Membership

The numerical strength of our Association has now reached the 600 mark. This is partly due to the special efforts of the North East Section, but it is gratifying to note a general increase in numbers all round.

F. G. Hawtree Memorial Fund

Once again we are able to report a continued interest among our younger members for instruction under the F. G. Hawtree Memorial Scheme. Four assistant green-keepers were sent again this year to the Sports Turf Research Institute at Bingley and there are already enquiries in hand for 1964. The benefits of the Fund cannot be over-emphasised, but it is hoped that Golf Clubs taking advantage of this fund will continue to render as much financial assistance as possible towards the expenses of these Courses.

“The British Golf Greenkeeper”

Our grateful thanks are again due to the Hon. Editor of our Journal for his continued efforts in maintaining the high standard of our publication. We also congratulate Section secretaries on their full and comprehensive news, which gives so much added interest to our readers.

Apprenticeship Scheme


Mr. F. W. Hawtree was appointed first Chairman of the Joint Council and Mr. B. M. Wood, Secretary.

The constitution was approved as follows:

- English Golf Union: Mr. G. Mills.
- Scottish Golf Union: Mr. W. A. W. Sivewright.
- Welsh Golfing Union: Mr. John Parker.
- B.G.G.A., England: Mr. F. W. Hawtree (Chairman).
- B.G.G.A., Wales: Mr. H. Fry.
- S.T.R.I.: Mr. R. B. Dawson.
- S.T.R.I.: Mr. J. R. Escritt.

Secretary: Mr. B. M. Wood.

The draft scheme, with certain amendments, was approved and a syllabus for Practical Training is being prepared with other documents.

B.G.G.A. Annual Tournament, 1963 Prize Winners

The S.T.R.I. Cup. 18 Holes, Stableford.
1st Prize (Canteen of Cutlery), J. Gillett, 36 points.
2nd Prize (Clock), D. Roberts, 34 points.
3rd Prize (Towels), G. J. Woodward, 33 points.
4th Prize (Fruit Set), R. Barnes, 32 points.

“News of the World” Cup. 36 Holes Scratch.
1st Prize (3 Piece Silver Plated Tea Set and Salver), E. Macavoy, 156 gross.

The Artisan Medal. 18 Holes Medal.
R. J. Pugh.

Jubilee Cup. Inter-Section. 36 Holes Medal.
(3 Tankards), Northern Section.

“Coming of Age” Cup. 18 Holes Medal (60 years and over).
1st Prize (Travel Clock), E. H. Benbow, 77.
2nd Prize (Travel Bag), G. Dunkley, 78.

Senior Division. 36 Holes Medal. (plus' to 11).
1st Prize (Ransomes Cup and Gold Watch), R. H. Plain, 152.
2nd Prize (“Golf Illustrated” Cup and Electric Toaster), K. Driver, 154.
3rd Prize (“Universal” Cup and Replica and 3-piece Cosy Tea Set and Tray), F. Corner, 154.
5th Prize (Sheets), J. Williams, 155.
6th Prize (Canteen of Cutlery), R. J. Pugh, 156.

Junior Division (12 to 24).
7th Prize (Travel Rug), E. Hall, 157.
8th Prize (Cigarette Box), D. Jones, 157.
9th Prize (Blanket), J. W. Kirkpatrick, 159.
10th Prize (Wallet), G. J. Woodward, 159.

The next meeting was arranged for Monday, 7th October, 1963, when it was hoped it would be possible to start the scheme.

Sports Turf Research Institute

Once again the Committee wishes to emphasise the value to members of the service available to them from the Sports Turf Research Institute in return for a small proportion of their annual subscription.

In Memoriam

We record with sorrow the death of the following members, announced in the British Golf Greenkeeper since our last report, Sir Robert Webber, J.P., D.L., Mr. J. Williamson, Mr. Ted Calam, Mr. Hugh MacLean, Mr. S. Downes and Major A. Whitley Laverack.

