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NORTH-WEST

Chairman:
R. VICKERS,
Leigh Golf Club

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

Lectures
A very interesting, informative, constructive and well put over talk with colour slides was given to a very good turn-out of members by Mr. J. Bradbury of the Mommersteg Seed Co., and his subject was 'Breeding better strains of grass'. Thank you, Jim, we all appreciated it very much. A good 32 members made the trip to Swinton Park Golf Club for this, the first of our winter series of lectures.

The next talk will be on 11th December, same place, same venue, and the speaker will be Mr. Heath of SISIS. Please let us have as good a turn-out for this one.

New Members
Will all new members please note that it takes a little time lapse before they receive the Association monthly journal.

We welcome to the section the following new members and hope their association with us will be a happy one: J. E. Nicholson, Longridge Golf Club, J. S. Ashton, Grange Park G.C., R. L. Thomas, Saddleworth G.C., A. I. Jones, Padeswood and Buckley G.C.

EAST MIDLAND

Chairman:
G. DARBY
Hon. Secretary:
By S. Fretter
4 Queens Drive,
Leicester Forest East,
Leicester

Annual Autumn Golf Tournament
Our Annual Autumn Golf Tournament was held at Wollaton Park Golf Club on Tuesday 3rd October 1972. There was a very good entry of greenkeepers, visitors and Vice Presidents. The weather was perfect and the golf course was in excellent condition. Our thanks to the Captain, committee, inside and outside staff, Secretary Mr. J. Small, Professional Mr. M. Young for making this a perfect day.

The prize winners were as follows:

Greenkeepers
1st R. Buchanan, Wollaton Park 1 down
Greenkeepers Scratch – 14
1st R. Willars, Leicestershire 2 down
2nd F. Frost, Derby 2 down last 9
3rd A. Shaw, Radcliffe on Trent 3 down last 9
4th W. Woods, Holliwell 3 down last 9
5th B. Mott, Kettering 5 down
6th G. Darby, Birstall 8 down

Greenkeepers 15 – 24
1st G. Arnold, Erewash 5 down last 9
2nd K. Elliott, Wollaton 5 down last 9
3rd G. Armstrong, Holliwell 5 down last 9
4th J. Roberts, Radcliffe on Trent 6 down last 9
5th R. Spurr, Erewash 6 down
6th I. Frost, Wollaton 7 down

Vice Presidents
B. Bean
All square

Visitors
P. Jackson
2 down

Putting
Mr. Davis
35

Our thanks to the following for the prizes:-
H. Pattison & Co. Ltd., May & Baker Ltd., Mr. A. Webb, Mr. E. Freeman, Tilling Construction Services Ltd., Mitchell & Butler Ltd., Sutton & Sons, Fisons Ltd., Mr. Freeman. Our thanks to Mr. D. Whitehead for
the buying of the prizes. Also thanks to Mrs. Mott, Mrs. Coles and Mrs. Darby for their help in the starting and the putting competition.

New Members
We would like to welcome to this section the following Vice Presidents. Mr. S. Bird, 1001 Melton Road, Leicester, W. Byard, Professional, Birstall Golf Club, Birstall, Leics.

NORTH EAST

By G. Jeffries

Chairman: Mr. J. SIMPSON
Hon. Secretary: 55 Brackenfield Road, Framwell Gate Moor, Durham

Autumn Tournament
Our Autumn Golf Tournament was held on Thursday 7th September, at the Ravensworth Golf Club, Gateshead, by kind permission of their Captain and Committee.

