News

from the Sections

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EAST MIDLAND

By S. Fretter
Chairman:
G. DARBY
Hon. Secretary:
Mr. S. Fretter, Mr. W. Woods, Mr. G. Darby, Mr. A. Thornton, Mr. W. Tuckwood, Mr. W. Cole.

A vote of thanks was given to Mr. J. Carrick for his two years as Chairman of this section.

New members
I would like to welcome to this section two new Vice Presidents. Mr. L. F. Bull, 64 Glenfield Frith Drive, Leicester. Mr. D. Baum, 4A Elms Drive, Quorn, Loughborough.

Subscriptions
On checking we find that we have still some subscriptions for greenkeepers outstanding for this year. As stated these are to be paid by 3rd October 1972. It would be appreciated if those still owing would forward as soon as possible to save us postage etc. in reminders.

Bereavement
We would like to offer our deepest sympathy to the family of Mr. W. Roberts who passed away suddenly. He was greenkeeper until retirement at Radcliffe on Trent Golf Club. He will be sadly missed at our Annual Golf Tournaments.

SOUTHERN

By F. W. Ford
Chairman:
C. A. MOORE
(Stanmore)
Hon. Secretary:
Tel: 01-959 2847

Annual General Meeting
The annual General Meeting was held at the Anchor Inn, Hathern, on Monday 31st July 1972 at 7.30 pm. There was a very good attendance of greenkeepers. The Treasurer reported a good year financially. The following were elected:- President Mr. R. Bailey, Chairman Mr. G. Darby, Vice-Chairman Mr. W. Woods, Secretary Mr. S. Fretter, Treasurer Mr. A. Thornton, Committee Mr. J. Carrick, Mr. P. McCarron, Mr. D. Whitehead, Mr. B. Mott, Mr. G. Arnold,

October lecture
A reminder that a winter programme of lectures commences on Wednesday, 4th October, at the new meeting place in the ‘Adelphi’ Bar, George Hotel, George Court, WC2 at 6.30 pm. Philip Marshall of Ransome-Hahn Tournament Triplex Greens Management System, and I, shall look forward to seeing you in full strength again.

Also for your diaries, Wednesday, 1st November, a first time visitor to the section Pat Moran OBE, NDH (BEL), a tree specialist and judge on national level. Wednesday 6th December, another first timer, STRI Biologist, Mr. A. R. Woolhouse BSc with the subject ‘Turf Diseases’.

Match
A 20-a-side match versus a Stowmarket society could be arranged for late October providing there are sufficient interested members and providing the Match Captain is notified in time. Royston Golf Club has been suggested as a mid-way venue. Entries
should be sent in at the earliest possible time to R. Tempest, The White House, Hartsbourne Avenue, Bushey Heath, Herts. and NOT TO ME. This could develop into an annual event.

Bereavement
As you all know by this time another stalwart supporter of the BGGA passed away after a long illness very patiently borne. Mr. C. R. Cooke, ‘Clary’ to all who knew him well, died on 16th June. Flowers were sent from all his friends in the Southern Section and J. McWilliam represented the section at the crematorium. The following letter was received from his widow:

Dear Mr. Ford,

Many thanks for your letter and cheques for which I was most grateful.

I would specially like it to be mentioned in the journal that my husband was the founder of the Sheffield Section of the BGGA which was a very hard task to get started.

Also he was the first greenkeeper to experiment with lead arsenate for worm eradication which eventually proved such a great success, and it is widely used nowadays. Despite a lot of criticism he stuck to his guns to prove its success.

I am going up to Sheffield for a holiday, so I expect I shall see some of the old greenkeepers as I have always taken a great interest in greenkeeping in all its trials.

I am, yours sincerely,
EDITH COOKE

New members
I would like to extend a very warm welcome to the following: A. J. Covey (Harefield Place), V. F. Brenes, R. H. Cox, D. Hudson, and K. L. Miles of Surbiton Golf Club, and J. Risbridge of Beaconsfield.

A warm welcome also to M. C. Owen who has moved to Roehampton from the North West Section.

NORTH EAST

Chairman:
MR. J. SIMPSON

Hon. Secretary:
By G. Jeffries
55 Brackenfield Rood,
Framwell Gate Moor,
Durham

Our AGM was held on Saturday 24th June 1972, at The Bridge Hotel Newcastle, 20 members being present.

Our chairman, Mr. J. Simpson, opened the meeting and thanked the committee and members for their support during the past year.

October 1972
A report on the year's working was given by the secretary and treasurer, and was considered satisfactory.

Officers' elected for the coming year were as follows: President, C. N. Storey, Esq., Vice-Presidents were returned en bloc. Chairman, J. Simpson, Esq., Vice-Chairman, N. Fraser, Secretary and Treasurer, G. Jeffries, Committee Messrs. T. Nutman, J. Taylor, D. Holmes, T. Oliver, R. Derham, J. Snowdon, T. Robson.

The chairman on behalf of the members, thanked our auditors for their work with the accounts, and Tom Oliver for his help at our golf competitions.

**MIDLAND**

*Chairman:*  
G. HART  
(Gay Hill)

*Hon. Secretary:*  
4 Burton Old Road,  
Streethay, Lichfield,  
Staffs.

**Summer tournament**

The Annual Summer Tournament was held at Habberley Golf Club, Kidderminster, on Monday 24th July 1972.

