**News**

**NORTHERN**

**By J. Parker**

Chairman:  
Hon. Secretary:  
A. ROBERTSHAW  
8 Goit Stock Terr., Harden, Bingley, Yorks.

February Lecture

THIS WAS HELD IN THE CLUBHOUSE of the Horsethorne Golf Club on Wednesday, 26th February, when 35 members attended. The speaker was Mr D. J. Joss, of the Sports Turf Research Institute, who took for his subject "Construction Work" which was illustrated with slides. He went through the whole processes done to various areas in the making of a new course and the many snags that have to be overcome. Members found this most interesting and ably put over. Many questions were fired at the speaker who capably replied. A vote of thanks was proposed by our chairman, Mr G. Robertshaw, and heartily endorsed by members for a most interesting talk.

Mr G. Farmery

After 43 years’ service on the staff of Bessacarr Golf Club, Doncaster, George Farmery recently retired. I am sure all members will join me in wishing him a long and happy retirement.

Handicaps

The following adjustments of handicaps have been made:—

- E. Paley 14 to 12, A. Robertshaw 11 to 9, G. Bennison 11 to 9, M. Barrett 10 to 9, D. Spurden 16 to 14, W. Wilkinson 17 to 15, K. Young 16 to 14 and F. Cox 18 to 20.

New Members

We welcome to the section the following new members: B. Richardson, 42 Morrison Drive, Rossington, Doncaster (Bessacarr Golf Club); and J. Woodford, 118 Halifax Road, Odsal, Bradford (West Bowling Golf Club).

Mrs W. Paley

It is with deep regret that I inform members of the death of Mrs Walter Paley, wife of one of our oldest members. I have written to Walter expressing our condolences at his sad loss.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

PROFESSIONALS AND GREENKEEPERS having stocks of used golf balls contact Sparkbrook Golf Ball Co., 295 Highgate Road, Stoney Lane, Birmingham, with a view to filling export orders.

**NORTH-EAST**

**By D. Earsman**

Chairman:  
Hon. Secretary:  
J. SIMPSON  
Cramlington, Northumberland.

Spring Tournament

OUR SPRING COMPETITION WILL BE held on Thursday, 24th April, at the Ravensworth Golf Club, with the kind permission of the captain and committee.

This will be an 18-hole Medal event, commencing at 12.30 p.m.

Here is a letter which I received from the wife of our old friend, Tom Auld, who was chairman of our section for many years. Tom does not get out much now and is unable to come to our meetings, but we never forget the work he has done for the section.

Dear Mr Earsman,

On behalf of Tom and myself, I would like to thank you and all the members of the North-East Section of the British Golf Greenkeepers Association for the kind gift which we received. Tom wishes to be remembered to all, and he asked me to convey his gratitude and best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

L. AULD.

New Member

We would like to welcome to this section Mr Henry Brown, Class A, of Newbiggin Golf Club.