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Reminder
Have you paid your Annual Subscription? If not, it is three months overdue. Your Section Secretary will appreciate a prompt renewal.

NORTH-WEST

Chairman:
J. Gillett
(St Anne’s Old Links)

Hon. Secretary:
H. M. Walsh
Horrobin Cottage,
Old Links Golf Club,
Montserrat, Bolton,
Lancs.

Spring tournament
Our sincere thanks are due to the Captain and Directors of the Hillside Golf Club, Southport, for their kindness in granting us the courtesy of their course and the facilities of the clubhouse, and the very warm welcome extended to us by the captain, Mr. Bateson. Our thanks also to Mr. Eshusley, the catering manager, for the excellent meals provided, to Mr. Macavoy and his staff for the very good condition of the course, to those who helped with score cards, meal tickets etc. Our sincere thanks to all prize donors, both individual and of the trade. Thank you once again. Prizes were presented by the Captain Mr. Bateson.

Prize winners
Best Gross E. Walsh 112 over 27 holes
Best Nett J. Leonard 99 over 27 holes
2 Nett J. Robinson 103½ over 27 holes
3 Nett A. Leonard 105 over 27 holes
4 Nett E. Macavoy 106 over 27 holes
5 Nett J. Gillett 106½ over 27 holes
6 Nett M. Owen 108½ over 27 holes
7 Nett E. Walsh 109 over 27 holes
8 Nett K. Holmes 110½ over 27 holes
9 Nett M. Sheehan 111 over 27 holes
10 Nett R. Fielding 112 over 27 holes
11 Nett D. Pate 113 over 27 holes
12 Nett R. Lewes 113 over 27 holes
13 Nett P. Chapman 113½ over 27 holes
14 Nett J. Ratcliffe 113½ over 27 holes
15 Nett W. Sumner 113½ over 27 holes
16 Nett J. Macdonald 114 over 27 holes
17 Nett G. A. Hall 116 over 27 holes
18 Nett J. Rhodes 119 over 27 holes
19 Nett H. M. Walsh 121 over 27 holes
20 Nett R. Janovskis 121 over 27 holes
21 Nett C. Whittle 122 over 27 holes

Visitor’s Prize J. Forset over 18 holes
Over 50 A. Leonard 105.

Annual General Meeting
There was a very good attendance for the A.G.M. in the evening.

The election of officers was as follows:- President – W. Kinsey Esq.
Chairman – R. Vickers Esq., Leigh Golf Club
Vice Chairman – O. P. Jones, Bramhall Golf Club
Secretary – H. M. Walsh – Old Links Golf Club, Bolton
Treasurer – R. Janovskis, 3030 Moorside Road, Swinton, M/C
Vice Presidents were voted en bloc
Committee members – Messrs Rhodes, Walsh, Drage, Owen and J. Gillett (ex officio)

It was decided at the meeting that a further trial of playing 18 holes in the morning and 9 in the afternoon be given at our Autumn Tournament, further details re venue etc. in the next issue of the journal.

August 1972
New members
We welcome to the section the following new members and hope their association with us will be a happy one: J. Bennett (Deane G.C., Bolton), W. A. Rodgers, T. M. Holmes, R. A. Graham, (all at Hillside G.C., Southport), M. Mercer (Royal Birkdale, Southport), F. Jackson (Rigby Taylor), A. G. Stewart and M. Sheehan (Childwall G.C.), W. MacDonald (Grange Fell G.C.), J. Stamford (Manchester G.C.).

In Memoriam
It is with the greatest regret and sorrow that I have to inform members of the sudden passing away of my old friend and colleague of the Section, Ted Macavoy. Ted had been a member of the section for well over twenty years, twenty of these years were spent as a committee man and thirteen of these twenty as Hon. Treasurer of the section. Ted passed away on Monday, 19th June whilst at his work at Hillside Golf Club, where just one month ago he warmly welcomed the members of the section to Hillside to play our Spring Tournament. We can ill afford to lose members of the calibre of Ted Macavoy, and on behalf of all members I would like to extend to his family our deepest sympathy in their loss.

MIDLAND
Chairman: G. Hart (Gay Hill)
Hon. Secretary: R. Goodwin

Spring tournament
The Spring tournament was held over the Droitwich Golf and Country Club course on Tuesday, 23rd May.

Thirty four greenkeepers took part, and after a pleasant mornings golf over 9 holes, the weather took a turn for the worse, and a steady downpour throughout the afternoon made playing conditions more difficult. The Ransomes Cup and Gold Watch was won by Roger Pullen with a nett score of 102½ for 27 holes.

The Sutton Cup for the best gross score went to Bill Marnock with a 27 hole total of 117.

