News
from the Sections
NORTHERN
By J. Parker
Chairman: Hon. Secretary: A. Robertshaw
8 Goit Stock Terr., Harden, Bingley, Yorks.
November Lecture
The first lecture of the winter session was held in the Clubhouse of the Horsforth Golf Club on Wednesday, 12th November. Thirty-five members attended to hear a talk by Mr Lloyd James of Flymo Ltd. The speaker, who illustrated his talk with films, took for his subject “Mowing for the Professional”. In this he dealt with his firm’s complete range of mowers including the ones for fine turf. A long and fast range of questions were fired at the speaker which he ably dealt with. Our thanks are due to Flymo for a most interesting evening and for the refreshment generously provided.

Subscriptions
There are still a large number of subscriptions which became due on 1st May, 1969, still outstanding. I would be much obliged if members who have not paid would now send them to save me the time and expense of sending the usual crop of reminders.

Willie Bartle
Willie Bartle, our former Treasurer, and better known to older members, has been in hospital and undergone a couple of operations. Members will be pleased to hear he is now recovering and I am sure will join me in wishing him a quick and complete return to good health.

W. Wilkinson
Willie Wilkinson, formerly Head Greenkeeper to the Shipley Golf Club, has taken up a new appointment with the Old Fold Manor Golf Club. I am sure we will wish him well in his new position.

NORTH-EAST
By G. Jeffries
Chairman: Hon. Secretary: J. Simpson
55 Brackenfield Road, Framwell Gate Moor, Durham.
Twenty-five members attended the lecture on Wednesday, 19th November, held in the Duke of Wellington Hotel.
Our Chairman introduced the members to Mr D. D. Wishart, B.Sc., of The Sports Turf Research Institute, Bingley. The subject covered by Mr Wishart was on General Maintenance, and a very interesting and instructive talk it was, as I think all members present agreed. Mr Wishart covered every part of a golf course from tee to green. At the end of his lecture there were few questions to be asked.
Our Chairman thanked Mr Wishart for the splendid manner in which he had conducted the lecture. This was applauded by all.

We welcome to the Section the following new members: W. Jones, Durham City Golf Club, and J. E. Cairns of Ponteland Golf Club. May their association be long and happy.
There are quite a number of subscriptions outstanding and I should be pleased if members would let me have them as soon as possible or notify me if they no longer wish to belong in the Section.

SHEFFIELD
By H. Gillespie
Chairman: Hon. Secretary: O. Harlington
63 Langsett Avenue Sheffield, S6 4AA
Lectures
Thirty-three members gathered on Thursday, 27th November, to welcome Mr J. D. Joss of The Sports Turf Research Institute for his talk on “Drainage”. He explained very fully the drainage requirements of a putting green and the different methods to be adopted; the standard of questions in question time was very good.

The number attending the lectures is very good and shows the appreciation of the high standard of the speakers. Please keep it up chaps; why not tell the others just what they are missing and encourage them to come along. We will gladly make them members if they aren’t already. This goes for members of your Club’s committee as well, the more the merrier: if the present isn’t big enough we will get one bigger.

This month, 29th January, we have Mr Hardisty of Norton Villiers Ltd. and his subject will be “Engine Construction and Maintenance”. This should be very
interesting seeing we all use motorised equipment these days.

Make a date! January 29th at 7.15 p.m.,
The Brunswick Hotel.

I have received a letter from F. Frost
who left Sickleholme for Bermuda earlier
in 1969. He thanks all Sheffield greenkeepers
for the good wishes I sent him on
your behalf and says he is settling down
well to the different techniques required in
the Bermuda climate. The Mid-Ocean
Club, where he is employed, is a very busy
club requiring a large staff — a super-
intendent, two English greenkeepers,
horticulturist, mechanic, driver, foreman
and twelve Portuguese greenkeepers —
quite a staff.

New Members
We welcome the following new members:
S. Lawler, Tankersley Park Golf Club;
A. Wadkin, Lees Hall Golf Club; and M.
Woodall, Hallamshire Golf Club.
A Happy New Year to you all.

By H. M. Walsh
Chairman:
Hon. Secretary:
T. BRENNAN
Horrobin Cottage, Old Links Golf Club, Montserrat, Bolton, Lanes.

Lectures
Our thanks to Mr Fairhurst of T. Forster
& Sons (Hort.) Ltd., for his very interest-
ing talk on "Wild Life on Golf Courses",
and the very excellent slides used to depict
same, both in summer and winter. Thank
you, sir.

Our December talk was to have been
given by Mr Ratcliffe of Rigby Taylor
Limited but unfortunately he was taken
ill and was unable to attend. He wrote to
me asking me to make his apologies to the
members present and also to have a drink
with him for the coming festive season.
The members then drank Mr Ratcliffe’s
health and hoped he would make a speedy
recovery and become his old self once
again.

The January talk will be given by Mr
Unwin of Joseph Metcalf Ltd., and the
subject will be “Planting and Cultivation
of Trees on Golf Courses”. This is a
subject in which most greenkeepers are
interested so let us have a really good
attendance once again. Date January 19th,
7.30 p.m., and the venue Brunswick Hotel,
Piccadilly, Manchester.

The February talk will be given by Mr
Whyat of H. Pattisson & Co., the date
17th February, 7.30 p.m., venue Brunswick
Hotel.
The March talk will be given by G.
Vaughan of Ransomes Sims & Jeffries on
17th March.

New Member
We are pleased to welcome to the
section the following new member and
hope his association will be a long and
happy one: L. Cook, Pleasington Golf
Club, Pleasington, Blackburn, Lancs.
A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO MEMBERS OF THE B.G.G.A. EVERYWHERE

December Lecture
A good gathering made the journey to the Stirling Castle to listen to a talk on “Organics” by Mr W. Finch, a subject in which he is second to none.

Very interestingly he talked about organic collides, trace elements and of course seaweed. Bill Finch is a great believer in seaweed, consequently his lectures are always worth listening to.

During a discussion which followed he offered a permanent solution for DRY SPOTS on golf greens, a treatment of Teepol followed by seaweed.

Good stuff this seaweed! Bill even takes a daily dose himself! He also told me later on at the bar that he considered his visit to the Southern Section as one of the highlights of the year.

February Lecture
On Wednesday, 4th February 1970, our speaker for the evening will be R. L. Morris, senior horticulturist (turf), from the Levington Research Station, Ipswich. His last visit to us was in 1967 and on that occasion he made a great impression on the members of the Southern Section.

New Members
A warm welcome from us all to A. J. Dennis of Broadstone and a sincere hope that he will be able to join in some of the section’s activities in the coming year.

Subscriptions
Members who have not paid their subscriptions are reminded of Rule 7 (c). No person whose subscription is in arrears shall participate in any advantages or privileges of the association, vote on any question or compete for any prize.

Bereavement
Our thoughts go to Bert Dash whose wife died of heart trouble on Thursday, 4th December.

One of our oldest Association members and an ex-committee man, Bert also wrote to say he was pleased to say that she had passed away free from pain. On behalf of all his friends in the Southern Section I wrote back to him offering our sincere and deepest sympathy in his great loss.

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