News

from the Sections

NORTHERN

Chairman:
D. Roberts
(West Bowling G.C.)
Hon. Secretary:
By J. Parker
8 Goit Stock Terr., Harden,
Bingley, Yorks.

Tournaments
ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE
for the Annual Spring Tournament to be
played over the course of the Knares-
borough Golf Club on Tuesday, 7th May
(by courtesy of the club committee).
The Parks Department Committee of the
Borough of Bridlington have granted us the
use of the Belvedere Golf Course for the
Autumn Tournament to be played on
Thursday, 19th September.

January Lecture
This was held in the clubhouse of the
Horsforth Golf Club, on Wednesday, 10th
January, when the speaker was Mr G.
Barnes of Cameron Irrigation Co., who took
for his subject “Pop-Up Watering Systems
on Golf Courses”. Despite the atrocious
weather there was a good attendance, 35
members turning up to hear about what
must be an up and coming thing on golf
courses. The speaker fully explained the
working of the system.
The number of questions asked by various
members showed how well the lecture was
received and the great interest aroused. The
only thing that worried the greenkeepers was
the cost of initial installation and this, of
course, varies a great deal depending on soil
conditions encountered in laying the system.
The speaker was thanked for his talk by

the president and seconded by Mr D.
Roberts, chairman.

Grand National Sweep
Members are reminded that the closing
date for the return of counterfoils and
and moneys for the draw is Monday, 18th
March.

SOUTHERN

Chairman:
F. W. Ford
68 Salcombe Gardens
Mill Hill, N.W.7
Hon. Secretary:
J. K. Glass
(Thorpe Hall)

February Lectures:
LOOKING VERY FIT AND MUCH
slimmer, our president, Mr J. Wallis Arthur,
was welcomed back by our chairman, J. K.
Glass. Jock also gave a very warm welcome
to our speaker, Mr W. Finch, and jokingly
said that as Bill was at present unattached
we could now expect to know the truth!
This warm welcome was extended by the
members who showed their appreciation by
turning up in large numbers to listen to his
talk on “Turf Culture”. This title embraced
such subjects as the hardening of soil, lack
of calcium, trace elements and the use of
seaweed. Mr Finch suggested that seaweed

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should be enriched with M.C.P.K. for golf greens.

The time passed by all too quickly and when congratulated on his very fine lecture he replied by saying how much he always enjoyed coming to the Southern Section and that he would be delighted to place himself at our disposal any time. We all wish him well in his new venture.

Annual Dinner

Members travelling by train and who require a lift from Sydenham Hill Station should phone the club, telephone TOWNLEY 1221, as I have been assured that transport will be laid on by John Kirkpatrick. Tickets will be available from me at the Quiz on 13th March at the Stirling Castle.

Spring Tournament

Closing date, Monday, 29th April, and members wishing to play should write to me in the first instance stating name, club and lowest handicap. Any member requiring transport from the station to St George's Hill Golf Club, please write as soon as possible to C. R. Cooke, Head Greenkeeper, West Lodge, West Road, St George's Hill, Weybridge, Surrey, who willlay on a minibus at reasonable rates.

Target Golf

A team of interested members of the Southern Section are required to play a team from the Driving Range Golf Facilities Limited, Greenford, Middlesex. Issuing the challenge and invitation Ken Ellis, an associate member of the section, assured me that an enjoyable time would be had by everyone. This match could develop into an annual event and can either be a round of golf, target golf or both, and I understand that there is a restaurant with drinks, etc. Any member who fancies his target-hitting ability and who wishes to make up the team, please let me know as soon as possible.

Congratulations

To Ray Hollington who finished his apprenticeship last year and has now been appointed First Assistant to Peter Moore at Romford.

New Members

We welcome to the section the following new members and hope that they will come along to join in our activities and meet new friends: A. M. Thomson, W. J. Brown, S. W. Kilby, R. E. Clayden, S. M. Green and J. Philip.

An Appeal

D. Whitehead, of 33 Filey Waye, Ruislip Manor, Middlesex, would like to get hold of a copy of "Management and Construction", by Martin Sutton. Anyone oblige?
Obituary
George Barnfield, aged 64, died on Sunday, 4th February 1968. George, who had been ill since Christmas, was head greenkeeper at Hadley Wood Golf Club and had been a member of the B.G.G.A. for many years. Sincere sympathy to his widow from all his friends in the Southern Section.

I AM PLEASED TO BE ABLE TO give you the full list of our meetings for 1968 as promised in the February journal. The Spring Meeting will be held at the Radyr Golf Club, Cardiff, on the 24th April; the Autumn Meeting at the Clyne Golf Club, near Swansea, on the 18th September; and I have now had notice that the Annual General Meeting will be held at the Southerndown Golf Club, Bridgend, on the 2nd July 1968. This meeting is, as usual, in conjunction with the Secretaries A.G.M. Any more information about these meetings will be in future journals.

Lecture
On Thursday, 28th March, at 7 p.m., we have a lecture by British Overhead Irrigation
Limited. The subject will be Automatic Irrigation.

New Members
We welcome to the Section two members of the Hallamshire staff and hope they find the association of value and interest. They are: S. Day and C. Colton.

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

President’s Match
THE ANNUAL MATCH BETWEEN Mr Bretherton’s Team and the Greenkeepers will take place on Thursday, 20th June, at the Handsworth Golf Club.

Spring Tournament
Full details of this fixture will be given in next month’s journal.

New Member
We welcome to the Section, Derek Cheetham, head greenkeeper, to the Dudley Golf Club.

Arthur Firman
Members will be sorry to hear of the recent death of Arthur Firman, a life member, and one of the Founder Members of the Section in 1933.

Arthur was, for many years, head greenkeeper to the Harborne Golf Club. He retired a few years ago and was succeeded by his son, Bill.

I would like to express the sincere condolences of all members to Mr Firman’s family.

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NORTH-WEST

By H. M. Walsh
Chairman:
F. HALSTEAD
(Bury Golf Club)
Hon. Secretary:
73 Hadfield Street,
Oldham, Lanes.

Spring Tournament
AS STATED IN THE JANUARY Journal our Spring Tournament and Annual General Meeting will take place on Thursday, 2nd May at the Royal Birkdale Golf Club, the morning round to consist of 9 holes, starting times from 8.30 a.m., and 18 holes in the afternoon. The Annual General Meeting to start approximately 7.15 p.m. Once again, I must ask all members who intend to take part to let me know at the earliest possible time so that I can arrange catering etc. Members will be allowed one visitor only; no proxy visitors will be considered; this rule was passed by the committee in June 1962, who intend in future competitions to adhere to same.

Subscriptions
All subscriptions, I must remind members, are due on 1st May. Please send them to the Hon. Treasurer and not to me.

Lectures
Our thanks to Mr Ratcliffe, of Rigby Taylors Ltd., and Mr G. Smythe, of May & Baker Ltd., for a very interesting talk which they gave to a very appreciative audience of 30 members; our best turnout this winter—thank you, gentlemen. Our next venture and the last for this winter will, as last year, take the form of the Open Debate, which I recall, was very successful and will take place on Monday, 11th March, at 7.30 p.m. at the Garrick Hotel, Fountain Street, Manchester. Can we please have another good turnout.

Life Members
It gives the committee great pleasure to inform members that Mr C. Brassington, ex-Royton Golf Club, and Mr E. Brooks, ex-Ashton-Under-Lyne Golf Club, have been elected Honorary Life Members of the Association as from 1st May, 1968. Congratulations to them both.


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