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Many deserving cases can get no help because work has already started or because they have too short a tenure of their ground. At Llandeilo in South Wales the club was obliged to start work on its new course because it has to quit its present land next year. But starting work disqualifies them from a grant.

Quality

Another drawback to the scheme as it now operates is that grants are made with no assurance as to the quality of what will be done. It is no use adding nine holes to a golf course unless they are to give permanent satisfaction. Several "do-it-yourself" jobs will help fill the immediate need, but produce dissatisfaction in the future as their defects show up.

Any scheme for helping golf is laudable, but this one needs to be both more flexible and more selective if it is to avoid old-fashioned reproaches about helping the rich man's game.
MOWING

By
G. C. MACADAM, S.D.H.,
Advisory Officer,
The Sports Turf Research Institute

Mr Macadam writes about some basic principles of a basic job for apprentices and newcomers to greenkeeping.

During the growing season a very high proportion of the working time of the greenkeeping staff will be spent on mowing the greens. The efficiency with which this is carried out largely influences the quality of the grass swards and the putting surfaces. It is important to understand the principles of the work in order to obtain the best results.

Each time a golf green is mown and the cuttings removed, the soil is deprived of some of its nutrients. Cutting therefore should be aimed at removing the minimum amount of foliage and this calls for regular cutting at a reasonable height of cut. Mowing irregularly and at long intervals is harmful because a greater weight of foliage is removed than by more frequent mowing.

Delayed Cutting

In practice, greens mown three times per week when growth is relatively vigorous usually provide good conditions for satisfactory putting. When the cutting is done must be determined locally but Monday, Wednesday and Friday are usually set aside as "mowing days". It is, however, an advantage at the weekend if the cutting could be delayed until Friday afternoon or even Saturday morning, as greens mown early on Friday are often slow to put on by Sunday when golf nowadays is usually at its height. During the spring and autumn periods when growth is less vigorous, mowing might only be required once or twice per week but uneven and straggly growth should not be allowed to form.

It is often thought that continued close cutting brings about a reduction in the weed population. Whilst this is true up to a point, keen mowing will not eliminate the majority of weeds which establish in golf greens. Many weeds of turf such as dandelions, daisies, pearlwort, clover and yarrow are capable of surviving and spreading under very close heights of cut and over-close mowing would only reduce the competition which the grasses can offer them. In addition, continued keen mowing slowly results in a reduction in grass vigour and density. This condition favours the invasion of moss, thus creating a further problem.

During the main growing season when steady grass growth is obtained, a height of cut of 3/16th in. is the desirable minimum on golf greens. However, during any periods of prolonged drought this could well be increased to ½ in. During drought, growth is hampered and a little extra cover helps the turf withstand the moisture shortage. This is not so important where adequate artificial watering can be done and indeed might be undesirable as an increase in the cutting height might allow straggly growth to develop.

How High?

During the early spring and late autumn periods mowing is best carried out at a height of ½-5/16 in. according to conditions. During the spring 5/16 in. is quite close enough until signs of fairly settled growth are noticed when the blade can be lowered to ½ in. and ultimately to the minimum as growth further improves. During the autumn the reverse order should be observed and it might even be necessary to continue topping the grass occasionally right into the early winter if the season remains open.

There are no hard and fast rules as to the week or month when the height of cut should be raised or lowered as this depends entirely on growing conditions and the prevailing weather. The greenkeeper is the person who should be allowed to decide just what is best as his own experience will have taught him.

Adjustment of mowing heights should be carefully done so that an even cut is
assured. Most modern mowers suitable for golf greens are of the roller type. With these the height of cut is the measured distance between a straight edge placed across the front and rear rollers and the actual cutting edge of the sole plate. This distance should be set and checked at each end of the sole plate and again in the middle.

**Fine Adjustment**

The cutting cylinder should also be finely adjusted to the sole plate. If the setting is too tight the machine will be hard to drive and if it is too slack a clean cut will not be obtained. A simple test is to rotate the cutting cylinder against a piece of paper placed on the edge of the sole plate and adjust the setting until a satisfactory cut has been obtained with the cutting cylinder running freely.

