from the Sections

NORTHERN

By J. Parker

Chairman: Hon. Secretary:
G. W. Mason
8 Golf Stock Ter., Harden, Bingley, Yorks.

Spring Tournament

UNDER IDEAL GOLFING CONDITIONS the Annual Spring Tournament of the Section was played over the course of the Woodsome Hall Golf Club, Huddersfield, on Tuesday, 7th May (by kind permission of the Committee).

This is the first time the Section has visited this course and the 30 members taking part in the competition were agreeably surprised by the lovely setting and lay-out of the course—a stiff test of golf and, as the scores returned show, good figures were hard to come by.

Results

Scratch Prize: R. Barnes (Hazel Grove) 152. First Division: 1st, L. Sharp (Woodhall Hills) 148; 2nd, D. Roberts (West Bowling) 150; 3rd, M. Henderson (Ganton) 153. Second Division: 1st, D. Storey (West Bowling) 134; 2nd, P. Williams (Northcliffe) 135; 3rd, C. Shinwell (Howley Hall) 152. Veteran’s Prize: S. Smith (Alwoodley) and D. Scott (Scarborough North Cliff) tied 73. Vice-President’s Prize: A. Brophy (Moor Allerton) 149; Pro-Greenkeeper, P. Geddes (Clitheroe) 133.

The prizes were presented by the past Captain of the Woodsome Hall Golf Club, Mr. L. Chambers, who was introduced by our President, Mr. W. Mountain. The speaker said how pleased he was to welcome members of the Association to the course and spoke highly of the work done by their own greenkeeper, Mr. T. Brook. He realised under what trying circumstances greenkeepers had sometimes to work. In a vote of thanks, Mr. G. Mason, Chairman, thanked the officials of the Club present for the most generous way they had entertained members with coffee and biscuits and presented a voucher for the prize fund.

He also thanked Mr. C. Hughes, professional, for the kind loan of caddy cars and the stewardess, Mrs. Williams, for the splendid meals and service. Finally, congratulations went to Tom Brooks and his two staff for the splendid condition of the course under what has been a most trying spring. The vote of thanks was seconded by Mr. J. Scott and heartily endorsed by members.

We were pleased to have with us Mr. R. B. Dawson, Director of S.T.R.I., accompanied by Frank Smith. Other old stalwarts present were Tommy Hallah and Syd Jolly and members of the trade.

Our thanks are due to the following who so kindly contributed to our Prize Fund:


Mr. G. Geddes

Members will be pleased to hear that Mr. George Geddes, Vice-Chairman of the Association, and Head Greenkeeper to Moor Allerton Golf Club for the past 32 years, has been made an Honorary Life Member of the Club in appreciation of his service to the Club.

New Members

We welcome to the Section the following new members:

- Mr. J. H. Fitzgerald, 260 Sisson Road, Leeds 10 (Gobble Hall Golf Club).
- Mr. G. Hollingworth, 20 Stainbeck Street, Meanwood, Leeds 7, (Moor-Allerton Golf Club).
- Mr. E. Garlick, 8 Dean’s Wood Drive, Leeds 17 (Moor-Allerton Golf Club).
- Mr. A. Christon, 2a Tynwald Hill, Moor-town, Leeds 17 (Moor-Allerton Golf Club).
- Mr. R. F. Waterson, 21 Lyndon Avenue, Garforth, nr. Leeds (Garsforth Golf Club).

FOR SALE

5 Ransomes Gang Mowers—complete—in good working condition. Also 3 others—broken—useful for spares, £100. Burnley Golf Club, Glen View, Burnley. Burnley 2048.

Mr. III. Overgreen. Complete with slit and hollow tines and rakes. Excellent condition. Reasonable offer accepted. The Leicestershire Golf Club, Garthe Road, Leicester.
WE ARE TO PAY A VISIT TO THE Research Station on Tuesday, 16th July. Members wishing to make the trip, please let me know as soon as possible. Details of times and places of pick-up will be published in the July issue.

New Members

We welcome two new members to the Section:

H. Thompson, 124 Broadway, Davyhulme, Manchester (Davyhulme Park Golf Club).

W. Cryer, 301 Willows Lane, Bolton (Breightmet Golf Club).

HON. SECRETARY'S NOTES

Annual Draw

The Annual Draw for 1963 will again be run on the "News of the World" P.G.A. Match Play Championship to be held at Turnberry Golf Club, Ayrshire from 2nd to 7th September, 1963.