By order of the Executive Committee.
Chairman: D. G. LORD.
Hon. Secretary: C. H. Dix.
News

from the Sections

EAST MIDLAND

By S. T. McNeice

Chairman:
D. G. Whitehead
(Willaston Park)

Hon. Secretary:
40 Edward Road,
Clarendon Park, Leicester

Autumn Tournament

WEDNESDAY, 25TH SEPTEMBER IS the date for the Section's Annual Autumn Tournament at Rothley Park Golf Club, Leicester. Play will commence at approx. 1-0 p.m. This will be an 18-hole Bogey Competition.

I hope as many members as possible will support this event. We shall be pleased to see our Vice-Presidents who are always welcome.

In order to assist with catering arrangements will all who will be in attendance please let me know not later than Monday, 16th September. My address can be found at the heading of these notes.

SHEFFIELD

By J. J. Dearlove,
Chairman.
Hon. Secretary:
G. Herrington
(Lindrick)

63 Langsett Avenue,
Sheffield, 6.

TWENTY-FOUR PLAYERS TEED OFF for our President's Prize over the Hallowes course on the 5th of July.

The competition was played on the Stableford points system and the leading scorers were, A. Spencer 36 points, F. Crookes 36 points, J. Scott 35 points, C. Chappel 35 points.

The course left nothing to be desired and was a great credit to Jack Baxby and his staff. We were honoured by the presence of Mr. Carstrung, the President of Hallowes Golf Club and we thank his Committee for allowing us to play over their course.

The prizes and the meal were provided by our President, Mr. A. Shardlow who, unfortunately, was unable to be with us, owing to a long-standing appointment. Our Chairman, George Herrington, spoke of the hospitality always afforded to Greenkeepers by the Hallowes Club and this visit was no exception.

Annual Tournament

This was played on my own course, Hillsborough, on the 24th July by kind permission of the Committee. Again we had a good
turn-out and special praise must go to John Clark for his exceptionally good golf. The morning round had to be played in atrocious conditions.


Our thanks go out to Mr. Glyn Vaughan of Ransomes, Sims & Jefferies who acted as the recorder and organised arrangements in general. We also thank the following firms who donated the prizes:


We were delighted to see Mr. Forbes of Stewarts of Edinburgh, who spoke of his connections with the Scottish Greenkeepers’ Association and how the Apprenticeship Scheme is going well North of the Border.

Other speakers were Mr. Shardlow, our President, Mr. Barker and Mr. Gill, the Captain and President of Hillsborough Golf Club.

They stressed the importance of the liaison between club management and their staff and also the importance of encouraging younger greenkeepers to play golf and take part in our activities.

New Members
We welcome to our Section, Henry Gillespie and Jack Hague, of Stocksbridge Golf Club and hope we will see them at our meetings.

NORTHERN

By J. Parker

Chairman:
Hon. Secretary:
S. BAILFS 8 Goit Stock Terr., Harden, Bingley, Yorks.

THIRTY MEMBERS TOGETHER with a party from the North West Section, visited the Sports Turf Research Institute at Bingley on Tuesday, 16th July. It was pleasing to see some members who had travelled long distances and officials of clubs with their Greenkeepers. Members were able to see the new work going on since the last visit. These included trials with new worm-killers, selective weed-killers, and fertilizers including the Urea-formaldehyde types and new varieties of different grasses.

The visit finished with a look round the Implement Exhibition. Our thanks are due
to Mr. Dawson and his staff for giving a most interesting afternoon leaving us with plenty to think about.

New Member

We welcome to the Section Mr. D. Collins, 4 Arundel Place, Featherstone, assistant greenkeeper at Pontefract Golf Club.

Mr. Syd Jolly

Members will be sorry to hear of the illness of Syd Jolly, of Fixby Golf Club, a longtime staunch supporter and former official of the Section. I am sure all members will join with me in wishing him a full and speedy recovery.

NORTH-EAST

By T. Oliver

Chairman: J. Simpson
Poneland G.C.

