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The East Kilbride Golf Club, which recently had its application to remain on its present site turned down, is now actively engaged in purchasing a new one. There is even talk of a municipal course in this growing New Town and the Burgh Council consider that there will be demand for three eighteens when the 100,000 population is reached.

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The Marston Green municipal course in Birmingham, which has been suffering for some time from work on the Elmdon Airport extension, can now look forward to a new site on which work seems likely to start this spring. The new course is on the opposite side of the Airport and will be rather more accessible.

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The Lullingstone Park Golf Course is now rapidly taking shape under its Head Greenkeeper, Paul French. He is looking forward to opening in the early summer and with the second nine holes under construction at the same time, will have his hands full for the next year or so.
KNOT FOR SALE

An invitation to the smarter greenkeeper

Do you wear your Association tie?

I ask this because on 4th February the Tie Manufacturers Association announced the Top Ten tie men and I was disappointed to find no greenkeeper amongst them. Something is obviously wrong.

The Duke of Windsor got an honourable mention for having invented the Windsor knot. But I worked this one out for myself years ago. Weary of standing knee-deep in discarded neck ties searching for one not irretrievably crushed by the pre-Windsor or Hanoverian knot, I found that the double circuit of the thin or static end by the rotating or broad one distinctly prolonged the life of all tie-types. But I never put my name up to the selection committee. I assumed that they would be more interested in tie-consumption than tie-conservation. Something is wrong here too.

In fact, the whole business seems upside down. The inclusion of Mr Heath in the list made me suspect that plain, sober neckwear might provide a short-cut to the top. But the Chairman of the Tie Manufacturers’ Association added the comment “There’s nothing Conservative about Mr Heath’s choice of tie. He gives the same flair to them as he does to his music. I have not had the pleasure of hearing Mr Heath play the organ or conduct a choir, but “flair” is generally defined as “instinctive discernment” and everyone reckons he has this when he reaches for the day’s appropriate tie.

The principles underlying a good selection remain obscure. A meeting of the Greenkeepers’ Association presents no problem. The Association tie requires no flair and puts its own seal on the occasion. Beyond that we can only deal in terms like harmony and contrast which leave the field wide open to personal interpretation.

Tomorrow morning perhaps you will analyse your emotions as you make your choice and let us know what happens. Is there one at the end of the line which somebody gave you for Christmas and which has never been touched? What is wrong with it? Perhaps the plain green background with the red, white and yellow stripes is safest after all. (Obtainable from the Hon. Secretary at 10s. 6d. a time. —Adv.)

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move up the fairway with a series of pictures, finally coming to rest at the
position the ball would have finished.

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9th South-West Section, A.G.M., Henbury Golf Club, 7.30 p.m.
15th Midland Section, Lecture, Film Show, Warwickshire County Ground.
16th Midland Section Four Ball Alliance, Harborne Golf Club.
16th Southern Section, Lecture, Whitbreads, 6.30 p.m.
19th S.G.A. North and Mid. Whist Drive Social.
25th Southern Section, Annual Dinner, North Middlesex Golf Club.
31st Sheffield Section Lecture.

APRIL
13th Welsh Section, Spring Meeting, Whitchurch Golf Club.
21st S.G.A. West Spring Meeting, St Cuthbert Golf Club.
26th Northern Section Spring Tournament, Pannal Golf Club.
28th North-East Spring Competition, City of Newcastle Golf Club.
28th North-West Spring Tournament, Wallasey Golf Club.

MAY
5th Midland Section Spring Tournament, Kidderminster Golf Club.
12th S.G.A. East Annual Competition, Royal Burgess Golf Club.
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End of Season

Our final lecture of the winter will be as usual a Quiz and we look forward to plenty of questions on problems you may have encountered, to keep the Quizmaster busy.

The date Wednesday, 16th March, time 6.30 p.m. at Messrs Whitbreads Club Room.

MIDLAND

By F Cashmore

Chairman: G. HART
(Gay Hill)
Hon. Secretary: 76 Four Oaks Common Road
Sutton Coldfield, Warwickshire

THE SPRING TOURNAMENT WILL BE held at the Kidderminster Golf Club, on Thursday, 5th May, closing date for entries 20th April.

Four Ball Alliance

The Committee of the Harborne Golf Club has allowed us the courtesy of their course for playing this match on Wednesday, 16th March, each member playing with a Vice-President. You will all have received the details from Reg Pugh by now.

