Special Occasions

and Golf Fixtures

1974

April 3 Southern Lecture.
18 North-East Spring Competition — Berwick (Goswick) G.C.
23 Welsh Section—Cardiff Cup—Pontypridd G.C.

May 1 South Coast Section Spring Meeting, Basingstoke G.C.
2 Midland — Annual Spring Tournament — Robin Hood G.C.
15 East Midland—Spring Tournament — Longcliffe G.C.
15 Southern — Spring Tournament — Home Park G.C.
16 North-West — Spring Tournament, Dean Wood G.C.
17-19 BRABAZON TROPHY — Moor-town.

June 5 Southern Annual General Meeting.
3-8 AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP—Muirfield.

25 Welsh Section Annual General Meeting — John Duncan Cup—Southerndown G.C.
July 3 Southern V Midland Match, Crews Hill G.C.
10-14 OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP—Royal Lytham and St. Annes.
15 Midland Summer Tournament & A.G.M. —Habberley G.C.
22-27 ENGLISH AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP—Woodhall Spa.

Sept. 1 CARL BREThER-TOm BOWL—Handsworth.
6 Southern Buffet/Dance —West Essex G.C.
11 Welsh Section—President’s Shield—Pennard G.C.
11 Southern Autumn Tournament — Burnham Beeches.
18 East Midland Autumn Golf Tournament — Chilwell Manor G.C.
18 Midland Section — Autumn Tournament —Handsworth G.C.


Southern Section

Chairman: Hon. Secretary:
F. W. Ford F. W. Ford
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January Lecture

We had a talk on trees by Mr. Cassell of London Transport. Elsewhere in this issue you will find a list of trees recommended for your golf course planting.
February Lecture

Mr. Head opened his talk by outlining broadly the areas of turf management where the greatest interest was being focussed at the present time. He emphasized that companies which supply products and services to greenkeepers should consider the problem of fine turf culture objectively, and provide recommendations which they could justify on a scientific basis. Particular reference was made to the immensely valuable contribution to turf grass science made by Dr. V. I. Stewart and Dr. W. A. Adams of University College of Wales, Aberystwyth, which had done so much to remove mystique from the subject and provide a basic framework of fact on which a turf manager could build his turf care programme. To get the maximum benefit from this new science it was important that the necessary technology should follow swiftly on its heels and Chipman Limited were introducing products, advisory and contract services to meet the new technical demands.

One area high-lighted was that of turf nutrition where the luxury use of general purpose fertiliser recipes at standard rates of application without regard to existing soil nutrient levels, mowing practices and sward composition would be hard to justify on either technical or economic grounds. With the advance of knowledge and with the availability of new slow-release materials, it was now possible to be accurate and specific in designing a fertiliser programme to produce optimum results in a cost—efficient manner.

Interest was also shown in the idea of using soil temperature at 1 foot depth to determine when growth would occur, and hence when fertiliser application should be made to anticipate it. This could overcome the uncertainty of seasonal variation with latitude, aspect, altitude and coastal or inland location in selecting the correct time for treatment.

Some consideration was given to advances in selective weed control where new herbicides were discussed which provided reliable control of two problem species, Creeping speedwell Veronica filiformis and Yellow Suckling Clover Trifolium dubium.

Consideration of modern contracting facilities for turf maintenance led to a topic which stimulated comment. Questions and discussion by members present, that of improving sports turf prone to waterlogging by drainage schemes, centred around the technique of constructing vertical sand channels to intercept surface water and convey it directly to the drains. Mr. Head described the way in which design of drain spacing, sand type and dimensions of sand slit determined the drainage capacity of any scheme.

From a knowledge of these relationships, and an awareness of daily rainfall figures it was possible to propose a system with a target drainage design consistent with the requirements of individual sites. Chipman Limited provided a technical consultancy service and would prepare schemes for the greenkeeper wherever required. Their construction teams could carry out all the work involved, including the installation of sand slits by the Sand Injection technique. In the past so many drainage “plumbing” systems had failed because surface water could not reach the pipes through soil where structure had collapsed. With the new techniques, schemes could be tailored to individual drainage rate requirement and their performance reliably quantified.

The Meeting closed with a vote of thanks to Colin Head who had made the journey from Horsham to be with us on this occasion.
New Members

A warm welcome to the following new members:—
C. BURKE (Roehampton) A. LITTLE (West Essex) E. REILLY (Ransomes) and C. L. WALLIS and M. W. LOWER (Chipstead).

Buffet & Dance

Arrangements have been made by your Dinner & Dance Committee for the above Buffet/Dance to take place at the West Essex G.C. Chingford, E4 at 7.30 p.m. on Friday 6th September 1974. Dress informal and admission £2.50 for Tickets. Please write to—Ray Tempest not to me—his address:—45, Telston Lane, Otford, Kent. Tickets will be also be obtainable from him on Lecture evenings.

North West Section

Chairman: Hon. Secretary:
O. P. JONES H. M. WALSH
Bramhall Golf Club Horrobin Cottage,
Old Links Golf Club, Montserrat, Bolton,
Lanes.

Obituary

It is with the deepest regret I have to inform Members that the Section President for a great many years, Bill Kinsey to all his friends, died in hospital on February 15th. I am sure all members will join me in offering our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Kinsey and family in their great loss.

Lecture

Our thanks to Peter Wyatt of Pattissons Ltd., for the interesting talk he gave us, also for the equipment shown to us. Our thanks too for the refreshments both liquid and solid.

