News

from the Sections

Special occasions 1972

Feb 1st East Midland Section Lecture and Film Show
2nd Southern Section Lecture
7th North West Section Lecture
22nd Midlands Section Lecture—2 pm Kidderminster G.C.
Mar 1st Southern Section Lecture
10th Midlands Section Dinner and Dance—Park Restaurant, Sutton Coldfield 7 pm
24th Southern Section Annual Dinner—South Herts G.C., N20.

NORTH-WEST

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

Annual trip
The trip this year, which was to the International Sports Company, Horbury, Wakefield, was a highly successful one. Thirty-one members made up the party and from what most of them told me they were highly delighted with what they had seen and been told in their tour of the works. I would like, on behalf of the members who made this trip, to offer our sincere thanks to the Directors and staff of the International Sports Co. for their courtesy and kindness both when showing us round and their willingness to answer the diverse questions put to them. Also for the excellent refreshments provided. At this point I wish to extend a vote of thanks to Swinton Golf Club for allowing us the courtesy of their clubhouse in the evening and also the use of their car park during the day. Thank you once again, everyone.

Lectures
The February talk will be given by Mr. P. Wyatt of Pattisson & Co., Venue Brunswick Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester. Time 7.30 pm—date Monday, 7th February.

New members
We welcome to the section the following new members and hope their association with us will be long and happy: J. Crawford (Chorlton-cum-Hardy G.C.), M. J. Houghton (Southport Corporation G.C.), D. Harrison (Dean Wood G.C.), Chairman of the Green (Swinton Park G.C.).

MIDLAND

By R. Goodwin
Chairman: Hon. Secretary:
G. Hart 4 Burton Old Road, Streethy, Lichfield, Staffs.

February Lecture
A Lecture will be held at Kidderminster Golf Club on Tuesday afternoon, 22nd February, at 2 pm. The speaker will be Mr. John Hartstone, of Messrs. Yates Ltd., and his talk will be on Irrigation of Golf Courses. Again we would be very pleased to have along with members their Club Committee Members.

Annual Dinner and Dance
The Annual Dinner and Dance will take place at the Park Restaurant,
Sutton Coldfield, on Friday, 10th March at 7 pm. Tickets are now available from myself, Mr. G. Smith of Walmley Golf Club, or Mr. Frank Cashmore, Treasurer, Price £1.50.

**EAST MIDLAND**

By S. Fretter

*Hon. Secretary:*

J. Carrick

Leicester Forest East, Leicester.

**New member**

We wish to welcome to this section J. A. Hughes, Esq., 33 Babelake Street, Packington, Ashby-de-la-Zouch (Willesley Park Golf Club). Also R. H. Ingram, Larchfield, Swithlans, Leicester, a new Vice President.

**Forthcoming attractions**

- **ANNUAL SPRING TOURNAMENT.** Charnwood Forest Golf Club. Date to be notified later.
- **QUIZ.** Details will be sent to you in the near future.
- **KNOCK-OUT CUP.** Details will be sent to you in the near future.
- **LECTURE.** A Lecture will be held at The Cricket Ground Hotel, Grace Road, Leicester, by Fisons Ltd., also a Film Show on Tuesday, 1st February, 1972.
- **ANNUAL DINNER/DANCE** will be held at the Empire Hotel, Leicester, on Saturday, 14th October, 1972.

**Congratulations**

We wish W. Woods all the best and success as Head Greenkeeper of Hollinwell Golf Course. I would like to wish all our members a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

**SOUTHERN**

By F. W. Ford

*Hon. Secretary:*

C. A. Moore

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**December Lecture**

As requested, a full house turned up to listen to Mr. F. W. Hawtree's talk on Wednesday, 1st December. Thank you, gentlemen.

He began by giving some facts about the making of a golf green, covering siting and drainage, etc. He said the top soil should be at least 12 inches and recommended as a good mixture two parts soil, two sand and one peat.
The sand to be equal graded approximately 0.0-0.2 millimetres. He also stressed the necessity of compaction caused by the contractor’s machinery by using a sub-soil cultivator.

A plan of a new course which is to be opened in the spring at Bedford gave us a glimpse of the delights and some of the problems a Golf Architect encounters when making a new course from scratch.

Devoting a little time to questions, Mr. Hawtree then proceeded to show some most interesting projector slides of courses he had made in different parts of the world. France Belgium, Spain, Luxembourg and Monte Carlo, to mention a few.

Concluding, he introduced Mr. Higgins, who had recently joined him at Addington Court. Mr. Higgins, a new face to the Southern Section, told us about his recent visit to Morocco and related some of his experiences there.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Hawtree and asked him to bring the meeting to a close by making the monthly Benevolent Fund draw. 1st prize—1 dozen golf balls and 2nd cigarettes—were donated and proceeds amounted to £7.50.

Annual Dinner
The Annual Dinner will be held on Friday, 24th March 1972 at the South Herts Golf Club, Links Drive, Totteridge, N.20. Nearest station: TOTTERRIDGE & WHETSTONE. Tickets are available from me either by writing or on Lecture evenings at the Ship Tavern and are £2.00 each. Again we can assure members of a meal suitable to the occasion.

As in the past there will be an 18-hole four-ball better ball stableford in the afternoon and members wishing to play must arrange their own partners (guests may be invited to play) and record their best Net scores. There will be a sweepstake of 25 new pence each competitor. Those requiring lunch or sandwiches to notify the steward on arrival.

New Members
Whilst extending a warm welcome to the Section to New Members, I would like to include an invitation to our monthly meetings at the Ship Tavern where they can talk greenkeeping and meet new friends. W. A. Baldock (Hawkhurst G.C.), S. Dean (Stanmore G.C.) S. Anderson (St. George’s Hill G.C.) and C. A. Price (West Kent G.C.).

March Lecture
A Quiz will conclude the winter programme of meetings at the Ship Tavern on Wednesday, 1st March. For the benefit of new members our Chairman, Mr. C. A. Moore, will preside as Quiz Master and will endeavour to answer any questions appertaining to greenkeeping—even in the loosest sense! For members who prefer it, questions on paper will be accepted and yours truly promises to read them out.

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