ANNUAL TOURNAMENT and A.G.M.

ANNUAL REPORT: 1966

Administration

We congratulate our Chairman, Mr. J. Simpson, on a most successful year of office, and thank him for his endeavours. We all appreciate how much his efforts have helped to re-establish the North-East Section as a very valuable part of our Association.

We offer sincere congratulations to Mr. F. Cashmore who is nominated to succeed Mr. Simpson. No member, we feel sure, could be more worthy of this office.

The Annual Draw again proved a financial success, thanks to the efforts of members who sold tickets. We congratulate the winners of prizes, and trust that all members will continue their efforts in this field, which is so important for the satisfactory running of our affairs.

Once again our thanks are due to the R. and A. for allotting 12 passes for the Open Championship, and we are sure that those who were able to attend were appreciative of this privilege.

It would appear from the number of inquiries received both from members and golf clubs, that the Wage Scale Survey, amended in March, is still supplying useful information, and we are confident that these inquiries are proving beneficial to our members.

The Apprenticeship Scheme has once again proved its value and the number of would-be greenkeepers is on the increase. The latest figures show that there are now 42 signed apprentices, and a further 28 deeds issued.

Membership

The figures as provided by the Sections at the year ended showed our membership to be a fraction lower than last year, 676 against 680, but it is gratifying to note that the increased numbers last year are still with us.

Annual Tournament

The 48th Annual Tournament was held at Whitley Bay Golf Club, and

AT THE TOURNAMENT

Messrs Ford, Hastilow Sumner Dixon, Smith, Walsh, Drewitt.

whilst again the entry was on the small side, it must be understood that the venue meant a long trip for a large number of our members. Those who took part had a very enjoyable tournament, with admirable weather. Our very sincere thanks are due to the Secretary and his staff for all their efforts to make our visit such an enjoyable one and we must again emphasise our appreciation and thanks for all the generous donations and prizes presented for the tournament.

Sections

Our thanks are again due to Section Secretaries and their Committees for their continued efforts within the Sections in arranging tournaments, lectures and visits of interest, also to the firms and organisations who assist in making these arrangements possible.

It is with the greatest pleasure that we can advise members that the Irish Section has been re-formed, and are now in action for the current year.
Our sincere thanks are again due to the Hon. Editor of our Journal and his staff, also to Section Secretaries for local news, and those who assisted with articles for publication. It is regretted that there have been cases where members have not been receiving their Journals, and it must be emphasised that Section Secretaries must keep the editorial staff fully advised of all new members, changes of address, and cancellations.

Benevolent Fund

There have been four calls on the Benevolent Fund during the year under review, and a total of £50 was paid out. We again received the proceeds of a special competition run by one club for this fund, and would again express our sincere thanks. Unfortunately this idea, which was mentioned last year, has not so far spread to other clubs.

F. G. Hawtree Memorial Fund

This fund again made provision for four reservations at Bingley during the year, and it is very gratifying to know that these were all taken up by members. The trustees of the fund are again very appreciative of the assistance given by clubs with the expenses of the greenkeepers who have attended these courses.

Sports Turf Research Institute

Once again we would express our sincere appreciation for all the assistance and interest shown to our members by the Sports Turf Research Institute.

In Memoriam

We record with sorrow the death of the following members announced in the British Golf Greenkeeper since our last report Messrs Leslie Bakes, Bill Lawrence, H. Jackson, Fred Key, A. Thompson, T Bridges and J Marshall.

By order of the Executive Committee,

J Simpson, Chairman.
C. H. Dix, Hon. Secretary

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"News of the World " Match Play Championship, Walton Heath

5th - 10th September

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B.G.G.A. Annual Tournament, 1966
Prize Winners


“News of the World” Cup (36 holes Scratch) — 1st Prize, transistor radio, J W Kirkpatrick, 164 gross.

The Artisan Medal (18 holes Medal) — R. H. Plain, 71
Jubilee Cup Inter-Section (36 holes Medal) — 3 tankards, Midland Section, 472.

“Coming of Age” Cup (60 years and over) (18 holes Medal) — 1st Prize, 4-piece tea set and tray, W Barton, coffee percolator, A. G Hastilow
Senior Division (“plus” to 11) (36 holes Medal) — 1st Prize, Ransomes Cup and gold watch, R. H. Plain, 150; 2nd, “Golf Illustrated” Cup, electric toaster and voucher, J Rees, 154; 3rd, “Universal” Cup, travelling case, E. R. West, 154; 4th, blanket, R. J Pugh, 155, 5th, canteen of cutlery, G S. Payne, 155, 6th, Pyrex tea set, V W Smith, 156; 7th alarm clock, D. H. Major, 156; 8th, Pyrex set, K. Driver, 157, 9th, wallet, G Woodward, 158, 10th, fruit set, E. H. Benbow, 159
Junior Division (12 to 24) — 1st Prize “Pattison” Trophy and gold watch, A. Boraston, 149; 2nd, President’s Cup


The “Allan Taylor” Cup (18 holes Medal) — 1st Prize, Allan Taylor Cup and canteen of cutlery, G. S. Payne, 69, 2nd, Verdone Cup and bedside clock and lamp, E. R. James, 74; 3rd, steak knives, A. Goldthorpe, 75, 4th, car lamp, G Herrington, 75

A prize presented by the President of Little Aston Golf Club for best 18 holes on Tuesday — R. H. Plain, 71

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MINUTES OF THE 49th 
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

held at the Clubhouse, Little Aston 
Golf Club, Sutton Coldfield, on Monday, 
8th August 1966, at 2.30 p.m.

