News

from the Sections

SOUTHERN

By W. Mason

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THE SECTION ANNUAL DINNER
once again was very well attended. Sixty-four sat down and enjoyed, I feel sure, apart from the dinner, a nice social evening.

The Committee were sorry to hear that three of our invited guests were unable to attend owing to various circumstances of which the Secretary had been notified. They were: Mr. Carl Bretherton, Mr. F. W. HAWtree and Mr. D. V. Moss.

We were pleased to welcome the Chairman, G. Geddes, and a very old friend of our Section, C. A. Tydeman, still looking hale and hearty.

Our President, Mr. Wallis Arthur, proposed the toast for the Association. He expressed his pleasure in proposing the toast to such an enthusiastic body. The Southern Section were very conscious of the good work which the Association did in providing a means for greenkeepers to get together, discuss their problems and exchange experiences. The Southern Section would always continue to look to the National Association for guidance with confidence whenever it was needed. Golf was becoming more popular than ever and crowded conditions made greater problems for greenkeepers. At such times the need for a National Association was greater than ever. G. Geddes, Chairman of the Association replied to this toast. Mr. Stan Morton proposed a welcome to our visitors and the members of the trade to which E. Colmar Wood, M.B.E., Secretary of Crews Hill Golf Club, replied.

A.G.M.

The Section Annual General Meeting will take place at the Talbot Restaurant, on Wednesday, 10th June, at 6-30 p.m. We hope every effort will be made to come along.

New Members

We are pleased to welcome three new members: S. G. Ledger, Golf Club Cottage, Ravenswood, Crewthorne, Berks.; G. P. Moore, c/o Mid Ocean Club, Tuckers Town, Bermuda; E. J. C. Pitman, 55 Lower Mortlake Road, Richmond, Surrey.

Association Ties

I now have Association Ties in stock and shall be pleased to send on application to any of my members who are still without one.

MIDLAND

By F. Cashmore

Chairman:
G. Hart
(Gay Hill)

Hon. Secretary:
76 Four Oaks Common Road
Sutton Coldfield, Warwickshire.

Increased Subscriptions

PLEASE WILL YOU NOTE THE INCREASE of subscriptions for next year, they are in the April journal, in the Secretary's notes.

Atco Visit

Our visit to the Atco works has been fixed for 17th September. We shall arrive at the works at 2-30 p.m., please let me know if you will be in the party to allow me to let Mr. Sargeson know in good time how many to expect.

President's Match

I shall be on holiday, 6th to the 20th June, and shall want to know before then, the team we shall be able to have against the President's Team, on Thursday, 25th June. I want as many as possible to play, to show Mr. Bretherton that we appreciate the work he puts in for us and the interest he shows.

NORTH-WEST

By V. Crabtree

Chairman:
T. Brennan
(Wilmiscow G.C.)

Hon. Secretary:
223 Market Street
Whitworth, Nr. Rochdale

Spring Tournament

OUR SPRING TOURNAMENT WILL be held at Romiley Golf Club, Goosehouse Green, Romiley, Cheshire, on Tuesday, 19th May, closing date for entries, 12th May. For your convenience and to help catering arrangements, please try to send your entries in time.

The Annual General Meeting will be held in the Club after the evening meal, this is your section, come and see what goes on and so ensure its efficiency. It's up to you! A presentation will be made to our ex-Secretary, Mr. B. Ellis, for thirty-six years of valuable service to our section.
Lecture

A SATISFACTORY ATTENDANCE for the final lecture of the winter programme, given by Mr. Lidgate, of the S.T.R.I., Bingley, at the Brunswick Hotel, Sheffield!

The subject was “Pests of Turf and Pesticides”, appropriately enough when some products are very much a national issue at the present time.

Mr. Lidgate dealt with many questions with the greatest of ease and was keen to remind us that “it’s not so much what you apply to turf but how you apply it”. We thank Mr. Lidgate for a very enjoyable and light-hearted evening.

Golf Match

The Sheffield Union of Golf Club Greenkeepers’ match will be played over the Sitwell course on Tuesday, 2nd June—tee off from 1-30 p.m.

Annual General Meeting

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Section will be held on Wednesday, 3rd June, in the Clubhouse of the Lightcliffe Golf Club, at 7-0 p.m. In the afternoon a 9-hole competition will be played for a prize, kindly presented by our President, Mr. W. Mountain. Play will commence at 2-0 p.m. and players will be paired on arrival. As outside caterers will have to be employed it is essential that I know by Saturday, 20th May, the names of those requiring tea, whether playing or just attending for the meeting. No entry forms will be sent.

Our thanks are due to Lightcliffe Golf Club for kindly granting us the courtesy of the course and clubhouse for the occasion.

March Lecture

The last lecture of the winter session was held on Tuesday, 10th March, in the White Swan, Leeds. Fifty members attended and it has been most encouraging to have such good support throughout the winter series. The speaker was Mr. W. A. Owen, of Thomas Green & Son Ltd., who illustrated his talk with slides. Mr. Owen traced the development of mowers from the very early days and I am sure many of the younger members were surprised to see what kind of machines older members had to cope with in the past. Following a lively discussion on various

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aspects of machines a vote of thanks to Mr. Owen was proposed by S. Bailes (Chairman), seconded by D. Roberts (Vice-Chairman).

Mr. Eric Paley

Mr. Eric Paley, of Lightcliffe Golf Club, has been appointed Head Greenkeeper to Stand Golf Club, Manchester, and takes up his new duties on 1st May. I am sure all members will wish Eric, who has been a committee member for several years, good luck in his new position.

Congratulations

Members, I am sure, will join me in congratulating Peter Williams, of Northcliffe Golf Club, who was married on Easter Saturday—Good luck, Peter.

New Member

We welcome to the Section, Mr. W. A. Owen, Ebor House, Margaret Avenue, Bardsey, Leeds. (Thomas Green & Son Ltd.).

Course of Instruction

Two places have been reserved for members of the Section to attend the course of instruction to be held at the Sports Turf Research Institute, Bingley, from 19th to 23rd October. The Section will pay the registration fee but members attending will be responsible for their other expenses. Anyone wishing to attend should forward his name to me as soon as possible.

Subscriptions

Members are reminded that subscriptions for the current year are now due. New rates: Head Greenkeeper, £1 10s. 0d.; 1st Assistant, £1 0s. 0d.; Associates, 15s. 0d. Early payment would be much appreciated.

2nd prize: Jack Martin, nett 118, waterproof trousers.
3rd prize: J. Williams, nett 119, windcheater.
1st prize, Junior Division was won by G. Lloyd, nett 108, windcheater.

We were very fortunate too with our prizes which were given by the Lady and Gentleman Members of the Swansea Bay Golf Club. We are very grateful to them for their generous hospitality and would like to thank them again.

We had a good meeting with 28 members attending, not all playing but all enjoyed the day together.


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