President's Match

Mr Bretherton has given me the date of his evening match at Handsworth Golf Club, which is Tuesday, 28th June. Please make a note of the date. I am sure the Vice-Presidents would like to keep it in mind as it is a red letter evening in our section events.

Lecture and Film Show

I have received a letter from the National Association of Groundsmen to say they have arranged a lecture and film show (colour slides) with Mr Hudson of Villiers Engines, to be held at the Warwickshire County Ground, Edgbaston, on Tuesday, 15th March, at 7.30 p.m. They extend a cordial welcome to our members to join them bar facilities will be available. I hope as many as possible of our members will avail themselves of this kind invitation.

Subscriptions

A few of our members are still owing their subscriptions. I shall be receiving a request from the S.T.R.I. for the addresses of members to receive their Research Journal and I cannot include anyone who has not paid up.
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By D. Earsman
Chairman:
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Hon. Secretary: A. MCLEAN
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Spring Competition
WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY, 28TH April at the City of Newcastle Golf Club with the kind permission of the Captain and Committee.
This will be an 18 medal event, commencing at 1 p.m.

Tom Auld
Here is a letter I received from the son of Tom Auld. Tom was Chairman of the North-East section for many years, and we shall never forget him. He was Head Greenkeeper at Ravensworth Golf Club for 40 years but has been retired for a number of years now.

Dear Mr Earsman,
I should be grateful if you would please convey my parents' sincere thanks to the North-East Section of the British Golf Greenkeepers Association for the kindness shown towards them at Christmas.
My Father wished me to say how grateful he is, and would like to wish all concerned a Happy and Prosperous Year.
Yours sincerely,
R. AULD

I am sure you will join me in wishing Mr and Mrs Auld, a long and happy retirement.

New Member
We are pleased to welcome to the section Mr G. B. Doyle who has been elected a Vice-President.

NORTH-WEST

By H. M. Walsh
Chairman:
D. PATE
(Royal Birkdale G.C.)
Oldham, Lanes.

In Memoriam
IT IS WITH REGRET I HAVE TO INFORM members of the death of Mr H. Jackson, Head Greenkeeper of Mere Golf Club, Cheshire. On behalf of the Members, I send our deepest sympathy to his relatives in their bereavement.

Film Show
Our thanks to Mr Hewitt of the Longton Service Branch, Actos Ltd., for the very interesting lecture illustrated by films which made an entertaining evening. Twenty-four members attended.

Spring Tournament
The Captain and Council of the Wallasey Golf Club, Cheshire, have very kindly granted us the courtesy of their course and clubhouse for our Tournament and A.G.M. which will be held on Thursday, 28th April. This is an early notice further details will be given in the April issue.
New Members

We are pleased to welcome to the section the following new members:—

T. Holmes of Huyton and Prescot Golf Club and J. MacDonald of Royal Lytham and St Annes Golf Club.

SHEFFIELD

Chairman: G. HERRINGTON
(Lindrick)

Hon. Secretary: 63 Langsett Avenue
Sheffield, 6

THE FIRST LECTURE OF 1966 WAS given by Mr Hicken, a technical advisor to Miln & Co. Ltd., (seedsmen) of Chester. His talk was on the subject of grass seeds and by all accounts, a most interesting and remarkable talk it turned out to be. I was not able to be there, much to my disappointment, but send thanks to Mr Hicken from the 20 or so people present, for a most enjoyable evening.

March Lecture

You will be pleased to know that our Editor Mr F W Hawtree will be the speaker at this meeting, on the subject of Golf Course Construction and Design. He is at present concerned in one or two projects in the area and if his last visit is anything to go by we should look forward to a bumper attendance.

Retiring

It will come as a surprise to all who know him that Percy Booker is retiring after 30 years with the Abbeydale Golf Club. His interest in greenkeeping is as keen as ever and he seldom misses the opportunity to further his knowledge in turf culture. There is still a lot of greenkeeping in Percy and I feel sure we will see much of him for many years to come.

However, Percy, I would like to extend the best wishes of our members to you on reaching retirement age. Your support of B.G.G.A. has been second to none and I notice that you took the chair of this section at the 1948 A.G.M. in the early years of reformation of the section after the war.

We look forward to your presence on many more occasions and to sharing your valuable experience.

