Annual General Meeting

THE A.G.M. WAS HELD AT THE Stirling Castle on Wednesday, 5th June, with Mr J. Wallis-Arthur presiding. Before asking the Secretary to read the minutes he asked all present to stand in silent tribute to George Barnfield and Bob Cox.

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

Statement of Accounts

The Hon. Secretary reported a satisfactory financial state of affairs in the Section and on a proposal by Mr Pearce seconded by Mr Dixon the accounts were adopted.

Election of Officers

The following were elected:—


J. Wess, who had decided to make way for a younger man after 17 years on the committee, was thanked by the Chairman for his valuable past services.

Any Other Business

It was proposed by R. Plain, seconded by D. Major, that the Annual Spring Tournament should be once again a 36-hole Medal Competition (carried). C. E. Ryan inquired if there could be financial aid from the Section for the widows and dependants of deceased members in addition to the grant from the Association Benevolent Fund. Several schemes were put forward but none appeared to be workable and on a proposal by H. G. Dixon it was decided to leave things as they were unless we heard that the widows and dependants were destitute.

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

Handicaps

The following is a revised list of handicaps as submitted by H. G. Dixon, Chairman of the Handicapping Committee:—

F. Ainsworth 12-10; W. Cavanaugh 2-4; C. Claydon 18; A. E. Clements 24; E. Flyne 24; H. F. Hayter 8-9; G. Hitchcock 9-8; D. Kirkland 4-6; S. Kirby 24; P. Moore 24-22; M. Manderville 8; R. Plain 7-8; G. S. Payne 7-8; P. B. Piggott 18; S. Philips 24; R. Rogers 8; D. Singleton 16-14; P. Smith 12-9; H. Stinson 10; A. M. Thomson 5; A. E. Watson 12; A. Lomas 16; P. Malia 18.

New Members

We welcome to the Section the following new members: E. Holloway, 6 Kit Lane, Checkendon, Nr. Reading, Berks.; B. Berry, 8 Council Cottage, Pycombe, Brighton, Sussex; D. J. Page, 25 Stanhope Road, North Finchley, London, N.12.

Artisan Medal

The Artisan Is. to complete for the above has now been raised to 2s. as from the 1st May 1968.

October Meeting

This will be a quiz at the Stirling Castle Hotel, London Wall, Moorgate, on Wednesday, 2nd October. Please note that all winter meetings will be on the first Wednesday in the month.

Headquarters Sweep

MEMBERS ARE REMINDED THAT the closing date for the return of counterfoils and moneys for tickets sold for the
Association’s draw on the News of the World Championship is Monday, 29th July. Last year’s support by the Section was most disappointing and I hope members will make a greater effort to make it a success.

New Members
A warm welcome to the Association is extended to the following new members: K. Young (Shipley G.C.); D. Turton and M. Barrett (West Bowling G.C.); B. Stolian (Bessacarr G.C.); R. Ensmley (Cleckheaton G.C.); D. Morrison (Bradley Hall G.C.); W. McIntyre (Whitefield G.C.); and T. Fletcher (Cobble Hall G.C.)

Blazer Badges
I have in stock a number of Association blazer badges which I will be pleased to supply to any member of the Association. Unfortunately, owing to increased cost of manufacture the price has had to be raised to £1 12s. 6d.

Annual General Meeting
THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING was held at the Brunswick Hotel on 28th April with 17 members present. The balance sheet was discussed and approved, after the Treasurer had pointed out that a lot of subscriptions were still not paid mainly by members who rely on their club to pay for them.

Election of Officers
President: Mr Shardlow was re-elected after an absence of a year. We are greatly indebted to him for his continued support and guidance of the Section affairs. Vice-Presidents were re-elected and it was proposed to increase the number by approaching one or two interested persons. Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer were re-elected as was the committee with the exception of E. Palmer to replace J. Marellin who has now left greenkeeping.

Tournaments
The following dates and venues were proposed:—
President’s Trophy, Lindrick Golf Club, on 28th May.
Sheffield Union of Golf Clubs Match, Lees Hall Golf Club, on 17th June.

Section Annual Tournament, Abbeydale Golf Club, on 23rd July.
Northern Section Match, "Slater" Trophy, Sherwood Forest Golf Club, on 9th October.
National Annual Tournament, Seacroft Golf Club, Skegness, on 12th, 13th and 14th August.

Any Other Business
It was proposed to make a charge of 2s. 6d. entry fee for all tournaments. The question was raised to run a prize draw to increase funds instead of having to rely on other people for donations, but no decision was arrived at.