The question often arises whether grass cuttings should be allowed to fly or should be boxed off. It is true to say that the regular return of cuttings conserves plant foods and provides some organic matter to the surface soil. This assists drought resistance and helps give the turf a good colour. However, the accumulation of organic matter in the base of the turf favours the activity of earthworms and can lead to the spread of weeds and weed grasses. The continual return of cuttings also makes the green surfaces soft and spongy and more susceptible to disease attack. In view of this grass clippings are usually best removed at all times but if the surfaces are completely free of any weed the occasional cut without the box might be beneficial in helping the greens to withstand a severe drought.

Finally the care of the mowing machine should never be forgotten. After each day's work the mower should be thoroughly cleaned of all grass cuttings and any worm casts which may have adhered to the rollers. Regular lubrication should be a habit and the machine should be stored neatly in the shed where it is not moved around unnecessarily when obtaining other implements. It should also be kept away from mixing bases to avoid corrosion which may occur from fertilizer dusts.

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MINUTES OF THE SECOND ANNUAL
GENERAL MEETING OF THE JOINT COUNCIL
HELD IN THE ST Ives MANSION, BINGLEY,
ON MONDAY, 26TH APRIL 1965.


Apologies: Apologies for absence were reported from Messrs W. Bradford, H. Fry and G. Breen-Turner.

Minutes of First Annual General Meeting:

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the first Annual General Meeting of the Joint Council held on 20th April 1964 were taken as read, approved and signed by the Chairman.

Financial Account 1964: The Hon. Secretary presented the Receipts and Payments Account for the year to 31st December 1964. This showed receipts amounting to £311 5s. against payments of £238 12s. 4d., leaving a balance carried forward of £72 12s. 6d.

RESOLVED: That the Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31st December 1964 as presented by the Hon. Secretary be and is hereby received and adopted.

Honorary Secretary's Report: The Hon. Secretary reported that by and large the scheme had got away to an encouraging start. Much interest had been shown in the scheme by golf clubs though not all of those which had requested information had taken the next step of registering apprentices.

From the inception of the scheme on 1st January 1964 to date, 38 sets of deeds had been issued and 15 apprentices had been registered, though a further batch of applications would be considered at an ordinary meeting following this Annual General Meeting.

The main difficulty experienced in the working of the scheme had been the provision of suitable courses in background sciences. The Joint Council having an insufficient number of apprentices in any one area to justify the provision of special courses it had been necessary to fall back on existing courses, mostly in general horticulture. He believed, nevertheless, that the Joint Council's policy of insisting on some formal instruction being given in theoretical subjects was the right one. A dossier of courses which can be provided throughout the country had been built up as the result of a national survey undertaken at the Joint Council's request. The whole question of the training of groundsmen—which term could be taken in its general context to include the training of greenkeepers—was under investigation by the Department of Education and Science and both Mr Escritt and the Secretary had attended the first meeting of interested bodies. The interests of the Joint Council's apprentices would, of course, be kept in mind at any future meetings attended.

The Secretary had addressed meetings of the Association of Golf Club Secretaries in Harrogate and of the B.G.G.A., Sheffield Section, the latter being a joint meeting with Chairmen of Green Committees. There was a possibility of his being asked to address a future meeting of Sheffield and District Union of Golf Club representatives. Every opportunity of publicising the scheme through the Institute's publications was taken through the courtesy of the Director and occasional articles were supplied to Editors of Golfing publications.

The Northumberland Union of Golf Clubs had requested assistance in the preparation of a circular to their member clubs and this had been given.

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RESOLVED:
That the report of the Hon. Secretary be received with thanks.

Election of Officers: On separate motions it was RESOLVED that officers elected for the ensuing year be as follows:—Chairman, F. W. Hawtree, Vice-Chairman, J. Parker, Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, B. M. Wood.

