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Dispute makes history

The broken and patched-up window of the greenkeepers' barn at Grange Park golf course, with the wooden span which, say the men, holds up the roof.

Five strikers sacked

THE entire greenkeeping staff were sacked from a Merseyside golf club—five days after they staged the country's first ever greenkeepers' strike. They were told that they had been dismissed on Monday, June 9, after they put in claims for better working conditions and more pay.

But the five men involved feel that they had every right to make the claims on the Grange Park Golf Club in St. Helens, and are now considering taking their sacking to an unfair dismissals tribunal.

Mr. Michael Hudson, aged 32, has been the Head Greenkeeper at the St. Helens club since September. He has been a Head Greenkeeper since the 1960's and his last post was in Port Madoc.

He claims that the old barn which is used as the men's refuge for meals, toilet and wash-place while they are at work.

Story by Iain Stewart Webster
Pictures by G. Griffiths

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work, has prompted him to contact public health officials. "There are fungicides and paraquat only feet away from where we are expected to eat our lunch," alleged Mr. Hudson, "But that's not all. Another few feet away we are expected to exercise our bodily functions."

Mr. Hudson's assistants, 16 year old David Baines and Mike Hannon aged 17 claim that a wooden spar is wedged on the window ledge of the barn to prevent the roof from falling in.

The five men involved claim that they have been pressing for improvements and a wage rise since Christmas, but that the club haven't taken any action. After fruitless talks with an arbitrator and the club the men decided on strike action.

The men are especially bitter about the sackings because they had been complimented many times on the condition of the greens and fairways.

"The two boys take home under £16 a week and the two other men's take home wages are under £20. "I take home £29 a week and the club pay rent and rates for my council house at 3, Beth Avenue, St. Helens. But that puts an extra £520 on my tax bill every year," claimed Michael Hudson.

The British Golf Greenkeeper's lay down a wage scale for greenkeepers and their assistants, but it is up to the golf club and the employees to reach an agreement.

"We have contacted the Department of Employment who said they would send a public health inspector down to the club," said Mr. Hudson.

Mr. Tom Purcell, the secretary of the Grange Park Golf Club, St. Helens would not comment on the sackings on the day the men were fired. He said that any comment would come from the Golf Club's council when they had discussed the matter.

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problem of golf greenkeeping. It will
be representative of
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The English Golf Union
The Scottish Golf Union
The Welsh Golfing Union
The Golfing Union of Ireland
The British Golf Greenkeepers
Association
The Scottish Golf Greenkeepers
Association
The Association of Golf Club
Secretaries.

The object of The Standing Con-
ference are:
To initiate, improve and promote the
education and training of golf
greenkeepers
To act as a link between bodies having
similar objects
To collaborate with educational and
scientific establishments in defining
a common syllabus and standards
To receive, hold and disburse monies
in the pursuit of these objects.

The Golf Development Council, which
took the initiative in calling together the
golfing organisations concerned with
these problems, has agreed to accept the
administrative responsibility for The
Standing Conference during the first
two years of its existence.

Mr. C. F. Windrow of The Royal and
Ancient Golf Club has been appointed
Chairman, Mr. L. D. Warne of The
National Golf Clubs’ Advisory Asso-
ciation is the Hon. Treasurer and Mr.
G. A. McPartlin of The Golf Develop-
ment Council has been appointed Hon.
Secretary.

The Home Unions are backing The
Standing Conference financially. Initially
The English Golf Union is contributing
£5,000, The Scottish Golf Union £1,000,
The Golfing Union of Ireland £500 and

The Welsh Golfing Union, while agreeing to make an initial contribution, has not yet decided on the amount.

One of the first tasks for the newly formed Conference will be to appoint a Training Co-ordinator to investigate the various types of training at present being given to greenkeepers; to liaise with golfing and educational bodies and to stimulate the organisation of training courses for greenkeeping at suitable centres throughout the United Kingdom and Ireland. These courses will be conducted to common syllabus, have a uniform standard of examination and provide a recognised professional qualification.

It is hoped that the foundation of The Standing Conference will mark a considerable step forward towards a solution to what is proving to be one of the most serious problems facing golf today.

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ON BEHALF of The Greenkeepers’
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over the past 14 years. As chairman of
the association this past year, I can
appreciate the amount of work involved
in the position of secretary, and the
competent and cheerful way in which
Mr. Dix has given of his time and
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Mr. J. Escritt, Director of the Sports Turf Research Institute at Bingley, Yorkshire, has asked us to point out to readers that the series of articles about the work of the Institute published in the Greenkeeper recently (the last was in our June issue) were taken from a paper he gave to the Greenkeepers in October, 1973.