President's Trophy
This match was played in beautiful conditions on 28th May at Lindrick Golf Club with 23 members taking part in an 18-hole Stableford; the winner in his first tournament with the Section was E. Ainsworth with 34 pts. off 4 handicap; 2nd was A. Spencer with 33 pts.; 3rd, J. Walker with 31 pts.; and joint 4th, R. N. Maltby and G. Herrington with 30 pts. This was very good scoring over a light course with everyone paying frequent visits to the rough; once again we are to thank our President, Mr Shardlow, for a very enjoyable and memorable day.

Handicaps
The following handicaps have been adjusted:—
J. Walker 16 to 12; B. Crookes 16 to 17; H. Tanfield 6 to 7; C. Grimley 12 to 14; G. Travis 16 to 17; J. Lomas 17 to 18.

New Members
We welcome to the Section Mr E. W. Park of Lindrick Golf Club, who has been elected a Vice-President. We hope you will find our activities of interest and look forward to you joining us at our meetings; we also welcome E. Ainsworth of Lincoln Golf Club who has joined us from Scotland.

EAST MIDLAND
Chairman: J. Burnham
Hon. Secretary: S. Fretter
20 Woodcote Road, Leicester, LE3 2WD.

Congratulations
WE WISH B. MOTT EVERY SUCCESS in his new job as Head Greenkeeper of Kettering Golf Club.

FOR HIRE
SISIS AUTOTURFMAN Aerator for hire, £25 per week — Do it yourself. J. B. Burnell, 2 Clarence Road, Eaglescliffe, Stockton on Tees.
Autumn Tournament

The Annual Autumn Golf Tournament will be held at the Scraptoft Golf Club on Wednesday, 4th September 1968. Details, etc., to follow.

It was unanimously carried at the committee meeting that any member who has not paid his subscription by the 20th August 1968 will not be eligible to play in the Autumn Tournament at Scraptoft on the 4th September 1968.

SUBSCRIPTIONS BECAME DUE ON THE 1st MAY 1968.

MIDLAND

Chairman:
G. HART
(Gay Hill)

By R. Goodwin
Hon. Secretary:
167 Birmingham Road
Lichfield, Staffs.

Geoff Smith

MEMBERS WILL BE SORRY TO hear that Geoff Smith has had quite a long spell in hospital.

I am pleased to say, however, that he is back at home now, but having to take things easy for a while. Our sincere wishes to you, Geoff, for a complete recovery, and we look forward to seeing you in full swing again fairly soon.

Stourbridge Appointment

Congratulations to Ray Smith, who has recently been appointed Head Greenkeeper to the Stourbridge Golf Club. Good luck Ray, and may your new assignment be a long and happy one.

Annual Draw

The Annual Draw will take place on the 29th July. By the time you read these notes you will all have had your tickets. Please do your best to sell all I have sent you and make sure that you return all money, counterfoils and unsold tickets to me by the 22nd July so that I am able to send them all away before I go on my holidays and also so that they will be at head office in plenty of time for the draw. DO NOT be late in sending them to me. Thank you.

NORTH-WEST

Chairman:
O. P. JONES
(Bramhall G.C.)

By H. M. Walsh
Hon. Secretary:
78 Hadfield Street,
Oldham, Lanes.

New Chairman

I MUST APOLOGISE FOR NOT informing members in last month's journal that Mr O. P. Jones of Bramhall Golf Club had been elected Chairman at the A.G.M. held at Birkdale Golf Club; also to Mr N. Barlow of W. Wilcocks & Sons for referring to him as N. Holden.

Annual Tournament

The venue for the Autumn Tournament has not been finally fixed yet, but I will inform members as soon as this is done.

Draw Tickets

Will all members please return counterfoils and moneys, etc., to me by 29th July.

Welsh

Chairman:
M. GEDDES
(Royal Porthcawl)

By S. A. Tucker
Hon. Secretary:
36 Clase Road,
Morriston,
Swansea, Glam.

Subscriptions

Will members who have not yet paid their subscriptions for 1968, please send them direct to your Treasurer, Mr F. Cashmore, 76 Four Oaks Common Road, Sutton Coldfield. Thank you, gentlemen.

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Jack Moore

Mr Jack Moore has left Langland Bay Golf Club, and gone to Stanton-on-the-Wold Golf Club, Keyworth, Notts. Jack, from all the members of the Welsh Section, I say all the best of luck to you in your new post.

Subscriptions

Will all those who have not paid their subscriptions by the time they read these notes please do so as soon as possible because it will make things a lot easier for Mr Geddes. It is only once a year that you have to pay. Thank you lads.