



## **THE ASSOCIATION VISITS ROYAL BIRKDALE**

### **Local Greenkeepers gain Top Awards**

The North West Section set out to show the others how to play Royal Birkdale when the Association gathered there on Monday, 12th August, for its three-day Tournament and Annual General Meeting. J. Gillett (St. Anne's Old Links) set the fashion with 36

points in the Monday morning Stableford competition and collected the S.T.R.I. Cup and a handsome canteen of cutlery.

Even in the afternoon at the Annual General Meeting, the North West Section resolution produced a most fruitful discussion on wages, though certain representatives from other parts



*The Royal Birkdale Club-house and Eighteenth Green.*

*J. Gillett (St. Anne's Old Links) winner of the S.T.R.I. Cup in the Monday morning competition.*



*Southern Section Prizewinners with some of their admirers.*

had a great deal to say about everything in general.

On Tuesday, it was E. Macavoy from next door Hillside and D. Pate, playing on his home ground, who kept up the pressure. They took the 36-hole scratch and junior division with 156 gross and 148 net respectively. However, R. H. Plain from Beaconsfield managed to get a wedge in to take the senior division medal with 152 net.

The Wednesday competition is generally a more light-hearted affair and the North West Section rested on its laurels and J. Williams from Royal Porthcawl took the "Allan Taylor" Cup and the dinner service with a net 72. The full results and scores are printed elsewhere.



*The same prizewinners with another group of admirers.*



*J. Noakes and R. Craig were both among the prize-winners, the latter in the Vice-President's Competition on Wednesday.*

Mr. Brian Park, an ex-Captain of Royal Birkdale, gave away the prizes on Wednesday afternoon. He said how proud the club was to have the Greenkeepers' Association with them, a Tournament which they prized above many others. He thought that it was about time that the greenkeeping profession found a new name for itself to keep pace with the specialist position which they now hold as key men in the life of many golf clubs.

When D. Pate received his prize, he was not allowed to depart without a speech, which he managed in eight words, "a little local knowledge goes a long way".

Thanks to the Council of Royal Birkdale Golf Club and to Colonel John Rees, their Secretary, for all the kindness and hospitality which made this a memorable Tournament.



*(Above) G. T. Geddes was elected Chairman of the Association at the Annual General Meeting. Behind him is C. H. Dix (Hon. Secretary) and on the right H. G. Dixon, a past Chairman.*



*(Left) W. E. Moore (Second from left) who provided all these pictures, with Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Battams on his left and J. Gillett on his right.*