Other leading scores:
2 R. Goodwin 106 Nett
3 A. Jamieson 106 Nett
4 A. Cutler 108 Nett
5 A. Kite 108 Nett
6 P. Jones 111 Nett
7 W. Barton 111½ Nett
8 D. Haynes 111½ Nett
9 C. Frost 112 Nett
10 V. Smith 112½ Nett
11 A. Boffy 113 Nett
12 D. Brazier 113½ Nett

The Visitor’s Prize went to J. Coldicott, with a score of 68 nett over 18 holes.

The Prizes were presented by the President of the Droitwich Golf and Country Club, Mr. A. D. Brackston.

Mr. Brackston extended a warm welcome to greenkeepers to the Droitwich Club and also paid tribute to Walter Drewitt for the high standard and improvements to the course since he had come to Droitwich as Head Greenkeeper.

Mr. Brackston asked all present to join him in liquid refreshment, and so ended a most enjoyable day.

We send our thanks to the following Trade Firms for once again donating to our Prize Fund: Messrs Ransomes Ltd., Fisons Ltd., Flymo Ltd., Sutton & Sons Ltd., Stewart Seeds Ltd., F. W. Lees & Sons Ltd., and Sparkbrook Golf Ball Co., Ltd.,

Greenkeepers v. President’s Team
The Annual match between Greenkeepers and Mr. Bretherton’s team took place at Handsworth Golf Club on Thursday evening, 15th June. Despite dark clouds, play got under way by 5 p.m. but by 6 p.m. heavy rain set in and most players were soon soaked through. Nevertheless, all agreed that the course was in excellent condition, and this seemed to favour Mr. Bretherton’s team who ran away with the match by 10½ games to 4½ games.

The match was followed by a first class meal provided by our President.

The Club Captain, Mr. R. Whittington, proposed the loyal Toast, and extended his welcome to all present to the Handsworth Golf Club and said how pleased he was to see such a fine turn out for Mr. Bretherton.

Mr. Bretherton said how grateful he was for the assistance he had received from the Handsworth Committee for helping to make the arrangements for this event, and in particular Mr. John Bate, Chairman of the Competition Committee.

Mr. J. Carrick, the Association Chairman, thanked Mr. Bretherton for his hospitality throughout the day and paid tribute to Vic Smith for the fine condition of the course.

George Hart, on behalf of the Greenkeepers, thanked Mr. Bretherton and his players for making this evening such a success, for the
MIDLAND SECTION MATCH RESULTS

President's team
J. L. Whitworth and R. Kirkby
A. W. Pullar and S. M. Baker
E. Moggs-Wright and T. Hodgetts
R. A. Willits and T. Degge
C. C. Moore and S. Allen
J. A. Finnian and W. T. Hartley
F. Hignell and E. Ballinger
J. T. Shaw and D. McColl
R. Ramsden and D. J. Moore
D. F. Mansell and D. Davies
L. Hatton and J. Murphy
A. Edwards and M. T. Edwards

Greenkeepers
W. Marnock and J. Hughes
W. Drewitt and R. Pullen by 1 up
E. Benbow and A. Cutler
V. Smith and T. Morris
R. Smith and P. Jones
R. Goodwin and H. V. Lewis
D. Brazier and M. Hudson
J. Bevan and A. Jamieson
A. Kite and E. Thomas
H. Drewitt and R. Daniel
J. Boffly and G. Bunting
A. Boraston and W. Trevor

won 6 and 4 against
won 1 up against
won 5 and 4 against
won 4 and 3 against
won 1 up against
won 4 and 3 against
won 5 and 4 against
won 3 and 2 against

won 5 and 4 against
won 1 up against
won 1 up against
won 4 and 3 against
won 5 and 4 against
all square against
won 5 and 4 against

20th year in succession. He also thanked Vic Smith and his ground staff for ensuring the course of its tip top condition.

Mr. Tom Hodgetts, on behalf of the President's team, thanked the greenkeepers for a most enjoyable match, and Mr. Bretherton for giving everyone an excellent evening.

Autumn tournament
Will members wishing to play at Stratford on Avon Golf Club on September 19th please let me have their entries by Friday 1st September.

New members
We welcome to the section the following new members: F. J. Ashby, Head Greenkeeper to the Stratford on Avon Golf Club and B. F. Ashby, First Assistant, M. J. Hudson, Head Greenkeeper to the North Warwickshire G.C. G. Scruton who has moved from the Northern Section to take over as Head Greenkeeper at Bloxwich G.C., A. Burman and N. Coldicott, Assistant Greenkeepers at the Kings Norton Golf Club, P. A. Jones, Assistants at Blackwell Golf Club, M. J. Cole, Head Greenkeeper at the Kloof Golf Club, Lapworth, Warwick.

Sweep tickets
Will members please return money and counterfoils to Mr. Cashmore, 76 Four Oaks Common Road, Sutton Coldfield.