CORRESPONDENCE

F. W. HAWTREE, ESQ.,
Editor
British Golf Greenkeeper

Will you please accept my sincere thanks for the very kind tribute you pay me in your Journal on the occasion of my impending retirement from the Artisan Golfers' Association. Your generous sentiments are deeply appreciated. But it strikes me that a brief addendum is desirable to your notes. Prior to my 30 years of office as Hon. Secretary of the A.G.A. it was my privilege and good fortune to serve for 13 years as Assistant Secretary to your father, the late F. G. Hawtree, who was the Association's first Secretary. His kindness, his wise guidance, his friendship, were qualities for which I have ever been most grateful and if any applause seems merited for services I may have rendered I pray it may be shared with F. G. H. Beyond any shadow of a doubt the solid foundations on which the B.G.G.A. and the A.G.A. are now firmly established are due entirely to the devoted efforts and sound principles of F. G. Hawtree.

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The letter is her reaction to my notes last week, when greenkeepers' problems, ranging from the apprentice scheme to poor pay and lack of support by the clubs, were given a good airing. This is what Greenkeeper's Wife has to say:

"Being the wife of a greenkeeper I read Tee Up on Tuesday—my husband has to, as it is the only way he gets to know what is going on at his club! At the time we were married, 33 years ago, our wage was 35s. (dole was 26s. man and wife), but my husband, loving his job, was prepared to work six full days every week, apart from Good Friday and Christmas Day, when the course was closed.

"Then came the war. He was called up in 1940 at 31 years of age, did five years' service, then it was back to his job—for £4 10s.

"He moved to another club for £6 10s., and after 19 years' service there his monthly cheque for a five-and-a-half-day week, and every other Sunday morning, with stoppages, is £42 4s. We have to stretch it in a five-week month.

"I have been able to work, thank God, but I still feel that I have been subsidising golf clubs all my married life. I am sorry we shall not live to see the day when there are no greenkeepers.

"You may ask: Why, after 43 years, is he still in such a trade?

"It has been for the love of the game and matching his wits against nature and the two-legged rabbits.

OTHER HALF

"I haven't written this as a tale of woe, but to let you see a bit of a greenkeeper's other half. Sorry I cannot publish my name, but I swear all I have said is true and, thanks to you, more people may be made to take notice."

As a comparison, to the pay quoted by Greenkeeper's Wife, it is worth noting that the Executive Committee of the Greenkeepers' Association after a country-wide survey, recently issued the following scale as a guide to clubs—Head greenkeeper, £16 to £20 per week; first assistant £13 to £13 10s.; greenkeepers £12.

And they point out that in the top scale the lower limit represents comparative newness to a responsible post and the upper limit will often be exceeded at busy clubs.

Another recommendation is that a club operate a pension scheme which guarantees a man not less than half (including the State pension) his income at retirement.

With acknowledgments to the "Sheffield Telegraph"

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2. Do not rely on raking alone to remove moss. This spreads moss spores and fragments which can re-infest the site. Always use a moss killer in conjunction with raking.
3. Correct turf management should always be practised. After using a moss killer, the factors responsible for the appearance of moss should be removed.
4. Some common causes for the appearance of moss are:
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A.G.M.

THE 20TH ANNUAL GENERAL Meeting was held at the Brunswick Hotel, Sheffield, on the 29th April. On conclusion of the meeting, the 20 members present were invited to drink with the President during his absence. All officials were re-elected plus the addition to the Committee of A. Spencer and A. Goldthorpe.

Fixtures:

Provisional fixtures for our golfing season are as follows: President’s Prize—Thrybergh Golf Club, Rotherham, on Tuesday, 29th June, 2 p.m. Annual Tournament at the Hallamshire Golf Club on Tuesday, 20th July.

New Members:

A warm welcome to the section to two new members. D. Barker, a keen golfer, has joined the Lees Hall team and J. Mardlin has joined Percy Booker at Abbeydale.

NORTHERN

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Spring Tournament

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In the afternoon our hon. members and visitors played an 18-hole competition, this was won by M. Nuttall with a return of 80—5—75, and a bottle of Whisky presented by the Section. We were very ably assisted, nay! almost organised by Mr W. Greates, Mr N. D. Barlow and Mr J. Wilcock, who spent all day collecting cash and reckoning cards and scores, a personal thank you to these three gentlemen, who make it possible for me to play at all. The prizes were presented by the Captain who was introduced by our Chairman, Mr D. Pate.

