News

from the Sections

NORTH-WEST

By H. M. Walsh

Hon. Secretary:
Horrobin Cottage,
Old Links Golf Club,
Montserrat, Bolton, Lanes.

Chairman:
T. BRENNAN

Autumn Tournament

As stated in last month’s journal our Autumn Tournament will be held on the Swinton Park Golf Club course, East Lancs
Road, Swinton, near Manchester. Will all
members who will be there please let me
know so that I can complete catering
arrangements. As usual it will be a 27 hole
competition, 9 holes in the morning and
18 in the afternoon. Please get there as early
as possible. Tee off from 9.15 a.m. Visitors
will play an 18 hole competition in the after-
noon—one visitor per member, please.

Winter Lectures

Not having completed my list of speakers
for this Winter Series of talks I will first
remind members that the first talk will be
given by Mr H. Ratcliffe, of Rigby Taylor
Ltd., on Monday, 26th October—venue
Brunswick Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester, at
7.30 p.m.

Annual Trip

Also to remind members that the annual
trip this year will be to ATCO, Birmingham
Works, by coach from Manchester, on 10th
November. Please let me have your names.

New Member

We welcome to the section the following
new member and hope his association with
the section will be a happy one: R. A.
Atkin, St. Annes Old Links Golf Club, St.
Annes, Lancs.
Scotch whisky; 8th, W. Barton 70, sports shirt; 9th, J. Bevan 70, glasses; 11th, R. Pullen 71, garden chair; 12th, R. Goodwin 71, half bottle Scotch whisky; 13th, T. Jones 73, half bottle Scotch whisky; 14th, E. V. Thomas 73, half bottle Scotch whisky; 15th, R. Smith 74, bottle sherry; 16th, J. Grealy 75, bottle sherry; 17th, H. Drewitt 75, bottle sherry; 18th, A. Cutler 75, half bottle gin; 19th, W. Boyce 76, half bottle gin; 20th, Tony Cutler 78, half bottle gin.

The prizes were presented by Mr Stephens, the President of the Habberley Golf Club, who said how pleased he was to see so many Greenkeepers and hoped that everyone had enjoyed their day at Habberley.

George Hart, the Section Chairman, thanked Mr Stephens for presenting the prizes and said how Greenkeepers always enjoyed playing at the Habberley Golf Club. He also thanked the Captain and Directors for giving these magnificent prizes to the Greenkeepers and the warm hospitality of the Habberley Golf Club to the Members of the Midland Greenkeepers.

He also paid tribute to John Grealy who had the course in excellent condition, and Mrs Grealy and the ladies who looked after us so well in the dining room, Mrs Robinson, Mrs Darby and Mrs Davies.

We were also pleased to have with us during the day Mr R. A. Pratt, Chairman of the Green Committee, and fellow Director Mr W. E. Robinson.

Mr Peter Wyatt, Frank Cashmore and Les Greenow once again did a fine job of officiating over the Tournament which has proved to be a most popular event.

I would like to add my personal thanks to Mr Bradley, Secretary of Habberley Golf Club, and everyone who helped to arrange the Tournament.

Autumn Lecture
A lecture and discussion on the Upkeep of Fine Turfs will take place at the Clubhouse of the Handsworth Golf Club on Monday afternoon, October 19th, from 2.00 p.m. until 5.00 p.m. by kind permission of the Captain and Committee of the Handsworth Golf Club.

Please make every effort to come along to this event as I would like maximum support. Bring along your Chairman of Green Committee who will find it interesting and well worth while.

New Member
We welcome to the Section William Lewis, First Assistant to the Walmley Golf Club.

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Subscriptions
These are now due, and I would like those members who have not yet paid to please let me have theirs as soon as possible, and not wait until near the end of the financial year.

New Member
We welcome to the section Mr D. Cooper, Head Greenkeeper of Wickham Golf Club, and hope his association with the section will be a long and happy one.

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Sheffield Match
Members are reminded that the closing date for acceptance of invitation to play in the Annual Match v. Sheffield Section, at the Rotherham Golf Club (Thryburgh) on Tuesday, 29th September, is Monday, 21st September.

Autumn Tournament
The Annual Autumn Tournament of the Section will be played over the course of the Wetherby Golf Club on Thursday, 15th October (by courtesy of the Club Committee). Closing date for entries is Thursday, 8th October.

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Annual Tournament
The Annual Tournament held at Lincoln Golf Club on Wednesday, 8th July, was restricted to 18 holes due to a heavy thunderstorm causing the cancellation of the morning round.

Twenty-nine members played in the very much improved afternoon conditions, and although the course had suffered from the prolonged heatwave the greens were in excellent condition, thanks to the labours of Eddie Ainsworth and his staff.

The leading scorers were:— J. Walker (Doncaster Town Moor) 78 gross, 73 net;
C. Chappell (Phoenix) 75 net; D. Thompson (Lees Hall) 76 net; A. Wadkin (Lees Hall) 76 net. The visitors' prize winner was Mr S. K. Arnold 76 net.

