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NORTH-WEST

Chairman:
O. P. Jones,
Bramhall Golf Club

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

Spring Tournament
Our sincere thanks are due to the Captain and Council of the Leigh Golf Club for their kindness in granting us the courtesy of their course and the facilities of the clubhouse, and the very warm welcome extended to us by the Captain, Mr Tatlock. Our thanks also to the stewardess, Mrs Johnson, for the excellent catering provided, to Mr R. Vickers and his staff for the wonderful condition of the course, and to Messrs Barlow, Vaughan and P. Wyatt for their help with the score cards, meal tickets etc. Our very sincere thanks to all prize donors both individual and the trade. Thank you, once again, every one.

Prizes were presented by the Captain, Mr Tatlock, and prize winners were as follows:
Best Gross E. Walsh 112 over 27 holes
2nd Gross F. Fletcher 117 over 27 holes
Best Nett H. McAddey 103½ over 27 holes
2nd Nett H. M. Walsh 109 over 27 holes
3rd Nett F. Fletcher 109½ over 27 holes
4th Nett B. S. Gregson 109½ over 27 holes
5th Nett R. Janovskis 110 over 27 holes
6th Nett E. Walsh 110½ over 27 holes
7th Nett J. Robinson 110 over 27 holes
8th Nett R. L. Thomas 111 over 27 holes
9th Nett W. Sumner 111½ over 27 holes
10th Nett M. Sheehan 112 over 27 holes
11th Nett J. Wright 113 over 27 holes
12th Nett G. A. Hall 113 over 27 holes
13th Nett H. Sumner 116 over 27 holes
14th Nett R. Lewis 117 over 27 holes
15th Nett K. Holmes 117½ over 27 holes

Over 50’s Presidents Challenge Cup
H. M. Walsh 109 over 27 holes
Visitor’s Prize
S. Dogger 71 over 18 holes C.P.O.

Annual General Meeting
There was a good attendance for the Annual General Meeting. The election of officers was as follows:
Vice Presidents voted en bloc
Chairman, O. P. Jones, Bramhall Golf Club
Vice Chairman, E. Walsh, Childwall Golf Club
Secretary, H. M. Walsh, Old Links Golf Club, Bolton
Treasurer, R. Janovskis, Swinton Park Golf Club
Committee, Messrs Drage, Rhodes, Bond, Sumner and R. Vickers ex Officio.

New Members
We welcome to the section the following new members and hope their association with us will be a happy one.
F. Longworth, Swinton Park Golf Club
Vice President
R. M. Hurley, Houghton Lane, Swinton
Associate Member
A.G.M.
The Section Annual General Meeting was held at Renishaw Park Golf Club on Tuesday, 1st May 1973, at 7 p.m. when 27 members were present with the President, Mr S. K. Arnold, in the Chair. The minutes of the 1972 A.G.M. were read and accepted; a copy of the Balance Sheet was available to all present and this was accepted.

The following officers were elected – President, Mr S. K. Arnold; Vice Presidents, Messrs Elliott, Haynes, Hickling, Nunn, Park and Webster were re-elected en bloc along with Mr Crowther, Secretary at Hallamshire Golf Club.

Chairman, G. Herrington; Vice Chairman, J. Baxby; Secretary/Treasurer, H. Gillespie.


It was unanimously agreed that Mr H. Tanfield be elected a Life Member following his retirement.

A lengthy discussion took place on the proposed increase in subscriptions and it was agreed to send a resolution to the Extraordinary General Meeting to be held in London later in the month, and it was also agreed to send Mr G. Herrington as the Sheffield delegate.

It was agreed that the lectures for the '73/74 season would again be held at Abbeydale Golf Club on the first Thursday in the months of November, December, January, February, March and April; the meetings will commence at 3.30 p.m.

Annual Tournament
The Section Annual Tournament will be held at Hillsborough Golf Club on Wednesday, July 18th 1973, over 27 holes, the morning 9 holes starting at 10.00 a.m.

President's Trophy
The President’s, Mr S. K. Arnold’s, Trophy was played at Renishaw Park Golf Club on 1st May 1973, with 25 members playing an 18 holes Stableford competition in perfect weather conditions on a course in wonderful condition for the time of the year. Congratulations to Mr L. Allsebrook and his staff.

Scoring was on the high side, no doubt due to the very lush wet fairways not providing much run on the ball.

The winner with 35 pts. was T. Baxby; 2nd, H. Herrington 31pts. on last nine from M. Egginton 31 pts.

