Special Occasions

Sept. 1 CARL BRETHERTON BOWL—Handsworth.
6 Southern Section Buffet/Dance—West Essex G.C.
11 Welsh Section, President’s Shield—Pennard G.C.
11 Southern Section Autumn Tournament — Burnham Beeches Golf Club.
18 East Midland Autumn Golf Tournament — Chilwell Manor G.C.
18 Midland Section Autumn Tournament — Handsworth G.C.
26 North-East Section Autumn Tournament 27-hole—Tee Off 9 a.m.—Tyneside G.C.
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9 Southern Section Secretary’s Match—Stoke Poges G.C.
10 North-West Section Autumn Tournament—Priestbury G.C.

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A.G.M.
Details of the 1974 A.G.M. held at the Dulwich & Sydenham Hill Golf Club on Wednesday 5th June are as follows:

The Minutes of the last A.G.M. were read by the Secretary and signed as being correct by David Craig, presiding in the absence of the President. Arising from the Minutes, the Secretary confirmed that the Autumn and Winter Lectures would be held at the Whitbread’s Sports & Social Club, in Chiswell Street, E.C.1. The Section and Benevolent Accounts were adopted on the proposal of C. A. Moore and seconded by E. W. Johnson.

Election of Officers

President—Jack Wallis-Arthur.


Chairman—F. W. Ford.

Vice Chairman—C. E. Ryan.


Executive Representative—D. H. Major.

Hon. Sec. & Treasurer—F. W. Ford.
A.O.B.

It was decided to continue holding the A.G.M. at Golf Clubs with 18 holes in the afternoon. It was also proposed, seconded and carried that there should be no best morning and best afternoon prize in the Spring Tournament 36 hole Medal. The object being to simplify the allocation of prizes under the one prize only rule. 20 members showed interest in David Heath's enquiry into a possible trip to New Orleans in 1975.

The Secretary promised to publish a list of 1975 tournaments and other Section activities.

The 1974 A.G.M. closed with a vote of thanks to David Craig for taking the chair. I now understand that our President is ill in Barts Hospital. Get well soon Jack.

A late May journal and the 5th June clashing with other events, resulted in a poor entry for the afternoon's golf. However, a very enjoyable day was had by everyone, thanks mainly to John Kirkpatrick and Dad. Many thanks Dad and please convey our sincere appreciation for all the friendly hospitality we received from everyone at Dulwich. Thanks also to our friends in the trade, Dave, Phil and Maurice and to Bonzo for taking over the raffle and making a profit of £12.80p. We are grateful to Chipmans for 'chipping' in a Fiver towards the prize-giving and to Bob Plain and John Kirkpatrick for generously donating a bottle of Scotch each to the Benevolent Fund Raffle.

Results:—

1st J. McWilliam (West Byfleet) 68 Net
2nd W. F. Machin (Addington Court) 70 "
3rd R. Tempest (Darenth Valley) 71 "

New Members

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

F. V. COLLYER (New Zealand)
M. J. Smith (Porters Park) and George Norton of Huxley's Garden Machinery. A warm welcome also to KENNETH DOTT who joins the Southern Section from the North West.

Congratulations

To Adam Finnie who leaves the Blackheath Golf Club to take over the Villarceaux Country Club in France. Keep in touch Adam!

Subscriptions

I am still receiving wrong amounts, occasionally cash in ordinary mail (cheques or Postal Orders only please) and members enquiring the sub rates:

Head Greenkeepers (Class A) £4.00
First Assistants (B) £3.00
Assistants (C) £2.00
Apprentices (C) £2.00
Trade Members (E) £2.50

Entrance Fee for new members—50p.
Subscriptions for all members are due on 1st MAY each year.

F. W. Ford.

South Coast Section

Chairman: E. R. JAMES
Secretary: N. M. STIMSON
North Wilts. G.C. Devizes.

Members are reminded that their subscriptions for the year 1974/75 should have been paid, and I shall be pleased to receive outstanding subscriptions at once.

We welcome to the Section the following Honorary Members and hope their association with us will be a long and happy one:—

A. KITCH (Maxwell M. Hart (London) Ltd.).
M. C. EMM (H. Pattisson & Co., Ltd.).

N. M. Stimson (Mrs.)
Hon. Secretary.
c/o North Wilts Golf Club
Bishop's Cannings,
DEVIZES, Wiltshire SN10 2LP.
Obituary

It is with deep regret I have to inform members of the sad passing of one of the Section’s oldest members, Charlie Brassington of Crompton & Royton Golf Club.

I have known Charlie for about 30 years, other members may have known him longer, such as B. Ellis, W. Sumner, A. Fyles to mention but a few, but I think we would all agree he was a good man and a good Greenkeeper and the greenkeeping world is now the poorer. On behalf of all members I wish to extend to Mrs. Brassington and family the Section’s deepest sympathy in their sad loss.

Autumn Tournament

The Autumn Tournament will be played over the Priestbury Golf Club course on Thursday 10th October 1974 by kind permission of the Captain and Council. Details nearer the time but entries as soon as possible.

New Members

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

J. Leigh—Manchester Golf Club, Hopwood Cottage, Middleton, Lancs.

H. M. Walsh (Hon. Secretary)

Northern Section

Chairman: J. Scott
Hon. Secretary: W. Heeles
Wetherby Golf Club
7 Tentergate Close, Knaresborough, Yorks.
Tel: K’boro 3851

President’s Prize

The President’s Prize was played for at the Leeds Golf Club, Cobble Hall, Leeds on Wednesday 12th June 1974 by kind permission of the Club Committee and Members.

Some 40 members turned out for the occasion, the weather conditions were glorious. The golf course was in excellent condition and the Tournament was a great success, as it always is. Many thanks to our President W. (Bill) Mountain.

The winners were:

Midlands Section

Chairman: G. Hart
Hon. Secretary: R. Goodwin
2 Greenkeepers’ Cottage, Ashridge Golf Club, Berkhamsted, Herts.

Day trip to Toro

A day trip to the Toro factory at Darlington has been arranged for Tuesday 12th November.

The coach will leave the car park off Broad Street, Birmingham between the Birmingham Civic Centre and Bingley Hall at 7 a.m. There is ample car parking room here.

We should arrive at the Toro factory between 10.30 a.m. and 11.00 a.m.

The coach expenses will come out of Section funds.

Please let me know if you wish to go, by the end of October at the latest.

R. Goodwin, Hon. Secretary.