The Annual General Meeting followed the presentation of the prizes, this was held in the Ladies' Lounge. The meeting opened with Mr D. Pate in the chair, there was one apology for absence from Mr B. Ellis who was ill (we hope you are soon back to your normal health Ben). The Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting were read and confirmed, the Treasurer gave his report, which showed a fairly healthy balance and how this had occurred. The Chairman gave his report and explained to members a Committee decision to present W. F. Payne with a silver candelabra as a token of our esteem and appreciation of his services to us. He thanked the Officers and Committee for their wholehearted support during the past 12 months. The Secretary gave his report, thanking Romiley Golf Club and the Ashton & Lea Golf Club for their hospitality during the year when we held our Spring and Autumn Tournaments.

A full explanation was given of the difficulties that had arisen during the winter season regarding the lectures, when one had to be cancelled. Generally speaking the attendances at lectures was good, this was very encouraging. Though the summer trip to S.T.R.I. was disappointing as regards numbers, the section is gradually moving from strength to strength, our membership now being 89 with 2 attached from Northern Ireland and 26 Hon. Members, Vice-Presidents, Life Members and President, totalling 117. This figure as usual differs slightly from that presented by our Treasurer in his report, he only counts as members those with paid up subscriptions. The difference occurs because there is a two-year period of arrears before expulsion from the Association, so if perchance you happen to be in arrears, please send your subscriptions to date to the Treasurer, E. Macavoy, 21 White Meadow Drive, Thornton, Liverpool, or myself. Members in arrears are not entitled to receive the Journal or S.T.R.I. Report and these will be cancelled from the list in the near future. My thanks for the support of the President, Officers and Committee, who have worked diligently and efficiently throughout the past year.

The election of Officers were as nominated, with the exception of Committee with eight nominations for six places voting took place, with the result that two members were replaced, the Committee and Officials now being: President — Mr W. Kinsey; Chairman — Mr D. Pate; Vice-Chairman — Mr W. Burgess; Treasurer — Mr E. Macavoy; Secretary — Mr V. Crabtree; Committee — Messrs W. Bridges, H. Needham, H. M. Walsh, T. Brennan, W. Earnshaw and O. P. Jones, this shows a very healthy interest having to vote to elect members. Our warmest thanks were expressed to H. Smith and G. V. Davey for their services as Committee members.

It was resolved on the recommendation of the Committee Messrs Qualcast Ltd., of Derby be approached for our trip this year.

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There were three resolutions accepted for forwarding to the National Executive for inclusion in the Agenda of the National A.G.M.

W. Bridges invited us to Wallasey Golf Club for our next Spring Tournament, this has to be confirmed.

In any other business it was suggested that our Spring Meeting be 18 holes, 9 in the morning and 9 in the afternoon, this was accepted, thus ensuring that the A.G.M. could be held early, allowing members with a long way to travel to get away at a reasonable hour.

New Members

We welcome as members the following gentlemen, hoping that their association with us will be long and enjoyable.

Mr Raymond L. Jones (Bury Golf Club), Mr K. Gardner (Ashton & Lea Golf Club), Mr A. Gibson (Reddish Vale Golf Club), Mr P. P. Barnes (Ashton-under-Lyne Golf Club), Mr P. Ryan (Romily Golf Club), Mr A. Johnson (Romily Golf Club).

Hon. Members

Mr J. McAndie Robertson, B. Metcalf, J. A. B. Castell.

Transferred to Southern Section

R. Gibson (Hartsbourne Country Club) although his membership with the North West was very short, we wish him every success with his new Club.

By F. Cashmore

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Subscriptions

MAY I REMIND MEMBERS THAT subscriptions for 1965-66 are now due. Head Greenkeepers 30s.; 1st Assistants 20s.; and Associate Members 15s. Please get them paid as soon as possible.

President’s Match

I got quite a lot of names at Gay Hill Golf Club for the match at Handsworth on Tuesday, 22nd June, and I hope you will be able to take part. Please let me know by the 16th if you cannot.

Annual Dinner

The date of the Annual Dinner at the King’s Head Hotel, Bearwood, has been fixed for 29th October. Please make a note of the date and while on the subject, I am sure all who have attended will be very sorry to hear that Mrs Mason, who for many years has run our raffle for us, is very ill. All we can do is send her our sincere sympathy.