Our thanks to the President for providing the prizes and to the Captain and Officers of Renishaw Park Golf Club for allowing us to use their course and clubhouse and also the Stewardess for a very nice meal afterwards.

Handicaps
The following handicaps have been adjusted:-
T. Baxby 24 to 20 J. Baxby 10 to 12
M. Egginton 24 to 22 A. Goldthorpe 7 to 8
R. N. Maltby 17 to 15 H. Gillespie 18 to 20
H. Tanfield 10 to 12

WELSH

Spring Tournament
Our Spring Tournament was held at Witchurch Golf Club on Wednesday, 18th April. The weather condition being perfect made it a most enjoyable day. After the prize giving, Mr H. Fry, our Chairman, thanked the Captain and Committee for once again allowing us to play over their course which was in an excellent condition for the time of year.

We must congratulate Mr Tom Lloyd for the hard work he has put in. Tom is one of the longest serving greenkeepers of the Welsh section; he has been at Whitchurch for the past 44 years.

Thanks were also given to the indoor staff for looking after us so well. The prizes were presented by the Captain of Whitchurch Golf Club. The following were the prize winners:

Best Gross – J. Rees
Score 122 for 27 holes
Prize given by Chipman Fertilizers

Division I
Best Net  J. Rees  111 1/2
2 pairs Sheets
2nd Net  H. Fry  111 1/2
1 set wine glasses
3rd Net  J. Martin  113 1/2
1 Coffee set
4th Net  D. H. Jones  115
1 set of wine glasses

Division II – One prize only
Best Net  W. Jones  116
1 Sports shirt given by Whitchurch G.C.

New Members
We welcome to the section the following new members:-
Messrs A. James, A. Brown, M. Murphy and C. Paulfry
Summer Tournament
The date for this tournament has been changed from 3rd July to 10th July 1973.

To conclude, I would like to add my personal thanks to Mr C. Murphy and Mr P. Wyatt for taking over the clerical work of the tournament.

NORTH-EAST

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

Spring Competition
Our Spring Competition was held on Thursday 12th April, at the Chester-le-Street golf club, by kind permission of the captain and committee.

Results
The winner over 18-holes was K. Barrs (Ravensworth), net 68, Salver; 2nd, B. Skipper (Eaglescliffe); 3rd T. McDonald (Durham City Golf Club).

Our Chairman, Mr J. Simpson, thanked the captain and committee for the courtesy of the course and clubhouse. He then introduced the captain who had kindly consented to present the prizes. Thanks also to the steward, and staff for the nice meal they provided, and to Tom Oliver for running the raffle.

MIDLAND

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

Summer Cup and A.G.M.
The Summer Cup will take place at Habberley Golf Club, Kidderminster, on Monday 23rd July, by kind permission of the Captain and Directors. The members of Habberley are again providing the prizes for this event and I look for good support from greenkeepers for this event.

The Annual General Meeting will take place at Habberley, after the Summer Cup at 4.00 p.m.

Spring Tournament
The Spring Tournament was held over 27 holes at the Edgbaston Golf Club, on Tuesday 8th May. A large entry of 41 took part in this event, which developed into a two-horse race for the Ransomes Cup, between Alan Cutler of the home club, and new-comer Stephen Spence. Cutler's Nett score was $33\frac{1}{2} - 67 = 100\frac{1}{2}$, with Spence just $\frac{1}{2}$ stroke behind, $34 + 67 = 101$.

Alan Kite was 7 strokes further back in 3rd place.

Prize winner's were:
- A. Cutler 100\frac{1}{2} Nett - Ransomes Cup and Watch.

Gross Prize
R. Goodwin, 120 Gross - Sutton Cup and Cut Glass.

2nd Nett S. Spence 101
Cut Glass
3rd Nett A. Kite 108
Cut Glass
4th Nett T. Jones 110\frac{1}{2}
Bottle of Scotch Whiskey
5th Nett T. Morris 111
Bottle of Scotch Whiskey
6th Nett B. Lowe 113
Table Lighter
7th Nett T. Cutler 113\frac{1}{2}
6 Golf Balls
8th Nett R. Chandler 114
6 Golf Balls
9th Nett J. Boffy 114
50 Cigarettes
10th Nett H. Drewitt 115
50 Cigarettes

Mr W. Blake, won the Visitor's Prize for 6 Golf Balls with a Nett score of 69.

The Captain of Edgbaston, Mr Pudmore, kindly presented the prizes and said that he hoped everyone had enjoyed their day at Edgbaston.