Annual subscriptions
Subscriptions for 1972 are now overdue, and members who have not yet paid, please send to Mr. Cashmore without delay.

WELSH

By J. Rees

Chairman: M. Geddes
Hon. Secretary: M. Geddes
Neath Golf Club, Cadocsten, Neath, Glamorgan

Spring tournament
Our Spring tournament was held at Brynhill Golf Club on Tuesday 18th April 1972. The weather was good and we had a very nice day. The competition played was a 27 hole medal which produced an excellent score by M. Clisset.

The winners were as follows:-

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<td>2. O'Rourke</td>
<td>net score 133 – Golf Balls</td>
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Thanks
We thank the Captain and Committee of Brynhill Golf Club for the courtesy of their course. Thanks, also, to those who contributed to our prize fund this year.

We give thanks to our President, Mr. C. Murphy, and our Vice President, Mr. W. F. Payne, for being so kind in doing all the accounts and cards for the day.

New members
A warm welcome is extended to the following new members to the Welsh Section:- Messrs D. Gould, N. Partridge, R. M. Salvage, W. Woodham and H. Russel.
SOUTHERN

Chairman:
C. A. Moore
(Stanmore)

Hon. Secretary:
68 Salcombe Gardens,
Mill Hill, N.W. 7.
Tel: 01-959 2847

By F. W. Ford

NORTHERN

President:
W. Mountain

Hon. Secretary
7 Teintergate Close,
Knaresborough,
Yorkshire, HG5 9BJ

By Walter Heels

Draw books
Thank you to the members who have sold their raffle tickets for the Dunlop Masters, and to those who haven't this is your last chance to be in with a chance.

Get them out, gents, and if you read the small print it says all counterfoils, unsold tickets and monies must be returned to the Section Secretary by Monday, 21st August, so you haven't got long.

It is in a good cause, yours and mine, the Association needs the money and the organiser's encouragement, so let's have them and remember, those who intend to be at Blackpool in August, you won't be able to look Mr. Dix in the eyes if you don't!

New members
I would like to extend a warm welcome to the following new members whose names are listed below: Messrs A. Pickford, H. D. Lumm, N. Stapley, F. McDonald and D. Conroy of the Hartsbourne Country Club, S. Bridges, P. Seymour and P. Watts of South Herts G.C., T. M. Shipp of Stowmarket G.C., C. N. Butler of Thornden Park G.C. and B. Valentine of Reading G.C.

Autumn tournament
The Autumn tournament has been arranged to take place on Wednesday 6th September at the Maidenhead Golf Club. Monday 21st August will be the closing date and the entries should include the NAMES of yourself and your partner, CLUB and LOWEST HANDICAP.

Nearest Station – Maidenhead (3½ miles) – Bus service from station.

Mr. A. E. Creese
Mr. A. E. Creese of 43 Ivy Lane, Bognor Regis, who has been a member of the Bognor Regis Golf Club's Artisan Section for 15 years was elected their Captain for the second time at the recent annual meeting. He previously held the Captnaicy in 1963.

From 1959 until he retired last April Mr. Creese was Assistant Greenkeeper at the Club. He now works part time on the course.

He has been playing golf for 54 years and has a handicap of 9.

Spring tournament
The Annual Spring tournament was held at the West End Golf Club Halifax on the 17th May. On behalf of all the members that took part I would like to say thank you to the Captain, his Committee and the members for their help and courtesy shown to us during the day.

The Annual General Meeting of the Section was held before the prize presentation and the following persons were elected as Officers and Committee Members.

President – W. Mountain
Chairman – J. Scott
Vice Chairman – C. Geddes
Hon Sec and Treasurer – W. Heeles

Prize winners

Scratch prize
1st prize D. Spurden 155 gross 133 nett
2nd prize A. Robertshaw 155 gross 141 nett
3rd prize P. G. Ford 162 gross 144 nett
4th prize C. Geddes 173 gross 145 nett
5th prize W. Heeles 159 gross 145 nett
6th prize D. Storey 163 gross 147 nett

2nd Division
1st prize J. E. Storey 172 gross 128 nett
2nd prize R. J. Johnson 178 gross 130 nett
3rd prize D. Jack 188 gross 140 nett
4th prize A. Burge 178 gross 142 nett
5th prize D. Todd 186 gross 144 nett
6th prize E. Garlick 187 gross 145 nett

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Visitors prize
1st prize E. Armitage 192 gross 144 nett
2nd prize R. Carter 176 gross 148 nett
3rd prize H. T. Lacey 185 gross 153 nett
4th prize C. Auty 162 gross 154 nett

Many thanks to all those who donated to the prizes.

