CHRISTMAS GREETINGS and best wishes to all members of the B.G.G.A. hoping that the Association will continue its strength and progress in 1973.

CARL BREERTON

From the Chairman
To all Officers and members of the British Golf Greenkeepers' Association and all readers of the Journal I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy and prosperous New Year.

H. M. WALSH

From Hon. Secretary
To every member of the Association I would like to extend my very best wishes for a Happy Christmas and a Bright and Prosperous New Year.

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**SOUTHERN**

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A MERRY CHRISTMAS and a Happy New Year to Members of the B.G.G.A. everywhere.

**November Lecture**

A good gathering met at 'The George' and, despite being embarrassingly short of seats once again, I feel that the speaker, Mr. Pat Moran, with his subject of 'Trees' was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

He was so obviously very enthusiastic about his subject that I am sure he would have liked all present to have gone home and planted as many trees as possible on their respective courses. I, personally, couldn't agree more; for apart from replacement planting, there is room for many more trees and shrubs on most golf courses. As wind breaks, trees had been known to reduce 100 mph to 40 mph.

Trees and shrubs recommended for planting were Red Oak, Silver Birch, holly, forsythia, broom etc. In particular, Silver Birch trees were recommended for 'their easy planting and no autumn leaf problems'.

**Elm Disease Treatment**

— Dry branches which show the slightest infection must be cut back to healthy parts and burnt (change of colour and dying back of leaves).