Spring Tournament

The weather was not too bad for our match at Gay Hill. We had 21 entries from members, and 15 visitors joined us in the afternoon. The prize-winners were: Best Net—Ransomes Challenge Cup, Tankard and

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Two visitors tied with 73 net — R. Ramsden and A. Howells, three golf balls each.

The prizes were presented by Mr Denis Hay, Captain of Gay Hill, who said how pleased they were to have us. He hoped that we had been made welcome, and gave us an invitation to come again. Our Chairman, George Hart, thanked the Captain for presenting the prizes, and asked him to thank the Gay Hill Club for allowing us the courtesy of their course and clubhouse.

He thanked the stewardess and her staff for the excellent meals she had provided and the kind welcome we had received; he also thanked our friend Mr Bill Payne for coming down and doing his usual chores, and I am glad to say that although Mr Payne is moving down to the South West we still come into his territory, so we are not losing him.

We thank the following donors towards our prizes: Ransomes Ltd., Sutton & Sons, W. Hargreaves Ltd., Fisons Ltd., Parker &
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New Member
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SOUTHERN

By W. Mason

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Spring Tournament
THE BEST MORNING ROUND WITH A net score of 68 went to S. Morton, best afternoon to A. Fordham, who also returned the best 36 holes best net with a total 142, 2nd E. Stillwell 143, 3rd H. Emery 143, 4th D. Neville 144, 5th D. Major 146, 6th R. Plain 148, 7th W. Kingston 148, 8th J. Kirkpatrick 149 gross, who also took the scratch prize. G. Payne 151, J. Noakes 153, A. Chappell 153, J. Rennie 153, C. A. Moore and J. Ness 154. I would like to thank all the firms who so kindly contributed towards our prize list, also the Captain of the Ealing Golf Club who, in addition to presenting the prizes, gave two shirts which by the way were given to the 1st year competitors, namely, 1st P. Ainsworth gross score 179 and C. Maule gross score 197. One and all enjoyed the very warm welcome given, we found the course in very good condition, the catering and weather excellent. The Hawtree Challenge Cup with tankard was won by J. Rennie of Wanstead.

New Members
We welcome as members A. Curtis and L. Woodridge.

EAST MIDLAND

By S. Fretter

(Derby G.C.) Hon. Secretary:
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Annual Spring Tournament
THE WARMEST SUNNIEST DAY this year had to be Wednesday, 12th May. This was the day the East Midland Section chose to hold the Spring Tournament at the Northamptonshire County Golf Club.

Leading scorer and prize winners were—Nett scores—1st S. T. McNeice, Leics., 68; 2nd J. Carrick, Northants., 76; 3rd G. S. Dunkley, Northants., 78; 4th R. W. Willars, Leics., 78; 5th D. G. Whitehead, Wollaton Pk., 79; 6th A. Thornton, Wollaton Pk., 81; 7th D. Bull, Bulwell Hall, 82; 8th D. Warrington, Birstall, 82; 9th F. Frost, Derby Mun., 83; 10th B. F. Mott, Kingston, 84. Ties were decided on last 9 holes.

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section returned scores of 76, under section Rules of Ties being decided on last 9 holes, the eventual winners were 1st W. Freeman, Kirby Muxloe 76, and 2nd J. Holmes, Chilwell Manor 76. Mr W. H. Orbell, Captain of Northants County Golf Club, very kindly presented the prizes. In his remarks Mr Orbell paid tribute to the Greenkeepers and their staffs. Mr F. Frost, Section Chairman, thanked the Captain for presenting the prizes and asked him to convey our sincere thanks to the Committee of the Club for their kindness in granting the Section the courtesy of the course, to Joe Carrick and his staff for the splendid condition of the course, to all who had generously donated the prizes and to Mr G. Vaughan and Mr T. Woods of Messrs Ransomes, Sims & Jefferies, who took over to deal with all the cards and working out the prize list.