Handicap revisions
At a Committee Meeting of the section the following handicaps have been adjusted.
D. Spurden 11 to 9 D. Jack 24 to 20
J. E. Storey 22 to 16 D. Roberts 8 to 9
R. J. Johnson 24 to 18 J. Scott 15 to 17

Forthcoming events
The Invitation tournament will be held at the West Bowling Golf Club on 14th September.
This Competition was started last year so as to give Greenkeepers the opportunity of inviting their Club Captain or some other official of the Golf Club to an afternoon’s golf, evening meal and entertainment in the evening. All expenses the responsibility of the Greenkeeper. Entry forms will be sent on application.

Subscriptions
All subscriptions are now due. Please note new rates were introduced 1st May 1972. The following rates are.
Class ‘C’ £1-00
Class ‘D’ £2-00
Class ‘E’ £2-50

EAST MIDLAND

Chairman: J. CARRICK
Hon. Secretary: By S. Fretter
4 Queens Drive, Leicester Forest East, Leicester

Annual Spring golf tournament
Our Annual Spring golf tournament was held at Charnwood Forest Golf Club, Woodhouse Eaves on Wednesday 7th June 1972. The weather was mixed, but despite this everyone had a very good time. Our entry was the biggest we had at a Spring tournament. The course was in very good condition. Our thanks to the Captain, Committee, Mr. and Mrs. Tuckwood, Mr. Bowley, Diane and the professional of Charnwood for helping to make this tournament a success. Also our thanks to Mrs. Mott, Mrs. Carrick, Mrs. Darby, Mrs. Fretter, for helping with the meals. To Mr. Dennis Whitehead for the prizes. Mr. Malin of Radcliffe for the prize for the draw. Mr. Alan Thornton for the starting, and to Mr. Ken Buckledee for the starting and the score cards. Also our thanks to the following for prizes. Leicester Horticultural Engineering Ltd. The Leicester and Rutland Golf Alliance. Rigby Taylor Ltd., Ransome Sims and Jefferys, H. Pattinson and Co., Ltd., Mr. M. Young, Charnwood Golf Club and Pressure Jets Ltd.

Greenkeepers First Prize
R. Spurr nett 70 18 handicap
Erewash Valley Golf Club

Scratch Prize
W. Woods nett 75 3 handicap
Hollinwell Golf Club

Greenkeepers 1 – 12 Handicap
1 S. Fretter nett 74 10 handicap
Kibworth Golf Club
2 J. Carrick nett 77 9 handicap
Northampton County Golf Club
3 D. Bagshaw nett 79 12 handicap
Stanton on the Wolds Golf Club
4 B. Mott nett 81 9 handicap last 9
Kettering Golf Club
5 G. Darby nett 81 4 handicap
Birstall Golf Club

Greenkeepers 13 – 24 handicap
1 A. Shaw nett 76 14 handicap
Radcliffe Golf Club
2 R. Willars nett 78 14 handicap
Leicestershire Golf Club
3 R. O’Hara nett 79 15 handicap
Stanton on the Wolds Golf Club
4 I. Frost nett 79 24 handicap
Wollaton Park Golf Club
5 R. Tuck nett 80 24 handicap last 9
Kingsthorpe Golf Club
6 D. Warrington nett 80 24 handicap
Birstall Golf Club

Vice Presidents
1 R. H. Ingram nett 78 14 handicap
Visitors
1 W. Cawthorn nett 74 11 handicap
2 F. Palmer nett 75 24 handicap
Highest Score
L. Bennett nett 146 24 handicap

Annual Autumn golf tournament
The Annual Autumn golf tournament will be held at Wollaton Park Golf Club on Tuesday 3rd October 1972.

Subscriptions
It was carried unanimously at our committee meeting that all subscriptions for this year, which are now due must be paid before the Annual Autumn golf tournament which is on October 3rd 1972.

New members
We wish to welcome to this section the following new members:– G. Armson, S.
Scothern (Hollinwell Golf Club), C. Reek (Erewash Valley Golf Club), A. W. Ward (Spalding Golf Club), M. W. Smeeton (Rushcliffe Golf Club), R. J. Holt (Kibworth Golf Club).

SITUATIONS VACANT

EXPERIENCED GOLF GREENKEEPER
Shangri-La S.A., Mahon, Menorca, requires experienced greenkeeper, preferably single, aged 30-40, for their golf course in Menorca. Salary not less than £2,500 a year plus free accommodation. One year contract. Please send details of age, experience and ability, and indicate whether able to attend interview in London between August 1-4, to Euralliance Overseas Investments, Harleyford, Marlow, Bucks.

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The exhibition will be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on the 12th and 13th of September and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the 14th. Admission by catalogue at entrance gate. Price 20p. At Motspur Park by kind permission of the University of London. Further details from: The Institute of Groundsmanship, 108a Chessington Road, West Ewell, Surrey Tel. 01-393 8027

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