Twenty-five greenkeepers took part with results and prizes as follows:-

- A. Jamieson Nett 60 Habberley Cup and Carpet
- T. Morris Nett 65 Summer Cup and Carpet
- W. Boyce Nett 68 Carpet
- G. Woodward Nett 68 Bottle of Whiskey
- T. Cutler Nett 68 China Tea Set
- E. Thomas Nett 69 ¼ Bottle of Whiskey
- A. Cutter Nett 69 ¼ Bottle of Whiskey
- J. Hughes Nett 70 ½ Bottle of Whiskey
- P. Jones Nett 71 Bottle of Gin
- V. Smith Nett 71 Deck-Chair
- E. Benbow Nett 72 ½ Bottle of Gin
- R. Pugh Nett 73 Bottle of Sherry
- A. Kite Nett 73 Bottle of Sherry
- R. Goodwin Nett 74 Carpet
- A. Boraston Nett 76 Bottle of Wine
- G. Smith Nett 77 ½ Bottle of Gin
- R. Pullen Nett 77 ¾ Bottle of Gin
- W. Barton Nett 78 Tankard
- H. Drewitt Nett 79 Wine
- D. Haynes Nett 80 Left-Hand Glove
- B. Lowe Nett 82 Pair of Socks
- A. Parson Nett 82 2 Golf Balls
- W. Shortley
- G. Hart
- A. Boffy

Visitors Prize:

- J. D. Monk Nett 71 5 Golf Balls

The Prizes were presented by the Captain of Habberley, Mr. R. A. Pratt. For the greenkeepers, George Hart, the Chairman, thanked Mr. Pratt and all the members of Habberley Golf Club for the courtesies of their course and clubhouse, and for once again providing all the wonderful prizes.

Our Chairman also thanked John Grealy, Head Greenkeeper, for the tip-top condition of the course, and the stewardess, Mrs. Grealy, and her lady helpers, Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Bennett and Mrs. Binns, for the excellent meals and service throughout the day.

**Annual General Meeting**

The AGM was held in the clubhouse of the Habberley Golf Club on Monday 24th July.

Thirty six members attended the meeting which was presided over by the Section Chairman, G. Hart. Apologies were received from Peter Hart.

The minutes of the last AGM were read and passed along with the Secretary's report of the year's activities. The Treasurer reported a healthy Balance Sheet once again, and was accorded a vote of thanks from all members.

The following officers were elected for the year:- President, Mr. Carl Bretherton, Vice-Presidents, last year's Vice Presidents were re-elected with the addition of J. D. Monk and G. Hiams, Chairman, G. Hart, Vice-Chairman, V. Smith, Secretary, R. Goodwin, Treasurer, F. Cashmore, Committee: The following members were elected to form a committee: R. Smith, A. Boffy, L. Greenow, A. Boraston, G. Smith, R. Pullen, A. Cutler and A. Kite. Representative to the Executive, V. Smith, Honorary Auditors, Messrs K. Sargeson and E. Ballinger.

A vote of thanks was expressed to Mr. Sargeson and Mr. Ballinger for the wonderful job they were doing in keeping our financial affairs in good order.

It was approved that the Secretary be given an Honorarium of £20-00.

**Midland Section Accounts**

*Receipts and Payments Account for the Year Ended 30th April 1972*

**Receipts**

To Balance – 1st May 1971

- Cash in Hand: 3-68
- Balance at Bank: 12-76

Subscriptions Class A: 54-63

- Class B: 9-00
- Class C: 27-18

Entrance Fees: 1-62 ½

Badges, Ties, etc.: 3-30

The British Golf Greenkeeper
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**Summary of Section Assets – 30th April 1972**

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The above Statements, which include all Funds in the hands of the Section, have been audited by a qualified Auditor and were submitted to the Annual General Meeting of the Section held on 24th July 1972.

G. Hart Sect. Chairman
F. Cashmore Sect. Treasurer
Eric Ballinger Auditors
K. Sargeson

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**New members**

We welcome the following new members:- C. J. Rogerson, Apprentice Greenkeeper at the Leamington and County Golf Club, J. S. Stevenson, Assistant Greenkeeper at Stourbridge Golf Club, Worcestershire.

**Autumn tournament**

As stated in the last issue of the journal, our Autumn Tournament will be played over the course of the Old Links Golf Club, Chorley Old Road, Montserrat, Bolton. Please enter early and let me have your meal requirements please. Date Thursday 19th October.

**Annual trip**

I have now confirmed the date for our trip to the International Sports Co., Ltd., Dunlop factory, Speke, Liverpool, as Tuesday 14th November 1972. Please let me have your names as soon as possible and will you also please check last month’s journal for details. The management would like us to arrive approx 10 am – 10.15 am and would members who advise me they would like to go please make this their time of arrival.

**Lectures**

This winter’s series of lectures will commence with a talk and slides on breeding better strains of grasses for sports grounds etc., given by J. Chadbury Esq, Technical Adviser of Mommersteg Seed Co, Ltd. Date Monday 9th October 1972, time 7.30 pm and the venue Swinton Park Golf Club, East Lanes Road, Swinton.

The December talk will be given by K. Heath and will include colour slides. Mr. Heath is senior representative of ‘SISIS’ Equipment Ltd., Macclesfield, Cheshire. Date Monday 11th December 1972: time and venue 7.30 pm: Swinton Park Golf Club.

The January talk will be by our old friend, P. Wyatt of Pattisons Ltd., on Monday 15th January 1973, 7.30 pm, at Swinton Golf Club.

**New members**

We welcome the following new members and hope their association with the section will be a long and happy one:- C. F. Haspell, Garden Centre, Great Budworth, Northwich, Cheshire, J. H. Wilson, Ashton under Lyne Golf Club, Ashton under Lyne, Lancs., C. J. Walker, 27 Gambrel Grove, Ashton under Lyne.

**Note**

We apologise for any inconvenience caused to the North West Section by the insertion of their Section Notes under the heading of the Southern Section. – Editor

October 1972