We are indebted to the following, who contributed to our prize fund—R. C. Ainscow, W. M. Youngs, Stan Long, Ransomes, Sims & Jefferies Ltd., H. Pattesson & Son Ltd., Rigby & Taylor Ltd., Thomas Green & Son, Bayles & Wylie Ltd., Stewarts of Nottingham Ltd., Sandcliffe Garage Ltd., and Leicester Horticultural Eng. Co. Ltd.

S. T. McNiece Writes

After Mr Frost had expressed his thanks all round, he called on S. Fretter, Hon. Sec., to say a few words—much to my surprise he announced that a presentation was to be made to me on retiring from office as Hon. Sec. I was then, on behalf of the Section President, R. C. Ainscow, who was unable to attend, presented with a statuette of a golfer combined with a cigarette lighter. Before I had time to admire this wonderful present Mr Fretter said it was now the turn of the Section. I then received a wallet and a cheque, which was contributed by the members of the Section. I was at the time so taken aback and surprised that I offered only a feeble thanks. So may I once again say to one and all—thank you very much for your kind gesture. I appreciate it very much. 12th May is a day I shall always remember.

Honorary Life Member

I have much pleasure to announce that Mr Frank Oliver of Bulwell Hall has reached the retiring age of 65 and, having been a member of the Section since its formation, becomes a Honorary Member of the Association. We wish Frank a long and happy retirement.

New Members

We have much pleasure in welcoming to the Section C. G. Yates of Cosby Golf Club, P. C. Rodwell and M. Dix. We hope we shall have the pleasure of their company in the near future.
WEST

Spring Meeting

BY THE COURTESY OF THE TROON Golf Club, the West Section of the Scottish Greenkeepers held their Annual Spring Meeting over the Old Course, Troon, on 22nd April, and the scoring was as follows:

M. Travers (Scr.) 71.
First Class
D. Paterson, Paisley (7) 74.
L. E. Millar, Erskine (4) 75.
J. Graham, Glasgow Gailes (4) 78.

Second Class
R. McGrory, Erskine (15) 71.
F. Powell, Troon (10) 77.
R. Fitzpatrick, Whitecraigs (15) 78.

Third Class
D. Lees, Buchanan Castle (18) 77.
R. Meldrum, Kilmacolm (17) 77.
R. J. Baird, Largs (17) 78.

Veterans
G. Morris, Milngavie (4) 77.
J. Robertson, Troon (4) 78.

New Member
I. Lewis, Largs 81.

S.G.G.A. EAST

OUR SPRING OUTING WAS HELD over Craigmillar Park Golf Course on the 13th May, by kind permission of the Captain and Committee who gave us a good welcome.

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To serve 3-4 people.

**Gooseberry Fluffy Pudding**

1 lb. gooseberries — 3 oz. caster sugar — ¼ oz. butter — 1 egg — 4 tablespoons water — ½ lb. sponge cake — ¼ pint milk — and an additional 1½ oz. caster sugar.

Top and tail the gooseberries and wash well. Put into saucepan with sugar and water, stew gently until soft. Strain the fruit and put the juice aside, mash the pulp. Grease a pie dish with a little butter, put the fruit pulp into the bottom and cover with slices of sponge cake. Separate the white from the yolk of the egg, beat the yolk with a tablespoon of milk, boil the rest of the milk and pour it over the egg yolk beating well. Add a teaspoon of caster sugar (from the 1½ oz.) return to the saucepan and cook over a low heat stirring all the time but do not allow to boil. Pour the fruit juice over the sponge cake and over this the egg yolk mixture. Whisk the white of egg until it is so stiff you can turn the basin upside down without losing any. Fold in the rest of the caster sugar and pile it on top of the contents of the dish. Bake until the egg white has set and is a light brown.

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1965 Annual Tournament

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1966 Annual Tournament

Members will be glad to learn that next year's tournament will be played in the Midlands, and the Little Aston Golf Club have kindly offered the courtesy of their course for this event, on 8th, 9th and 10th August. Our very sincere thanks to Little Aston.

Annual Draw

Tickets are now in the hands of Section Secretaries and it is hoped that all members will make a great effort to ensure the financial success of this draw. The prize allocation has been changed by agreement of the Executive Committee and the usual prizes for the seller of the winning ticket and the most tickets, will again be given, although not stated on the tickets.

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