G. Hart, on behalf of the Greenkeepers, thanked Mr Pudmore for the courtesies extended to Greenkeepers throughout the day. He paid tribute to Mr J. Clemence, the Head Greenkeeper, and his Staff for the fine condition of the course. He also thanked the Catering Staff and Mr Bill Payne and Frank Cashmore for all the paper-work they had done during the day. An enjoyable day was rounded off when Mr Blake kindly asked all present to take liquid refreshment with him.

Our thanks go to the following prize donors: Ransomes Ltd; Flymo Ltd; Sparkbrook Golf Ball Company Ltd; Stewart and Co Ltd; Sutton and Sons Ltd; Fissons Ltd; F. W. Lees and Co Ltd; Kings Heath Mowers Services Ltd; Cambridge Soils Ltd; Mr R. Pilsbury and Mr E. White.

Handicap Revision
A. Cutler 13–11
S. Spence 24–20
A. Kite 20–19

July 1973
SOUTHERN

Chairman: C. A. MOORE
Hon. Secretary: F. W. Ford
68 Salcombe Gardens, Mill Hill, N.W.7. Tel: 01-939 2847

Spring Tournament
The following are the results of the Spring Tournament played at the West Byfleet Golf Club on Wednesday 9th May:-

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<th>Scratch Prize</th>
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First Year

| 1st | (Surbiton) | 154 |
| 2nd | (Easthampstead Park) | 158 |
| 3rd | (West Byfleet) | 169 |

Over 60

| 1st | (Flackwell Hth) | 74 |
| 2nd | (Coombe Hill) | 75 |
| Best a.m. | (South Herts) | 70 |
| Best p.m. | (Tandridge) | 67 |

36 Aggregate

| 1st | (Effingham) | 134 |
| 2nd | (West Essex) | 138 |
| 3rd | (Roehampton) | 144 |
| 4th | (Bush Hill Park) | 145 |
| 5th | (Betchworth Park) | 145 |
| 6th | (Addington Court) | 145 |
| 7th | (Haste Hill) | 146 |
| 8th | (Whitewebbs) | 146 |
| 9th | (Romford) | 146 |
| 10th | (Beaconsfield) | 148 |
| 11th | (Shooters Hill) | 150 |
| 12th | (Beaconsfield) | 151 |

Our thanks to everyone at the West Byfleet Golf Club for the warm and friendly way in which we were received and looked after; to ‘Mac’ for the good ‘nic’ of the course, to the Steward, Mr Cullen, for the excellent ‘Grub’, no after effects yet following the deep-tyne grapefruit, scarified beef or pork, pop-up watered greens, peas, beans or potatoes and fertilized sweets with cream, nitro chalk or PS4, etc.

Mr Cullen was also responsible for a free barrel of beer via Mr Hancock of Whitbreads which meant ‘drinks all round’, and a bottle of Glenn Drummond for the Benevolent Fund Draw.

Again our grateful thanks to our willing band of members in the trade who kept things running so smoothly from the ‘Starting’ at dawn, to the Prize presentation in the evening. The proceeds from the Benevolent fund draw totalled £26.00.


New Members

A warm welcome to the new Members whose names are as follows:- A. K. Gadd (New Zealand), J. P. Smith (New Zealand), J. P. Smith (Ellesborough), G. Moss and D. R. Piggott (Henley), P. J. W. Scales (Arlington), R. Bowey and P. C. Quarmby (Berkhamsted) and A. Morton of the West Byfleet Golf Club.

Bingley Trip

A reminder to members not to leave it too late before advising me if they intend to travel to Yorkshire on 30th September.

POLYTHENE DRAINAGE TUBING

Muntz Plastics ‘Landcoil’ Polythene Land Drainage Tubing was primarily developed for draining agricultural land but, in recent years, it has been used quite extensively on sports grounds, tennis courts, etc and has an application on golf courses. The piping is supplied in black only.

‘Landcoil’ is a 2 in. diameter tube manufactured from polythene in coils 660 ft. long. The polythene from which it is made has been selected to give a tough tube which has a high crush resistance. At the same time, it is sufficiently flexible to allow it to be manufactured in easily handled coils.

In order to provide maximum water absorption, there are 16 rows of small slots running along the length of the tube. These slots are scientifically designed to prevent larger soil particles from entering the tube. Where it is necessary to make a joint between two lengths of ‘Landcoil’, or it is required to discharge through an outfall into a dyke, a slightly larger diameter tube is available to sleeve over the perforated tube.

‘Landcoil’ may be used with or without permeable fill, except that permeable fill must be used in all situations where it would be used with conventional materials.