Hon. Secretary: Heathery Cottage, Heathery Lane, Gosforth, Newcastle-on-Tyne 3.

OUR ANNUAL COMPETITION will be held on the course of the Tyneside Golf Club, Ryton, by kind permission of the Committee, on Thursday, 19th September. A meeting will be held on Saturday, 7th September at the Marquis of Blandford, Westgate Road, Newcastle, for arrangements, at 7:00 p.m. Members who intend to play, please attend.

NORTH-WEST

By V. Crabtree

Chairman: T. Brennan
Wilmslow G.C.

Hon. Secretary: 223 Market Street Whitworth, Nr. Rochdale

OWING TO CIRCUMSTANCES beyond my control, it was impossible for me to join the section on their visit to S.T.R.I. on 16th July, the response was somewhat disappointing, only 20 of our members took the opportunity to further their knowledge and enjoy a pleasant day out, however, we look forward to seeing more of you at the lectures during the winter period. The report on the visit to Bingley was compiled, thanks to our Chairman, Tom Brennan...

Once again the weather proved propitious for the visit of the N.W. Section to the S.T.R.I. at Bingley on 16th July. Going over the Moors the pungent moorland air and the equally pungent Jones wit combined to make the journey an exhilarating affair.

We duly arrived at St. Ives with a splendid appetite, but, due to a slight misunderstanding, lunch had not been ordered. This contretemps, however, was quickly disposed of by Mr. Wood, the Secretary of the Institute, who promptly arranged for us to lunch in Bingley.

Many thanks Mr. Wood for your kind and prompt attention in this instance. On our return from lunch we were met in the Forecourt by the Director, Mr. Dawson accompanied by our Mentors for the afternoon, Mr. Sidgate, Mr. Jackson and Mr. Bartle. Also assembled were our colleagues from the Northern Section, including needless to say Messrs. F. Smith, G. Geddes and J. Parker. George Herrington also from the Sheffield Section.

All very pleasant to meet each other once in a while, isn’t it?

Eventually we toured the Experimental Grounds in three groups under the aforementioned Advisory Officers. You know, the more I visit the Research Institute the more I marvel at the unending detail and intricacy of the work involved, and never fail to come away with a wealth of valuable information.

We all warmly thank the Director and his Officers for imparting their information so freely and answering so many questions with patience and practicability. This leads me to another problem, why—Oh why, do comparatively so few come along for this occasion? There was, roughly, about a quarter of our membership on this day. Do Golf Clubs discourage their staff in this respect? Do Golf Clubs encourage them to attend by paying expenses? Do Greenkeepers enlighten their clubs on this subject?

Whatever the answers it is certain that Golf clubs cannot afford to be without the benefits accruing from the knowledge and experience gained by Greenkeepers during a visit to the Research Institute.
Unfortunately, owing to a previous engagement our President, Mr. Southgate, was unable to attend. But as is always the case Messrs. Ransomes came to the rescue by arranging for Mr. Ramsey to travel up from Oxford and do all the spade work by checking score cards, collecting sweep monies, etc. For this fine gesture we are very grateful.

Our thanks are also due to the many trade firms and Golf Clubs who continually support our Prize Fund.

This Tournament was particularly successful in so much that we old stagers met quite a number of new faces. One or two we had met before, others were quite new and I would like to add how pleasing and encouraging it is to see the strength of the Section growing; especially the younger chaps deciding to take up the Greenkeeping profession. May we see a lot more of them all.

New Members

We welcome to the Section Messrs. D. Cheetham, C. Ball, T. Moore, A. Commerford and C. King.

Winter Programme

In order that we can arrange a Winter Programme a meeting will be held at the King's Arms Hotel, Brislington, on 26th September, at 7-30 p.m. Please make a note of the date and let us have a full attendance.

By A. Cockfield
Chairman: Hon. Secretary:
G. GILBERT, (Shamcastle G.C.)
(Warminster G.C.)