Prizes will again be to the value of £100 as last year and tickets will be 6d. each in books of five. These should be in the hands of Section Secretaries during this month.

It is hoped that members will make every effort to maintain the splendid response of last year, but I shall be disappointed if the sale of tickets cannot still be increased. This draw is a very important factor in our financial affairs.

Mr. G. T. Geddes

It is with the greatest pleasure that I have to advise members that our Vice-Chairman, Mr. G. T. Geddes, has been elected an Honorary Member of his Club, at Moor Allerton, in appreciation of his very long, conscientious, and valued services.

I am sure all members would like to join me in expressing our very sincere congratulations.

SITUATIONS VACANT

Head Greenkeeper required for Hallamshire Golf Club. Must be fully experienced—rent-free house, etc. Applications, stating age, full details of experience, when able to commence, with copies of testimonials, to Secretary, Hallamshire Golf Club, Ltd., Sandygate, Sheffield 10.

Head Greenkeeper required—East Coast experience desirable, state age, experience and salary to the Secretary, Seacroft Golf Club, Skegness, Lincolnshire.

DENHAM GOLF CLUB require experienced Assistant Greenkeeper, aged 30-45. Free accommodation plus light in new bungalow, but no young children. Good wages exceeding agricultural rate. Apply Secretary.
THE SECTION AUTUMN TOURNAMENT will take place at the Walton Heath Golf Course on Wednesday, 4th September. May I please remind members that when sending along their subscriptions to remember that owing to the increased cost of journal postage, it was decided to add an extra shilling to pay for this. Class "A", 23/6d.; Class "B", 16/-; Class "C", 11/-.

Any member wishing to compete for the Artisan Gold Medal at Birkdale in August should pay an extra shilling, thus making them an Association Artisan Member.

Visit to Messrs. Suttons on Wednesday, 26th June

There are still a few vacant seats on the coach. Will anyone wishing to go, please let me know right away, as we are limited to forty.

OUTING TO S.T.R.I.

We had a very pleasant and interesting day at the Sports Turf Research Institute, Bingley, on Tuesday, 23rd April. Our party of 40 was met by Mr. Wood, the Secretary, who made us very welcome. After lunch we were shown around the plots and nothing was too much trouble for the officials, whose names, unfortunately, I did not get. It was a pleasure to meet Frank Smith, Mr. Parker and Mr. Bartle. We had two good meals from Mr. and Mrs. Kelly, it was a grand, sunny day and we all enjoyed it.

New Members

We welcome to our section three new members:
- Mr. P. Malia, Ryehill Cottage, Brass Castle Lane, Middlesbrough Golf Club.
- Mr. J. Davison, 30 Grayson Road, Middlestone Moor, Co. Durham (Bishop Auckland Golf Club).
- Mr. D. Storey, 6 Low Hall Terrace, Bishop Auckland, Co. Durham (Bishop Auckland Golf Club).

Annual Tournament

We are hoping to pay a visit to the S.T.R.I., Bingley and hope for a good turnout, especially of our younger members. All will be notified when the date is fixed.
Tournament

Here are the results of a competition played at Baltray Golf Club on the 13th May:

1st, H. McWha, Helens Bay, 90—18=72;
2nd, H. Pettigrew, Royal Belfast, 87—13=74;
3rd, J. G. Bryan, Edmonstown, 86—12=74;
4th, P. Cullen, Milltown, 81—6=75; 5th, J. Bridges, Malone, 81—5=76; 6th, S. Allen, Warrenpoint, 84—7=77; 7th, R. Wightman, Helens Bay, 87—9=78. Best Gross: D. McDonnell, Grange, 79.

Grateful Thanks

The prizes were contributed by:—Irish Dunlop Company, Golf Ball Developments Ltd., Dairy Engineering Company of Ireland, Dubtex Manufacturers and Mr. Black of Belfast.

Reminder

(This notice first appeared last month.)

THE ANNUAL GOLF OUTING WILL be held on Thursday, 27th June, over the Prestonfield Golf Course, Edinburgh, by courtesy of the Prestonfield Committee. We hope to have a large attendance of old and new members on this date.