WELSH

Chairman: M. GEDDES
(Hon. Secretary)
36 Clase Road
Morriston
Swansea, Glam.

THE SPRING MEETING WILL BE HELD on Wednesday, 13th April, at the Whitchurch Golf Club, Cardiff. Please notify me by 5th April if you will be attending, to enable me to arrange catering facilities, etc.

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ANNUAL TOURNAMENT

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Our Vice-Chairman, Mr F Cashmore, 76 Four Oaks Common Road, Sutton Coldfield, has been making inquiries with regard to accommodation for members attending the above Tournament.

He informs me that he has received a lot of assistance from Mr Dennant, the Secretary of the Sutton Coldfield Artisans Golf Club, who has supplied him with a number of addresses, and if any of our members have difficulty in finding suitable accommodation, Mr Cashmore will be only too willing to help if they will get in touch with him.

NORTHERN

By J. Parker

Hon. Secretary:

D. Roberts

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8 Golf Stock Terr Harden

(West Bowling G.C.)

Ringley Yorks.

Spring Tournament

WILL BE PLAYED OVER THE COURSE of the Pannal Golf Club, Harrogate, on Tuesday, 26th April, 1966 (by kind permission of the Club Committee).

Handicaps

The following adjustments have been made:— J. H. Readhead 18 to 16, C Garnett 22 to 20, H. Marshall 21 to 20 and A. Robertshaw 16 to 15.

Grand National Sweep

Members are reminded that the closing date for the return of counterfoils and monies for the sweep is Monday, 14th March.

January Lecture

This was held on Thursday, 27th January, in the clubhouse of the West Bowling Golf Club when thirty-two members attended. The speaker was Mr P Horner, Northern representative of Hayter Mowers Ltd., who illustrated his talk with films of the whole range of machines describing them in detail and pointing out many features. This was followed by a long session of questions and discussion. A vote of thanks was proposed and seconded by our Chairman and Vice-Chairman respectively. A most enjoyable evening was brought to a close with eats and drinks kindly provided by Messrs Hayters to whom we express our sincere thanks. I expect also there will be certain members playing in the Spring Tournament with a new ball for the first time in their lives!

Mr Leslie Bakes

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WEST SECTION

THE SPRING MEETING WILL BE HELD over St Cuthbert Golf Course, Prestwick, on Thursday, 21st April.

Late Member
We were sorry to learn of the death of Bruce Sharp of Cawder Golf Club. He was greenkeeper there for many years; he will be missed by all who knew him.

EAST SECTION

THE ANNUAL COMPETITION WILL BE held on Thursday, 12th May, over the Royal Burgess Golf Course, commencing 9.15 a.m. Entries to be sent to the secretary not later than 6th May

NORTH AND MIDLAND SECTION

Forthcoming Events

OUR ANNUAL WHIST DRIVE AND Social evening will be held on Saturday, 19th March at Nicoll and Smiberts Rooms, Nethergate, Dundee. Tickets can be obtained from members of the committee.

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**To Pare Apples**
Pour some boiling water over them before paring, letting them stand for one minute. They can then be pared quite thinly and easily.

**Beetroot**
There will be no danger of cooked beetroot becoming mouldy, no matter how long it is allowed to lie if a little dry mustard is placed in a muslin bag beside it.

**Cake out of Tins**
Before attempting to take baked cakes out of tins, stand on a wet dish cloth for a few minutes and you will find the cakes leave the tins very easily.

**Cheese in Summer**
Saturate a clean cloth in vinegar, wring it out well and place over cheese. By doing this it will be found that any sort of cheese will keep as fresh and free from mould as when first cut—for any length of time.

**Beating the White of an Egg**
To beat the white of an egg add a pinch of tartar to them when half beaten. The whites will then never fall down before they are used.

**Scrambled Eggs**
When scrambling eggs add one tablespoon of fine breadcrumbs and one tablespoon milk to every beaten egg. Season with pepper and salt and cook in the usual way. By this means stale bread will be used up and one egg will go as far as two.

**To keep the yolk of an egg**
When only the white is required, beat up the yolk with a little cold water and it will keep fresh for several days.

**Forcemeat**
When making forcemeat, if the bread is soaked it will not need so many eggs to bind it.

**Burnt Milk**
If milk has been burned, pour it at once into a jug and stand it in a basin of cold water until it is cool, when all traces of burnt smell and taste will have disappeared.

**Oversalted Soup**
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