Results
Best Scratch score over 27-holes: K. Barrs (Ravensworth) 114 – Joseph Miller Salver and table lighter. The Ransomes Cup and Ransomes Watch was won by J. Carss (Dunstanburgh Castle) for the best nett score of 107.
2nd C. Maston (Billingham Syntonia Rec) 107 – Metamec Clock
3rd P. J. Byrne (Unattached) 109 – Holdall Bag
4th C. Baxter (Whitburn) 111½ – Blanket
5th S. Pope (Tyneside) 111½ – Bed Spread
6th T. Nutman (Tynemouth) 111½ – Clock and the Jack Wroath Trophy for the over 50 Prize
7th J. Smith (Morpeth) 115 – Lighter
8th J. Richardson (Tyneside) 116 – Table Cloth
9th G. D. Thompson (Goswick) 118 – Blanket
10th S. Farrington (Warkworth) 122 – Towels
11th H. Sommerville (Alnmouth) 125 – Scales
12th A. Lowes (Chester-le-Street) 126 – Spoons

Our Chairman, J. Simpson thanked the Captain and Committee for the courtesy of the course and clubhouse. He then introduced the Secretary, Mr. Anderson of Ravensworth Golf Club, who had kindly consented to present the prizes and say a few words on our behalf. Mr. Anderson said how pleased he was to see members of the North East Section and invited us back to the course anytime.

Our Chairman thanked the Steward and Stewardess and Staff for two enjoyable meals and the course Staff for the condition of the course. Our thanks are also due to the following members of the trade and golf clubs who kindly contributed to our prize list.


May I thank Jack Simpson and Norman Fraser for the splendid work they did on the score cards and money; and thank you, Tom Oliver, for the good work in selling raffle tickets – and he played golf in the morning, and this at 77 years young, keep up the good work Tom.

A letter of apology was read from our President Mr. C. N. Storey saying that he was sorry that he could not attend.

New Members
We welcome to the section the following new members and hope their association will be a happy one.

SOUTHERN

By F. W. Ford

Chairman: C. A. MOORE (Stannore)
Tel: 01-359 2847

October Lecture
A good gathering of 40 plus members came to 'The George', on Wednesday 4th October, to learn all about the Ransom's-Hahn-Tournament Triplex Greens Management System.

Philip Marshall, aided by projection slides on the Triplex GMS and spiking equipment, supplied all the facts and answers. Question time revealed that the Triplex, costing £3,000 complete with vertical mowers etc., have made an impressive impact in the U.K.
Philip Marshall is still suffering from the unfortunate motor accident he had earlier this year and we were all pleased to see him up and about again.

My apologies to members who stood during the meeting owing to insufficient seating accommodation. I hope to remedy this in time for the next meeting.

On holiday here from France, Jack Stobbs found time to spend an evening with us at ‘The George’. We were all pleased to see you looking so fit and well, Jack.

New Members
A warm welcome to the following new members: R. W. Scott (Waterlooville), R. F. Baker, S. R. F. Baker (Tiverton), E. W. Greenaway (Hainault), and R. S. Holman (Thorpe Hall).

Secretaries Match
The Southern Section team who played in the match at Porters Park on Wednesday 11th October against the Secretaries just failed to make it three in a row. We looked all set for a win when we went into lunch after the foursome 3½ – 2½ up. I cannot help thinking judging by our table, that we were won rather well!!! However, out of the thirteen singles we could only manage to win five. On the other hand Fergus Pearce, their Secretary, did threaten last year to field a team good enough to win this year. Well done, Fergus!! The series now stands at three all. The results of the games are as follows:

Foursomes

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Match Result – 10½ – 8½

NORTHERN

By Walter Heeles

President: W. MOUNTAIN
Hon. Secretary 7 Tentergate Close, Knaresborough, Yorkshire, HG5 9BJ

Greenkeeper Invitation Tournament
Our thanks are due to the Committee and members of the West Bowling Golf Club, Bradford, for giving us the courtesy of their Golf Course and Club-House for our second invitation Tournament; to Donald our many thanks are due for a golf course in first class condition. We are also indebted to the steward and stewardess for the very able way they looked after us, particularly as they had only been at West Bowling for a matter of days.

To all Golf Club Officials and guests, thank you all for joining us. In particular Mr. Bernard Cawthray, President of the Bradford Union of Golf Clubs who spoke on behalf of the guests.

Prize winners were as follows:
C. Geddes and Mr. Schneider
S. Bailes and Mr. Stubley
B. Cawthray and R. Goodwillie
D. Todd and Mr. Jackson

Autumn Tournament
Some 46 Members and Guests met at the Stand Golf Club, Whitefield, Manchester, to take part in the Autumn Tournament of the Section.