Spring Tournament

As stated in previous issues of the Journal our Spring Tournament will be played over the Dean Wood Golf Club Course, Lafford Lane, Up Holland, Nr. Skelmersdale on Thursday May 15th 1974 over 27 holes—18 in the morning, 9 in the afternoon. The A.G.M. will take place after the Prize giving.

Please get there early, Tee off 9 a.m., also let me have your entries and meal requirements.

Welsh Section

Chairman: Secretary:
J. MARTIN T. M. JONES
PENNARD GC.

In Memoriam

It is with deep regret that I have to announce the death of Tom Lloyd, who died suddenly on Friday February 1st at the age of 63. Tom was head greenkeeper at Whitchurch Golf Club, Cardiff for 48 years, and was one of the longest serving greenkeepers of the Welsh Section. Tom was also a very good committee man who served on the committee for many years and always had the welfare of his fellow members at heart.

We will miss him greatly in our future meetings.

On behalf of all members of the Welsh Section I would like to extend our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Lloyd in her great loss.

1974 Fixtures

Tuesday April 23rd. The Cardiff Cup at Pontypridd Golf Club.

Tuesday June 25th A.G.M., and Secretaries meeting, John Duncan Cup and Birdie Cup at Southerndown Golf Club.

Wednesday September 11th, Presidents’ Shield at Pennard Golf Club.

Will all members going to the above meetings please try and contact me not later than a week before the meeting, in order that I may make the arrangements for catering. Also could
you try and be there at 9.30 a.m., for
us to have an early start. Thank you.
T. M. Jones, Secretary.

Midlands Section
Chairman: G. HART
(Gay Hill) Hon. Secretary: R. GOODWIN
2 Greenkeepers Cottage,
Ashridge Golf Club,
Ashridge Park,
Berkhampstead, Herts.

Lecture
The last lecture of the winter season
was held at Blackwell Golf Club on
Wednesday 20th February.
The subject of the lecture being
drainage, it was given by Mr. Joss
of the Research Institute who is very
conversant on the subject and gave a
very interesting lecture on all aspects
of this, for which we would like to
convey our thanks.
Our thanks also go to the Com-
mittee and members of Blackwell
Golf Club for granting us the use of
their Clubhouse for the event.
May I also take this opportunity
on behalf of our Chairman and Com-
mittee to thank all members who have
supported our lectures so well this
winter and hope this trend continues
in the future, when I am sure a further
series of lectures will be arranged.

East-Midland Section
Chairman: G. DARBY
Hon. Secretary: S. FRETTER
4 Queens Drive,
Leicester Forest East,
Leicester.

Congratulations
I would like to wish Mr. B. Mott
a long and happy time as Head
Greenkeeper of Rothley Park Golf
Club.

Autumn Golf Tournament
As most of you know, this was to
be held at Burton on Trent Golf Club,
but this is now cancelled owing to
Burton requiring us to pay green fees.

South Coast Section
Chairman: I. GREENFIELD
Hon. Secretary: MRS. J. STIMSON

A Section Committee meeting was
held at Ampfield Par Three Golf Club
on Thursday, 7th February, 1974 at
6 p.m.
It was reported that this Section
had been asked to ascertain whether
there was a possibility that the 1974
Annual Tournament could be held at
Parkstone Golf Club in August as
the proposed trip to France had not
been supported. Parkstone were un-
able to entertain the Association
on three consecutive days at such short
notice, but the Isle of Purbeck
Golf Club had offered the Association
the courtesy of their course and full
clubhouse facilities. It was resolved
that the kind offer of the Isle of
Purbeck Golf Club be accepted and
the dates provisionally arranged i.e.
30th September, 1st and 2nd October,
duly confirmed.
A full discussion on matters relat-
ing to the organisation of the Tourna-
ment then took place. It was not
anticipated that any difficulties would
arise in obtaining the necessary
accommodation required for participi-
ating members as the Tournament
will be held during the start of the
off-season holiday period, and there
were plenty of hotels in the Swanage/
Studland/Corfe Castle area.
The Committee were informed that
they had been requested to nominate
the Vice-Chairman for the current
year and it was unanimously resolved
that Mr. E. James be nominated to
fill this position.
The Acting Secretary reported upon
her meeting with Mr. Dix and Mr.
Ford on 29th January, 1974.
The venue and date of the Spring
Meeting were also discussed and it

This Tournament is now being held
at Chilwell Manor Golf Club on Sep-
tember 18th 1974.
was decided to accept Basingstoke Golf Club's kind offer of the courtesy of the course on Wednesday, 1st May, 1974. It has since been arranged that only "paid-up" members who send their entries (complete with entry money (£3.50p) and current golf handicap) to Mr. E. Fox c/o Huxleys, The Dean, New Alresford, Hampshire, by Thursday, 18th April 1974, will be eligible to play at the Spring Meeting.

It has been arranged that the Annual General Meeting will be held at Ampfield Par Three Golf Club on Thursday, 16th May, 1974 at 6 p.m.

The Acting Secretary submitted a report on the Section's finances. Suggestions relating to the Winter Lecture Programme and golf fixtures for 1975 were also considered.

The Chairman displayed three splendid pewter tankards which had been presented to the Section by Mr. Bill Denyer and it was agreed that the trophies should be suitably inscribed and played for annually. The Committee expressed their grateful thanks to Mr. Denyer for his delightful and generous gift.

Reminder: Dates to be recorded:

April 18th — Latest date for Spring Meeting entries.

May 1st — Spring Meeting to be held at Basingstoke G.C.

Sept. 30th — B.G.G.A. 1974 Annual Tournament to be held at Isle of Purbeck G.C.

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