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**DIARY DATES**

Aug. 28  N.E. Section  Autumn Tournament, Gosforth G.C.
Sept.  9  Southern Section Autumn Tournament, Walton Heath G.C.
Oct.   6  N.W. Section Autumn Tournament, Bury G.C.
Oct.   7  Southern Section Secretary’s Match, Beaconsfield G.C.
Oct.   7  East Midland Section. Lecture by Johnsons Seeds Rothley Park G.C.
Nov.   4  East Midland Section. Lecture on Drainage by Chipman Ltd. Longcliffe G.C.
Dec.   2  East Midland Section. Lecture by S.T.R.I. on Greens and Tee Construction Leicestershire G.C.
Dec.  12  South Coast. Christmas Dinner Dance, Hythe.

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There is a total Greenkeeping staff of six who have done extensive drainage to the course over the years. This has considerably improved the playing conditions, particularly those most affected by the clay subsoil. Trees of various types have been planted and this is a continuing operation.

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THE FOURTH Annual General Meeting of the South Coast Section was held at Stoneham Golf Club on Thursday 8th May 1975 at 8.10 p.m. The meeting was very well attended. In the absence of the President, Mr. James took the Chair.

The minutes of the Third Annual General Meeting held at Ampfield Par Three Golf and Country Club on 16th May 1974 were taken as read and duly adopted and signed. A report on the activities of the past year was submitted by the Hon. Secretary and she also presented the Financial Statement for the year ending 30th April 1975; both reports were considered to be very satisfactory and were duly adopted.

The following officers were re-elected en bloc:—


The Tournament Organiser outlined the details of a Knockout Competition which he hoped to introduce in the coming year and members were given the opportunity to express their views.

A vote of thanks was given to Jim Fry, Eric James, Eddie Fox, Eddie West and Nita Stimson for their efforts during the past years; the Section had found its feet again, a 100 per cent increase in membership had been achieved and all the events organised had been a success thanks to the active support of the members. The trade representatives were also thanked for their support during the year and for the generous contributions to our prize funds and also for helping at the Isle of Purbeck Tournament. Their assistance at the meetings had been invaluable. Special thanks were also expressed to the Secretary, Captain and Bar Steward at Alresford Golf Club for giving us the courtesy of their clubhouse for our winter meetings and also to Mr. J. Smellie who had audited the accounts. Eddie Fox was presented with half a dozen golf balls in appreciation of his hard work during the year.

Two points were raised under “any other business” and it was resolved firstly that the Committee should continue to invite special guests to take part in the Autumn Tournament and for prizes to be awarded when merited (the Cup to be awarded to the best Member player as before) and secondly that, in an attempt to keep postage costs down, circular letters be sent to head green-keepers only (where appropriate) instead of to all members.
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Before declaring the meeting closed, the Chairman proposed a special vote of thanks to the Secretary and Members expressed their appreciation in the usual way.

We are pleased to welcome a new member to the Section, Mr. S. Barker of Parkstone Golf Club, and hope his association with us will be a long and happy one.

Please note that the Christmas Dinner/Dance referred to in the AGM Report above has been arranged for Friday, 12th December 1975 at the West Cliff Hall Hotel, Hythe.

It is regretted that several subscriptions are still outstanding despite the many reminders and honorary members and greenkeepers are requested to send the necessary remittance to me immediately.

**Southern Section**

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DETAILED of the A.G.M. 18 holes Medal played at the West Essex Golf Club on Wednesday 11th June are as follows:—

1st. A. Morton (West Byfleet) 72 net—President’s Cup and travelling bag; 2nd. J. C. Morgan (Barnehurst) 72 net—association badge and tie; 3rd. F. W. Ford (South Herts) 72 net—coffee set; 4th. R. Tempest (Darenth Valley) 73 net—sun glasses.

The weather was good, the food first class and the course in excellent condition. Thanks, David, and for the very welcome beer tent at the 8th. Chairman of Greens, Mr. Gilford paid for the beer, proceeds going to the Section Benevolent Fund. We also have to thank Mr. Gilford for the wine on the table.

Continuing with the thanks: Mr. Goss, captain of the club for presenting the prizes and those members of the trade we cannot do without on these occasions: John Field, Phil Marshall, Maurice Emm and George Nurton. The bottles of whisky raffled were donated by Bob Plain, Flymo and Huxleys.

A very enjoyable day marred only by the absence of David Craig who has recently suffered an ankle injury. Best wishes, Dave, and a speedy recovery from us all.