On behalf of all the Members, I take this opportunity to thank the Captain, Committee

Southern Section

| J. Kirkpatrick (Dulwich) | 0 |
| W. Machin (Addington Cl.) | 1 |
| R. Tempest (Hartsbourne) | 1 |
| R. Lance (Surbiton) | 1 |
| K. Eastwood (Dyrham Park) | ½ |
| R. Plain (Beaconsfield) | ½ |
| G. Payne (Maidenhead) | 1 |
| B. Payne (Burnham) | 1 |
| E. Hall (Ealing) | 1 |
| D. Gould (Langley Park) | 0 |
| C. A. Moore (Stanmore) | 0 |
| F. W. Ford (South Herts.) | 0 |

December Lecture
This lecture will be given by Mr. Woolhouse, Biologist at the Bingley Research Station on the subject ‘Turf Diseases’. It will take place at 6.30 p.m. on Wednesday 6th December, at ‘The George’, which is about two minutes from Charing Cross Main and Underground Stations.

The British Golf Greenkeeper
and Members of the Stand Golf Club for the courtesy of the Course and Club House; to thank Mr. and Mrs. Holland for the first class catering and service, also not forgetting our friend Eric for having the course in first class condition for this event.

Our Principal Guest for the day was our newly appointed Chairman of the British Golf Greenkeepers Association, Mr. Harry Walsh (North West Section). Thank you for coming, Harry, it was a great pleasure having you. On behalf of all in the Northern Section may I wish you a very happy and successful year as Chairman.

Two more gentlemen kindly joined us for a meal in the evening, the Secretary and Chairman of the Green Committee; many thanks for the kind things that you had to say about us gentlemen.

Many thanks to everyone who took part in helping to make this a very successful day.

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**MIDLAND**

**Chairman:**

G. HART

(Gay Hill)

**Hon. Secretary:**

4 Burton Old Road, Streethay, Lichfield, Staffs.

**Autumn Tournament**

The Autumn Tournament was held at the Stratford-upon-Avon Golf Club on Tuesday 19th September.

Scores and Prize Winners over 27 holes:-

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The Cannock Prize, for the Best Aggregate Score over the year was won by A. Jamieson with a 72 Hole Score of 272.

The Prizes were presented by the Vice Captain of the Stratford-upon-Avon Golf Club, Mr. Rogers, who welcomed Greenkeepers to Stratford and hoped everyone had enjoyed the day.

Our Chairman, George Hart, thanked Mr. Rogers and the Members for allowing Greenkeepers the courtesy of the Course and Club House for the day. He also paid tribute to Mr. Ashby, Head Greenkeeper, and his Green-Staff for the splendid condition of the Course.

He thanked the Steward and Stewardess for the meals and service, and Peter Wyatt and Frank Cashmore who did all the paper work and Score Cards.

We are indebted to the following Prize donors:-


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**Handicap Revision**

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**WELSH**

**Chairman:**

H. FRY

*Cadogten, Neath, Glamorgan*

**Hon. Secretary:**

Cadogten, Neath, Glamorgan

**Autumn Tournament**

Our Autumn Tournament was held at Neath G.C. on Tuesday 12th September, 1972. This was a 27 hole competition for the Presidents Shield, played by kind permission of the Captain and Committee.

**Division 1**

1st A. Price - Net 106½ - Presidents Shield and Holdall
2nd D. Jones - Net 112 - Lighter
3rd D. H. Jones - Net 119 - 6 Golf Balls

**Division 2**

1st D. Gould - Net 121 - Grip
2nd P. Robinson - Net 132½ - Socks and Tie

**Subscriptions**

Outstanding subscriptions for 1972 should be sent to the Treasurer, Mr. M. Geddes, 23 Fenton Place, Portcawl, Glam.

**Greetings**

Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year from the Welsh Section to our President, Vice Presidents and all members of the Association. Warm Greetings, also, to the numerous Golf Clubs and various trades that so generously support us throughout the year.

December 1972