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 BREHTERTON

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.

C. H. DIX

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).
— Mulch the base surrounds with cow dung or compost, approximately 6in. thick, and water copiously.
— In dry weather conditions i.e., spring and summer, an aerial mist spray would be a great advantage to supplement the moisture in the air.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to Mr. Moran with the hope that he would visit the Southern Section again in the near future.

In the Benevolent Fund Draw, which concluded the evening, the Red Oak was won by R. Lance and is firmly established at Surbiton by now, we hope! The bottle of Scotch was won by Jock Rennie. The total proceeds of £9.55 included a £1.00 donation by Jock.

**January Lecture**

*6.30 p.m. Wednesday 3rd January, 1973*

This will be the showing of a new film 'The Royal and Ancient Game'. It is not a selling film and it is based on the preparation of St. Andrews for the Walker Cup and the design of a course by Fred Hawtree and quite a bit about the history of the game.

The commentary is given by Fred Hawtree, John Campbell, Links Supervisor at St. Andrews, and Henry Longhurst. There will also be slides of the International Turf Show in America with commentary on the opinions of certain leading Superintendents on the use of Triple Green Mowers.

As this is the premiere of the golf film in our area, Ransomes would like members of the Southern Section to see it before it is generally shown to Golf Clubs.

Light refreshments will be provided and we hope to have with us E. G. Catchpole, Phil Marshall and John Shaw.

**New Members**

A warm welcome to the following new members:- P. J. L. Fileary and I. F. Wilkins (Temple), J. Cockburn, Mr. R. Smith, W. Maggs, A. H. F. Jiggens, G. R. Young and R. C. Jennings, Class E Members.

**NORTH-WEST**

**Chairman:**
R. Vickers
Leigh Golf Club

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

**Annual Trip**

It is with the greatest of pleasure I have to report a most successful trip to the International Sports Company Ltd., at Liverpool on November 14th. The sincere thanks of the 28 members who made the journey are due to Mr. Osborne, the works manager who extended to us a very warm welcome indeed, and to Mr. English, the personnel officer for arranging the smooth running of the visit. We appreciated very much the patience and courtesy of the staff in taking us through the various departments of the factory and answering the endless questions put to them, and also the lavish hospitality shown to us, both liquid and solid. Thank you, once again gentlemen, it was something to remember.

**Lectures**

The January talk will be given by our old friend, P. Wyatt, Esq., of Pattisons Ltd., on Monday 15th January, 1973. Venue — Swinton Park Golf Club, East Lancs. Road, Swinton. Time — 7.30 p.m.

**New Member**

We welcome to the Section, C. P. Brown, Esq., Chorlton-cum-Hardy Golf Club, Manchester, and hope his association with the Section will be a happy one.

**Autumn Tournament**

Our sincere thanks are due to the Captain and Directors of Old Links G.C. Bolton for their kindness in granting us the courtesy of their course and the facilities of the club house and the very warm welcome extended to us by the Captain, Mr. J. Taylor. Our thanks also to

Cut grass and capital outlay.
Mr. and Mrs. Swinghurst for the excellent meals provided and to Messrs. Vaughan, Wyatt, Willcock and Barlow for their assistance with the cards and moneys etc. Our most grateful thanks to all prize donors both individual and from the trade. Prizes were presented by the Captain Mr. J. Taylor. Thank you once again.

Prize Winners

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SHEFFIELD SECTION

Chairman: G. Herrington
Hon. Secretary/Treasurer: H. Gillespie
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Slater Trophy

The annual match for the Slater Trophy against our friends from the Northern Section was played at Lindrick Golf Club on October 11th, 1972, and in spite of the persistent drizzle the course was in perfect condition, thanks to George Herrington and his staff.

The result of the match was not a pleasant one for us, going down by 6 matches to 4, with 2 halved, and so the trophy was presented to the Northern President, Mr. Mountain, by our own President Mr. Arnold.