The prizes were presented by the Captain of Lincoln Golf Club, Mr Forster Wood, and we thank him and the club officials for allowing us to visit Lincoln.

We thank the following members of the trade and individuals who contributed to the prize fund: —Messrs Sutton Seeds, Pattissons, Ransomes, Stewart, Rigby Taylors, May & Baker, Cannock, Flymo, S.A.I., Lindsey & Kesteven, ATCO, Mr W. Mountain, Fearnco Ltd., Mr B. Elliott, Mr E. W. Park, Mr A. Sharlow and Mr R. Jennings.

We also thank Mr E. Goddard and Mr F. Hoyland of Fearnco Ltd. for the collection of monies and score cards, also the club professional, Mr R. Jennings, for the trolley cars and his usual cordial welcome.

"Steel City" Pro/Am

A team from this section, sponsored by our President, Mr A. Shardlow, was entered in the "Steel City" Pro/Am Tournament at the Hillsborough Golf Club on 22nd July. A. Spencer, R. N. Maltby and J. Walker accompanied by Tinsley Park Professional, G. Broster, whilst not among the winners had a very enjoyable day.

New Members

We welcome the following new members:—H. Pearson (Hallowes G.C.), D. Bennett and T. Smith (Abbeydale G.C.).

EAST MIDLAND

By S. Fretter

Hon. Secretary:

Chairman:

J. CARRICK

4 Queens Drive,
Leicester Forest East,
Leicester.

New Members

I would like to welcome to this section the following new members:—

Greenkeepers—M. J. Lake, Esq., 2 Council Houses, Hanging, Houghton, Northants.; G. A. Pollard, Esq., 67 Sunbury Green, Thurnby Lodge, Leics.; G. Bratt, Esq., 8 Elizabeth Drive, Thurmaston, Leics.; L. Bowley, Esq., Warwick Avenue, Quorn, Leics.; N. Millington, Esq., 7 Castle Hill, East Leake, Notts.; T. Porter, Esq., 76 Trafalgar Road, Beeston, Notts.

Vice-President—J. G. Reeve, Esq., Tethers End, Rose Grove, Plumtree, Notts.

Autumn Tournament

The Annual Autumn Tournament will be held at Glen Gorse Golf Club, Oadby, on the 7th October 1970. First tee 12.30 p.m. Will all members wishing to play and require a meal please notify me by the 2nd October 1970. The number of the road the Glen Gorse Golf Club is on is the A6 and the

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Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting was held at the Anchor Inn, Hathern, on Wednesday, 22nd July 1970. With a good attendance the following were elected:—President, Mr A. J. E. Cook; Vice-Presidents were elected en bloc; Secretary, Mr S. Fretter; Treasurer, Mr A. Thornton; Chairman, Mr J. Carrick; Vice-Chairman, Mr G. Darby; Committee—Messrs J. Carrick, G. Darby, S. Fretter, A. Thornton, G. Arnold, P. McCarron, B. Mott, R. O’Hara, C. E. Fillis, D. Whitehead.

By S. A. Tucker

Chairman: 23 Fenton Place, Porthcawl, Glamorgan.

Hon. Secretary: 36 Clase Road, Morriston, Swansea, Glam.

Autumn Meeting

Please let me have your entry for the Autumn Meeting at the Longlands Bay Golf Club, on 23rd September, as soon as you read these notes. I must have your entry to give me a clear view of how many will be attending so that I can arrange for the catering etc. Please do your little bit to help me.

Subscriptions

There are still a few who have not yet paid their subs. Please send to Mr Geddes right away as they are now well overdue. If they are not received I shall have to cancel your Journals as it is costing the Section quite a sum in stamps etc., writing to you, so please do this to save the costs. Mr Geddes address is 23 Fenton Place, Porthcawl, Glam.

Annual Draw

We are a few pounds up on last year and I thank you all for doing your bit towards this increase. I must congratulate T. E. Lloyd on his effort. Again he sold for us 120 books. A wonderful effort, Tom, and thank you very much.

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October Lecture

This will be our usual get together Quiz with an appointed Quiz Master in charge and if he cannot answer your questions he will throw them over to the meeting. So, gentlemen, come in large numbers with plenty of questions.

If you have a greenkeeping problem this is a great opportunity to have it discussed. Wednesday at 6.30 p.m. on 7th October at the Stirling Castle Hotel, London Wall, Moorgate.

Other lectures arranged are Wednesday, 4th November — Bingley Research Station — Speaker and subject in next Journal.

Wednesday, 2nd December — H. Pattisson & Co. Ltd., with Mr Peter Wyatt, the subject being “Aeration and Drainage”.

New Members

A warm welcome to the following new members:—J. S. Barr (Camberley), R. W. Lance (Effingham), P. Grindley (Ifield), and Paul Thomas of Fisons.

Best Wishes

For a long and happy retirement to Mr H. G. Dixon who has retired from his post as Head Greenkeeper at Crews Hill Golf Club. Bert has also relinquished his committee duties which he has fulfilled so well, so loyally and for so long. We shall all miss you at the committee meetings, Bert.

Best Wishes to G. T. Atfield who is also retiring this year.