A.G.M. details. Before reading the minutes of the last meeting the Chairman asked everyone to stand in silence for a few moments in memory of our late President, Jack Wallis-Arthur. The minutes were read, signed as correct and in answering a question arising from those minutes the Chairman said that although there had been about 20 members interested in the New Orleans trip the costs had proved too high.
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John Field congratulated the Chairman on the way he had conducted the meeting and there being no other business the Chairman called for a vote of thanks to the President and declared the 1975 A.G.M. closed.

The 1975 Autumn Tournament will be played at the Walton-Heath Golf Club, Tadworth, Surrey, on Tuesday 9th September. For the benefit of new members, the competition will be a 36 hole Stableford—4 Ball A.M., Greensome P.M. Members wishing to play should write to me stating Name, Partner's Name, Club and Handicap in Block Letters. Partners MUST be a Member of their own golf club.

Closing Date Monday 25th August.

A warm welcome is extended to new members whose names are listed below:—D. Walsh (South Beds), J. F. Knight (Rye), M. O'Brien (Boyce Hill) and S. R. Groves, D. H. Lucas, and N. S. Weller of the Addington Court Golf Club. Welcome also to First Assistant P. E. Taylor, now at Home Park, and First Assistant A. P. Burge now at Ellesborough. Both are from the Northern Section.

Best wishes to J. Donald who is now Head Greenkeeper to Wanstead G.C. and A. E. Hill at Ruislip G.C. and to Ivor Bunting who has taken over St. Nazaire in France.

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*President:* S. K. ARNOLD  
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OUR first golf competition of the year was held at Abbeydale Golf Club on June the 11th.

The competition was our President, Mr. Arnold’s prize, 30 members took part in the 18 hole Stapleford competition.

The weather was glorious, and we found Abbeydale in really fine condition. “Well done, Eric!” The scores reflected the fine conditions, and the winner, R. Whitehead, scored 39 points, second also with 39 points was D. Chappell, but Ron took the first prize on the first 9 holes. The other prize winners were B. Lunn and A. Spencer.

Many thanks to our President, Mr. Arnold, for his generosity in providing the really fine prizes.

**Midlands Section**

*Vice Chairman:* V. W. SMITH  
*Hon. Secretary:* A. KITE  
5 Lullington Close,  
Sutton Coldfield,  
West Midlands.

A GOLF match between a combined greenkeepers’ and Vice-Presidents’ team representing Handsworth Golf Club was held on the evening of the 12th June at the Handsworth Golf Club. On this wonderful summer’s evening a pleasant game of golf was enjoyed by all, the Handsworth team eventually won the honours with a margin of 8 games to 4. The golf was followed by an excellent meal provided by the Handsworth G.C., the wine with the meal was kindly donated for the evening by the Golf Club Stewards’ Association. After all had dined we came to that part of evening which provides representatives from each side with the chance to express their thoughts and gratitudes.

E. Ballinger, the Captain of Handsworth G.C., welcomed the Midland Greenkeepers and the Vice-Presidents of the Midland Section of B.G.G.A. He

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was able to tell us that Carl Bretherton who had for many years organised this event had asked Handsworth G.C. to take over the organising and running of this popular event. Mr. Bretherton sent his regrets for not being able to attend. Mr. Ballinger informed us that the Handsworth team consisted of all the Officers and Committee Members of the club and also the club’s 1st and 2nd team Captains and that this showed the respect the Handsworth G.C. held for the Midland Greenkeepers. To finalise his speech Mr. Ballinger congratulated Vic Smith on becoming the next Chairman of the British Golf Greenkeepers Association.

Speaking on behalf of the greenkeepers team, Vic Smith thanked the Handsworth Golf Club for their hospitality during the evening and for their generosity in providing such a fine meal which was paid for by the club. Vic also praised Mr. and Mrs. Randell, the steward and stewardess, and the rest of the indoor staff who had contributed so much to making the evening a success. Vic apologised for the greenkeepers who had failed to turn up and said that he would be having words with the people involved at a later date. Mr. N. Russell said that he and the other Vice-Presidents who had been invited to play would like to express their gratitude to both the Handsworth G.C. and the Greenkeepers Association.

The Autumn Tournament will be held at the Druids Heath Golf Club, Stonnall Road, Aldridge, Staffs, on September 25, 1975, by kind permission of the directors of the club. Please be at the club by 9.30 a.m. at the latest. The closing date for the tournament is September 7.

East Midland Section
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**Forthcoming Lectures, etc. October**

*November 4th 1975:* Lecture on drainage by Chipman Ltd. at Longcliff Golf Club, Loughborough.  
*February 3rd 1976:* A lecture on fertilisers by Cannock Ltd. at Charnwood Golf Club, Woodhouse Eaves.  

