel, Marple, 8-15 a.m.; Goyt Mill, Marple, 8-15 a.m.; Blossoms Hotel, Stockport, 8-25 a.m.; Queen's Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester, 8-45 a.m.; Victoria Station, Manchester, 9-15 a.m.; Rochdale Town Hall, 10-0 a.m.

Spring Tournament

Our Spring Meeting was held at Sale Golf Club on Monday, 13th May, 1963. Thanks to the Captain and Council, with the cooperation of the inside and outside staff, an excellent day's golf was enjoyed. We played 18 holes in the morning and 9 holes in the afternoon, followed in the evening with the Annual General Meeting.

A wonderful array of prizes were displayed to spur us on to greater things. The John Fitton Rose Bowl and camera, coffee percolator, electric clock, holdall, tankard, two bottles of whiskey, crystal bowl, canton of cutlery, golf balls, fruit set, a golf umbrella. These were presented by Mrs. B. Ellis, Mrs. L. Haken, Mr. L. Haken, Mr. O. P. Jones, Mr. W. H. Payen and the President, Mr. W. Kinsey. Messrs. W. E. Sowerbuttes & Co., Messrs. T. Burrows (late Ellis Rees and Co. Ltd.), Messrs. Lunevale, Messrs. Barter's Ltd., Messrs. Suttons Ltd., Messrs. Rigby Taylors. Thank you, prize donors, and Mr. Captain, Sale Golf Club, for a donation to branch funds.

The prizes were played for over the 27 holes and won by W. Brady, 121 gross; H. Smith, 109 nett; A. Warhurst, 111½; G. Davey, 112½; T. Cooper, 116 (on first 9 holes); A. M. Shaw, 116; R. Mayer 117; W. Brady, 118; D. Pate, 119½; A. M. Shaw, on first 6 holes; A. Curran, the highest score; and the visitor's prize by Mr. V. Howard, 69 nett.

Tournament Accommodation — Note to All Sections

Would any members who have to travel long distances to reach Royal Birkdale for the Autumn Tournament, having any difficulty fixing accommodation, please let me know and we will do our best to find suitable hotel or boarding house in Ainsdale or Southport. Please reply as early as possible, as this period as at peak holiday times.
OUR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING was held at Knowle Golf Club by kind permission of the Captain, on Monday, 6th May.

The meeting was opened by our Chairman, Mr. Gilbert. The Hon. Secretary gave a brief report on the activities of the Section during the past year.

The accounts showed an improvement and after a detailed report these were approved and carried. The meeting was concluded after a vote of thanks was given to the Club.

Annual Tournament

It was decided to approach the Committee of the Bristol and Clifton Golf Club for permission to hold our Annual Tournament there in July.

They have very kindly offered us Tuesday, 23rd July, for this event. In order to assist catering arrangements, the closing date for entries will be Tuesday, 16th July. Will all those competing please forward their entries together with a fee of 10s. (towards lunches, etc.) not later than the above date.

As you have all heard from Mr. Lord how much money is needed to maintain our Association, I hope you will do your best to sell out all raffle tickets in the parcel which you will have received from me before you read these notes. Thank you all for your support in anticipation of a good year.

The Autumn Meeting will be held by kind permission of the Captain and Committee of the Cardiff Golf Club, Cyn-Coed, Cardiff, on Wednesday, 18th September. Please let me know how many will be coming from each club, so that I can arrange the catering with the steward.
ROYAL BIRKDALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Forty-sixth Annual General Meeting of the British Golf Greenkeepers' Association will be held at the Royal Birkdale Golf Club, Southport, on Monday, 12th August, 1963, commencing at 3-0 p.m.

Notice of Resolutions must be sent in writing to the Honorary Secretary TWENTY-ONE DAYS before the date of the meeting. Under Rule 29, Proxies may be voted at all General Meetings. A Form of Proxy may be obtained from the Honorary Secretary and returned not later than FIRST post on Wednesday, 7th August.

The Annual Tournament

THE FORTY-SIXTH ANNUAL GOLF Tournament will be held at the Royal Birkdale Golf Club, Southport, on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, 12th, 13th and 14th August, 1963. Entry Forms appeared in the June issue of the Journal.

Programme

Monday, 12th August.
Morning—18 Holes Stableford.
Afternoon—Annual General Meeting, 3-0 p.m.

Tuesday, 13th August.
36 Holes.
"News of the World" Cup (Scratch).
Senior Division (Plus to 11).
Junior Division (12 to 24).
The Artisan Medal.
The Jubilee Cup (Team Prize off Hardicap).
The Coming of Age Cup.

Wednesday, 14th August.
Morning—18 Holes Medal Competition.
Afternoon—Prize Distribution at 3-0 p.m. (approximately).

Handicaps

Section Secretaries will be asked to verify the handicaps of all competitors from their records before the Tournament. All Handicaps and revisions must be based on the National Golf Unions' handicapping system.

A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE Committee will be held at the Royal Birkdale Golf Club, Southport, on SUNDAY, 11th AUGUST, 1963, at approximately 5-0 p.m.

May I remind holders of trophies from last year's Tournament, who are not taking part this year, to ensure that these are returned to Royal Birkdale Golf Club, Southport, prior to this year's meeting.

Annual Draw

May I remind members that all counterfoils and monies should be returned to their own Section Secretary and NOT to me.

C. H. Dix,
Hon. Secretary.

Members requiring accommodation should look under Mr. Crabtree's North West Section Notes, where he kindly offers to assist.

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