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Social Evening

THERE ARE A LIMITED NUMBER OF tickets left for our annual social in Nicoll & Smiberts, Dundee on 23rd March at 7-0 p.m. Those wishing tickets and any member with some over, please contact the Committee or myself before 13th March.

New Members

We welcome Mr. R. Cameron, 8 King Street, St. Andrews, and Mr. J. Moffatt, 97 Market Street, St. Andrews.

The Annual Spring Competition of the West Section will be held over the Erskine Golf Club on Thursday, 18th April, 1963.

Viewpoint

The Editor,
The British Golf Greenkeeper.

Dear Sir,

During this exceptional spell of rough weather, I have listened with great interest and, at times, annoyance to the remarks of some members, who think that, because the course is under snow, all the outside staff have to do is to play cards.

I should like to use a small space in the Journal to give these people an insight of what really goes on during hard weather.

Most courses nowadays are equipped (or should be) with good sheds, where the staff can work in all weathers.

With the continued popularity of golf, more materials, especially compost are needed to keep the greens and tees up to the required standard. The average course needs at least 50 tons, which has got to be prepared ready for spring and

summer use; it must be realised, to make compost properly takes a lot of time and a spell like this is very helpful.

Then there is the repairing and painting of the boxes, flag poles, seats, etc. Also, the frames of gang mowers must be kept painted, in an effort to stop rusting.

So that at least one hole can be kept playable, all paths leading to the clubhouse have to be kept clear of snow.

If the weather is not too bad, there is always the job of clearing the bottoms of hedges and lopping off overhead boughs.

This is only a list of the things that must be done, which does not give much time for playing cards.

Yours sincerely,

Jock Glass.

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