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North East

Chairman: Mr. J. Simpson
Hon. Secretary: G. Jeffries
55 Brackenfield Road, Framwell Gate Moor, Durham

Autumn Tournament
Our Autumn Tournament was held on Tuesday, 18th September at the Gosforth Golf Club, by kind permission of their Captain and Committee.

RESULTS
The best Scratch Score over 27 holes—K. Barr
110 (Ravenworth). Joseph Miller Salver and Table Lighter.
The Ransomes Cup and Ransomes Watch was won by Mr. G. Thompson (Goswick) for the best nett score of 103.

2nd B. Wilson (Stocksfield G.C.) 106
Blanket
3rd G. Grainger (Durham City G.C.) 106
Pair Sheets
4th B. Skipper (Eaglescliffe G.C.) 108
Travelling Clock
5th T. Nutman (Tynemouth G.C.) 109
Bed-spread
Mr. Nutman also won the Jack Wroath Trophy for the over 55 years of age.
6th C. Baxter (Whitburn G.C.) 111
Casseroles
7th T. McDonald (Durham City G.C.) 111
Cigarette Lighter
8th J. Carrs (Dunstanburgh Castle G.C.) 111
Frying Pan
9th J. Richardson (Stocksfield G.C.) 112
Alarm Clock
10th G. Gainford (City Newcastle G.C.) 114
Holdall
11th T. Oliver (Vice-President) 120
Box Towels
12th S. Pope (Tyneside G.C.) 121
Table Lamp

Our Chairman, J. Simpson, thanked the Committee of Gosforth for the courtesy of the course and clubhouse. He then introduced the Secretary and Vice-Captain of the Club, who kindly consented to present the prizes and say a few words on our behalf. Mr. May the vice-captain who presented the prizes, said how pleased he was to see such a good prize table and hoped that we all had had a good day and invited the Section back to Gosforth any time.

Our Chairman thanked the Steward and Staff for the meals, and Mike Runnacles and his Staff for the very good condition of the course. Our thanks also to the members of the trade and golf clubs who kindly contributed to our prize list.

We welcome to the Section W. F. Holden of Warkworth Golf Club and hope his association will be a happy one.

Midland

Hon. Secretary: R. Goodwin
Chairman: G. Hart (Gay Hill)
2, Greenkeepers Cottage, Ashridge Golf Club, Ashridge Park, Berkhamstead, Herts.

Trip to Bingley
The coach trip to the Sports Turf
Research Institute, Bingley, followed by a visit to the new Moor Allerton Golf Course, Leeds, turned out to be a very successful venture.

The conducted tour of the Research grounds by Mr. Woodhouse and Mr. Bartle we found most interesting as they pointed out various projects on which the Station are now working. One of the many interesting points arising was the attempt to grow grasses which keep their colour throughout the four seasons. The tour was concluded by a short demonstration of a couple of the latest scarifying machines, followed by a most enjoyable lunch at the Mansion.

From there we travelled to Moor Allerton Golf Club where we were met by Mr. Colin Geddes, Course Superintendent who, after showing us the very latest equipment, which included the new bunker raking machine by Toro, took us on a conducted tour of the Course.

Moor Allerton is without a shadow of doubt, a very fine golf course, layout being both bold and imaginative, an outstanding example by the American Architect, Trent Jones.

I would like to thank Colin for showing us over the course and congratulate him on his efforts.

We had light refreshments in a Clubhouse which matched the course in every way. May we thank the Committee of Moor Allerton Golf Club, for granting us the facilities of the Clubhouse and Course, and arriving back in Birmingham at 10 p.m. we all felt it had been a successful outing.

January Lecture
There will be a Lecture and Film Show on Tuesday, 15th January, 1974 at Kidderminster Golf Club, 2 p.m. This will be given by Flymo Institutional Division, on Toro Equipment and the film will illustrate up-to-date Greenkeeping methods.

New Address
Will members please note my new address:—
2 Greenkeepers Cottage,
Ashridge Golf Club,
Ashridge Park, Berkhamsted, Herts.
(R. Goodwin)

East Midlands
Chairman: J. Carrick
Hon. Secretary: S. Fretter
4 Queens Drive,
Leicester Forest East,
Leicester.

The Annual Autumn Golf Tournament was held at Kirby Muxloe Golf Club, on Wednesday, 3rd October, 1973. There was a very good entry. Our thanks to the Captain and Committee for the courtesy of the Course, also to the outside staff and inside staff. The Course was in excellent condition. Our thanks to D. Whithed for obtaining the prizes, also our thanks to the following for prizes:—

Prize-winners were as follows:—
GREENKEEPERS
1st G. Darby (Birstall)
2nd A. Shaw (Radcliffe-on-Trent)
3rd G. Arnold (Erewash)
4th B. Mott (Kettering)
5th R. Spurr (Erewash)
6th M. Lake (Northampton County)
7th D. Jack (Leicestershire)
8th J. Carrick (Northampton County)
9th D. Bagshaw (Stanton-on-the-Wolds)
10th S. McNeice (non-Member)

Lecture
A lecture given by Cannock Fertilisers was held at The Three Nuns Hotel, Loughborough, on 15th October, 1973. There was a good attendance.