Our thanks are due to the Captain and Directors of Lindrick Golf Club for giving us the opportunity to play over the Championship course, also thanks to the Steward and his staff for looking after us so well.

Coach Cup

The Coach Cup was competed for in the morning before the Slater trophy with 24 members taking part in the 9 holes Stableford competition. The winner with 20 points was H. Holmes and Mr. Arnold was second with 19 points.

Release your capital for other uses.
Lectures
The first of our winter lectures was held at Abbeydale Golf club on October 5th with a talk on fertilisers given by Mr. O. E. Jones of Cannock Fertilisers. The attendance was not up to our usual numbers and we apologise to Mr. Jones for this but the 18 members present listened with interest to the talk.

The November meeting was a demonstration of machinery and equipment by Mr. P. F Wyatt of Pattissons. This was attended by 42 members.

The January lecture will be on Grass Seeds; the speaker will be Mr. J. Bradbury of Mommerseeg Seeds Ltd; the venue Abbeydale Golf club, January 4th commencing at 2 p.m.

Subscriptions
There are still some subscriptions outstanding and members responsible are requested to attend to this important matter.

New Members
We welcome the following new members to the section and hope their association will be a long and happy one: K. B. Heaney and B. Andrews, both of Wath G.C., J. Goldthorpe, Hallowes G.C., D. Turner, Alfreton G.C., D. N Docherty and M. Redfern, Chesterfield G.C., P. Barron, Hillsborough G.C.

Outing
It is proposed to arrange a visit to the Cannock Fertiliser Companies works in Staffordshire. The date is not fixed at the time of writing, but the proposed date is early in March. If you wish to go, your name should be on the list, if it is not, please contact me.

EAST MIDLAND

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

Annual Dinner Dance
The Annual Dinner/Dance was held at the Empire Hotel, Leicester, on Saturday, 3rd October 1972. Sixty-six attended, and a very enjoyable evening was had by all.

Knock Out Cup
The final of this competition was held at Longcliffe Golf Club, by kind permission of the Captain and Committee. The winner was Mr. W. Woods, Head Greenkeeper of Holliwell by 7 and 6, over Mr. B. Cooper, Vice President, Kibworth Golf Club. The cup was presented to the winner at the Dinner/Dance, together with a tankard, and a tankard was presented to the runner-up.

New Head Greenkeeper
I should like on behalf of the Section to wish Roger Willars success in his new appointment as head greenkeeper of Cosby Golf Club.

Copy of letter received from Mr. M. W. Young
Would you please convey to your President, Chairman and all members, my sincere thanks for the surprise presentation made to me at your recent meeting at Wollaton Park. Though moving to Princes in Kent, a considerable distance away, I should like to remain associated with you. My personal thanks to you for your own efforts and wishing you every success.

NORTH EAST

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

Sweep Tickets
I congratulate all those members who sold tickets for the sweep. The amount collected was about the same as last year, however you made a good effort and on behalf of the committee I thank you. You may be interested to know that Tom Oliver sold over one hundred books for the section. Well done, Tom!

Greetings
On behalf of the members of the North East Section, may I take this opportunity to wish all

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members of the Association, and the many Golf Clubs and firms who so kindly support us throughout the year, a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

MIDLAND

Chairman: G. Hart
(Gay Hill)

Hon. Secretary: R. Goodwin

4 Burton Old Road,
Streethay, Lichfield,
Staffs.

1973 Fixtures

Spring Lecture
A lecture will take place in the Club House of the Sutton Coldfield Golf Club, by kind permission of the Captain and Members, on Wednesday 21st February at 2.15 p.m.

Spring Tournament
The Spring Tournament will be over 27 holes at the Edgbaston Golf Club, by kind permission of the Captain and Members, on Tuesday 8th May.

Autumn Tournament
The Autumn Tournament will be held at the Gay Hill Golf Club, by kind permission of the Captain and Members, on Thursday 6th September.

Further details of these events and other fixtures will appear in future editions of the Journal.

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