The Chairman opened the Meeting at which 72 members were present, and 
invited the President, Mr Carl 
Bretherton, to occupy the Chair 
Mr Bretherton asked those present to 
stand in silent tribute to those who had 
died during the year, as named in the 
Secretary's Report.

The Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting were read, confirmed and 
signed.

Annual Report
This was read by the Hon. Secretary, 
and its adoption was proposed by Mr 
Pugh, seconded by Mr Barton.

Financial Report
Copies of the accounts as presented 
had been circulated among the members. 
The Hon. Treasurer reported a satisfac-
tory state of affairs, with a substantial 
increase in the Journal balance, due 
mainly to increased advertising. The 
adoption of the accounts was proposed 
by Mr Lord, seconded by Mr Sheppard.

Executive Committee Report
The Tournament Committee had been 
elected as last year, namely Messrs 
Simpson, Cashmore, Sheppard, Herrin-
ton and Folkes, three to form a quorum. 
The Hon. Secretary reported that the 
Southern Section had nominated Mr W 
E. Moore as Vice-Chairman to succeed 
Mr Cashmore.

Mrs S. Smith, Mrs R. Smith and son, 
Mr and Mrs K. Driver

The venue for the 1967 Tournament 
had been agreed on the recommendation 
of the Southern Section to be held at 
Walton Heath Golf Club, who had very 
kindly offered the Association the cour-
tesy of the course. Disappointment was 
expressed by Messrs Kingston, Geddes, 
Herrington and others that it had not 
been possible to find a seaside course for 
the tournament. After some discussion 
Mr Lord proposed and Mr Fretter 
seconded that the offer from Walton 
Heath should be accepted, with the pro-
viso that every effort should be made to 
obtain a seaside course for 1968, even 
if it be necessary to alter the date of the 
meeting. This proposition was carried 
by 49 votes to 7. The date of the 1967 
Tournament would be 7th to 9th August. 

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Election of Officers

President
It was proposed by Mr Burgess and seconded by Mr McNeice that Mr Carl Bretherton be re-elected President of the Association. Carried unanimously Mr Bretherton thanked the members for their generous support of the proposition, and said he would be pleased to continue in office.

Vice-Presidents
It was proposed by Mr Barnes and seconded by Mr Kingston that the Vice-Presidents as listed in the Journal be re-elected. Carried.

Chairman
It was proposed by Mr Drewitt and seconded by Mr Fretter that the Vice-Chairman, Mr F Cashmore, be elected Chairman. Carried unanimously. Before vacating the Chair Mr Simpson thanked the officers and members for the generous support they had given him during his year of office. Mr Cashmore took the Chair and expressed the great pleasure he felt at the honour bestowed upon him, and hoped he would be a worthy successor to Mr Simpson. He then presented a Tankard to Mr Simpson as a mark of appreciation for his efforts during the past year, who in response duly acknowledged the gift.

Vice-Chairman
It was proposed by Mr Lord and seconded by Mr Ford that Mr W E. Moore be elected Vice-Chairman. Carried unanimously. It was regretted that owing to illness Mr Moore was not able to be present at the meeting.

Hon. Secretary and Treasurer
It was proposed by Mr Herrington and seconded by Mr Folkes that Mr C. H. Dix be re-elected Hon. Secretary and Treasurer. Carried unanimously. Mr Dix thanked the members and expressed his willingness to continue in office.

Executive Committee
It was proposed by Mr Benbow and seconded by Mr Drewitt that the Executive Committee should be elected as nominated by the Sections. Carried.

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Hon. Auditors

It was proposed by Mr Lord and seconded by Mr Barnes that Messrs Smallfield Rawlins be re-elected as Hon. Auditors. Carried.

Hon. Solicitor

It was proposed by Mr Walsh and seconded by Mr Sheppard that Mr R. A. Beck be re-elected Hon. Solicitor for the ensuing year.

Any Other Business

It was proposed by Mr Lord and seconded by Mr Barnes that the Hon. Secretary should approach the English Golf Union and the Welsh Golf Union with a view to supplying copies of the Wage Scale Survey for distribution to golf clubs.

The Hon. Secretary reported that he had received an invitation from the Secretary of the Association of Golf Club Secretaries for a match to be played annually between the Secretaries and the Greenkeepers. The Executive Committee were strongly in favour of accepting this invitation, and the meeting were unanimous in agreement.

The Hon. Secretary reported that the Artisan Association were most anxious that the Greenkeepers should enter a team in the Artisan Tournament, to consist of one senior entry and one junior entry, and he would be inviting entries through the Journal. Entrance fees for this team would be met from Head Office funds.

The Meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

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