Forthcoming Attractions
Quiz.
Film Show by Ransomes.
Spring Golf Tournament, 1974 will be held at Longcliffe Golf Club, Loughborough on Wednesday, 15th May, 1974.

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Greenkeepers versus Secretaries at Berkshire

I am happy to report that we had a very fine day for the above match and that the Challenge Trophy is back on my sideboard following a convincing win by the Southern Section team.

The morning foursomes on the Red Course gave us a three-point lead which was maintained by a Half on the Blue Course in the afternoon singles.

Fergus Pearce is to be congratulated on choice of venue; it was a pleasure to play in such beautiful surroundings on such excellent golf courses.

Many thanks to Charles Moore for coming in to make up the team at such short notice.

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RESULT: GREENKEEPERS 10½
SECRETARIES 7½

New Members
A warm welcome to the following new members whose names are listed below:—

S. A. Barrett (Hainult Forest)
R. T. Heaslip (Hainult Forest)
W. A. Moreton (Ashridge)
K. Moore (Muswell Hill)
A. M. Turpin (Salisbury)
V. J. Thatcher (Orsett)

Autumn Tournament
The Autumn Tournament of the Section took place at the Scarborough Golf Club, Northcliff on Thursday, 25th October, 1973. Our thanks are due to the Captain, Committee and Members of the Golf Club for allowing us the courtesy of the course and the Clubhouse for the day. Also many thanks to the inside and outside staff for all the hard work that had been put into making this a successful day. I dare not sign off without saying a big thank you to my wife and Mrs. Jeff Mawson for taking good care of the Score cards and the Entry fees. Thank you, girls.

The Prize-winners were:
Scratch Prize—D. Ward (Harronate G.C.)
1st Div. 1st Prize—J. Goddard (Gotts Park G.C.)
2nd Prize—J. Fairhurst (Lincoln G.C.)
2nd Div. 1st Prize—R. Lambert (Wetherby G.C.)
2nd Prize—D. Sellers (Scarborough G.C.)
Vice-Pres. Prize—G. Vaughan, winner on last 9

Winter Lectures
The first of the Winter Lectures was held at the Moor Allerton Golf Club on Thursday, 1st November. It took the form of a General Discussion, the theme was “Anything Goes” and it did. The two main topics were the poor educational facilities, and the status of the Golf Greenkeeper. If any members have anything to say regarding these two subjects, please write and let me know. DONT FORGET, WE WANT YOUR COMMENTS.

Future Events
Lecture 29th November by Hayters.
Annual Dinner, 7th December at the Scarcroft Golf Club.
The President and Committee wish all Members a very Happy Christmas.
North West

Chairman: O. P. Jones, Bramhall Golf Club
Hon. Secretary: H. M. Walsh, Horrobin Cottage, Old Links Golf Club, Montserrat, Bolton, Lancs.

Autumn Tournament

Our thanks are due to the Captain and Council of Bramhall Park Golf Club for their kindness in granting us the courtesy of their course and facilities of the Clubhouse on the occasion of our Autumn Tournament on the 23rd October. Our thanks also to all prize donors both individual, and from our friends in the trade, to Mr. Wilson, the Head-Greenkeeper and his staff for the excellent condition of the course, to Mrs. Birch for the excellent meals, to Messrs. Wyatt and Vaughan for their very valuable help with the score cards and monies. Our special thanks to the President of Bramhall Park for presenting the prizes in the evening and for the very warm welcome he extended to us on behalf of the Captain and members of the Club.

Thank you all once again.

Prize-winners (over 27 holes):

| Scratch Prize | E. Walsh 106 |
| 1st Nett      | E. Walsh 104 1/2 |
| 2nd           | F. Fletcher 106 |
| 3rd           | J. Robinson 106 1/2 |
| 4th           | R. Janovskis 107 1/2 |
| 5th           | R. Lewis 109 |
| 6th           | J. Gillett 109 1/2 |
| 7th           | P. Chapman 110 |
| 8th           | H. W. Williams 113 1/2 |
| 9th           | H. M. Walsh 114 C.P.O. |
| 10th          | R. Bruckshaw 114 |
| 11th          | T. M. Holmes 114 1/2 |
| 12th          | R. Vickers 117 C.P.O. |
| 13th          | K. M. Greenwood 117 |

Visitors' Prize: D. Large over 18 holes, 71 Nett. Over 50's: R. Lewis, 109 for 27 holes.

Prize for best aggregate over the last three competitions, total 81 holes = 326 1/2 — E. Walsh.

Prize for best aggregate over the Spring and Autumn Competitions 1973 — E. Walsh, 215 over 54 holes.

Lectures

The first of our current series of winter talks was given by T. L. Hewitt of the Langton Service Branch of Charles H. Pugh (Atco) who gave us a very interesting talk on the Tecumet engine, for which we thank him, and also for the refreshments both liquid and solid provided. Thank you, Les.

Our December talk will be given by Mr. J. Cogan of Flymo on the 10th December, and the January talk by 'SISIS' on the 13th January, 1974.

New Members

We welcome to the Section the following new members and hope their association with us will be long and happy.


Season's Greetings

I would like, on behalf of the members of the North West Section, to wish a Very Happy Christmas and a really Good New Year, to our President, the Editor, Hon. Secretary, and Greenkeepers everywhere at home and abroad.