Would you please notify our Chairman, Mr. B. Mott, 84, Balmoral Road, Mountsorrel, Leics., Rothley 2821, seven days before each lecture if you will be attending. We should like to see a good attendance at these lectures.

**Northern Section**

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

IT IS with regret I have to report the death of Mr. R. E. Kirk. Mr. Kirk was a vice-president of long standing. He was formerly Head Greenkeeper at Horsforth G.C. and later a representative of Thomas Greens, the mower firm.

Mr. Kirk was in his seventies and only a fortnight earlier had attended the Northern Section Spring Tournament at Moor Allerton G.C.

**Presidents Day** was held on 26th June at West Bowling G.C. on a wonderful sunny day when 50 greenkeepers and other guests took part.

The absence of rain had made the fairways tricky, but the greens were in very good order thanks to Donald Roberts and his staff who must have worked very hard to produce these conditions for this popular tournament.

Many thanks are due to our President, W. Mountain, for organising the day, and providing the wonderful array of prizes, which were presented by the captain of West Bowling G.C., Mr. J. McGrath.

Prizewinners were as follows:  

**1st Division**  

**2nd Division**  

**Visitors**  
1. D. Meegham Net 64, 2. J. McGrath Net 64.  

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Mr. Stephen Heaton, an assistant at Ilkley G.C., has broken a leg. It could be ten weeks before he recovers sufficiently to return to work.

Mr. Peter Blacker, Head Greenkeeper at Woodside Hall G.C. has been appointed Yorkshire representative for Rigby Taylors, the Bolton-based firm.

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August
Mr. R. Lewis (right) receives the trophy from Mr. F. Longworth after his victory in the North West Section’s Spring Tournament held at Royal Lytham and St. Anne’s G.C. on May 3.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. D. Storey at Fulford G.C. who have just had a baby daughter.

The following have had their handicaps adjusted:

- C. Garnett 18 to 15
- J. Storey 13 to 12
- S. Bailes 16 to 20
- A. Ling 24 to 22

New members to be elected are:

- Roger Flower, Howley Hall G.C. Class C
- Christopher Allen Rayner, Horsforth G.C. Class C
- Arthur Ling, Sandmoor G.C. Class C
- Ian Derek Samms, 29, Whenby Grove, Huntingdon Road, York. Class V.P.

North-West Section

Chairman: E. WALSH
46 Peasley Close, Longbarn, Padgate, Warrington.

Hon. Secretary: H. M. WALSH
34 Kingsfold Close, Breightmet, Bolton, Lancs.

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

- S. L. Massam, Southport and Ainsdale Golf Club, Lancs.
- S. Richardson, New Mills Golf Club, Stockport, Cheshire.

As previously stated in preceding issues of the journal the Autumn Tournament will be played over the Bury Golf Club’s course on Monday, 6th of October, starting times will be strictly adhered to and I must have entries by 22nd September both for catering and starting times; the course lies between Bury and Whitefield on the A.56.

North East Section

President: C. N. STOREY
11 Holywell Avenue, Whitley Bay, Northumberland.

Hon. Secretary: G. JEFFERIES
55 Brackenfield Road, Framwell Gate Moor, Durham.

OUR Spring Competition was held on Thursday 24th April, by kind permission of their captain and committee, at the Eaglescliffe Golf Club, Co Durham.

The winner over 18 holes was K. Barrs (Ravensworth G.C.) net 71, Salver, 2nd, J. Richardson (Tynemouth G.C.) L. Jones Putter 3rd, B. Wilson (Stocksfield G.C.) Voucher.
The Autumn Tournament will be held at Gosforth Golf Club, on Thursday August 28th by kind permission of their captain and committee, this is a 27-hole event teeing off aprox—9.00 a.m.

**Welsh Section**

*President:* J. Bird

*Treasurer:* D. C. Oliver

Lywnpia, Rhondda, Glam.

OUR Annual General Meeting at Royal Porthcawl Golf Club was rather pleasant. The weather stayed dry but breezy. We would like to thank everyone at Porthcawl for giving us such a wonderful day.


We welcome back member Mr. B. Oliver who has rejoined our Section after an absence of 4 or 5 years.

Many thanks to Mr. C. Murphy for being our President during the past two years, and for doing all he possibly could to help our Section. If anyone has any news that would interest our Section would they drop a line to the Secretary of this Section, Mr. D. C. Oliver. Would all members who have not paid their Annual Subscription for the year May 1, 1975, to April 30, 1976. Please send them to the Treasurer, Mr. M. Geddes of 23, Fenton Place, Porthcawl, Glamorgan.

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