OUR ANNUAL TOURNAMENT WAS held over the Bristol and Clifton course and once again the weather conditions were kind to us. With the course in first class condition, and the ball running well, we all looked forward to a day of easy scoring. But this was not to be, good figures were hard to come by when the odd shots began to stray off line.

Leading scores were as follows:


Mr. Clark, Captain of the Bristol and Clifton G.C., very kindly came along to present the prizes and on behalf of the club expressed their pleasure in allowing us the courtesy of the course and club house for the occasion.

Our Chairman, G. Gilbert, replied thanking Mr. Clark, also wishing him to convey to the committee our grateful thanks for the generous hospitality. Not forgetting the Stewardess for her excellent catering and the ground staff for getting the course in such fine order.

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I WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL THE members for a wonderful effort in selling so many books for the Annual Draw. I am sure that the General Committee will be pleased to know that we sold 547 out of 600 and I hope that all the other sections have done as well. I would like to mention 3 members, Mr. T. A. Lloyd 139, Mr. John O'Gorman 100, Mr. D. Lord 60, a great effort!

Autumn Meeting
If not already done, please send entries of all members of your Club for 18th September at Cardiff Golf Club. Also will any member who has not paid his sub. please pay Mr. Geddes before you start the competition.

SOUTHERN
By W. Mason
Chairman: Hon. Secretary: J. K. Glass 18 Albert Road, Hendon, N.W.4.
(Thorpe Hall) Tel.: SUNnyhill 0245

I HAVE RECEIVED A LETTER FROM the Talbot Restaurant to say that after 67 years they have sold their business to the Express Dairy Co. I have since written and asked if we can continue holding our lectures as before, and am pleased to say that they have agreed to this. Starting in October the first lecture will take place on Wednesday, the 9th, and from then on they will be held on the second Wednesday of each month, other dates being 13th November, 11th December and 8th January, 1964. Will members please make a note of these dates. In my August notes I omitted to say that at the A.G.M. two new Vice-Presidents were elected. They are Mr. J. Field, of Messrs. Frank Keep Ltd. and Mr. K. J. Hemmingway of Messrs. Pattisons, we welcome them to our Section.

MIDLAND
By F. Cashmore
Chairman: Hon. Secretary: G. Hart 76 Four Oaks Common Road
(Gay Hill) Sutton Coldfield, Warwickshire.

THE AUTUMN TOURNAMENT will be held at Handsworth Golf Club on Thursday, 26th September, will members please send in their entries by 14th September. We would like to start as near 9-0 a.m. as possible to enable us to play 36 holes. Any Vice-Presidents or Club officials who care to join us will be very welcome to play 18 holes in the afternoon.

Annual Dinner
The Annual Dinner and concert will be held on 1st November, at the King's Head, Bearwood, will you please make a note of the date and try to make it a record gathering. More details in next month's journal.

New Member
We welcome J. S. Danks, 375 City Road, Birmingham 17 from the Warley Golf Club.

SITUATIONS VACANT

TECHNICAL REPRESENTATIVE OR AGENT. Due to a retirement an appointment will be made in the early Autumn for a Representative to take over an existing connection with sports grounds, municipalities and retail establishments, selling horticultural fertilisers and grass seeds in the North of England in an area defined as north of a line between the Mersey and the Wash, with the probable exception of the most of Yorkshire.

Write giving full details to THE SECRETARY, THE CANNOCK AGRICULTURAL CO. LTD., CANNOCK, STAFFS.

HEAD GREENKEEPER REQUIRED for First Class Course. Must be in good health and thoroughly experienced. Preferably with Bingley training. Apply in writing to Secretary, Shirley Park Golf Club, Addiscombe Road, East Croydon, Surrey. Salary from £15 per week according to experience. State if accommodation required.

COVENTRY GOLF CLUB, Finham Park, Coventry, require an experienced HEAD GREENKEEPER. Good wages and excellent prospects at this attractive Warwickshire course. Applications should be sent in writing to: The Secretary, Coventry Golf Club, Finham Park, Coventry.

PROFESSIONAL / GREENKEEPER OR GREENKEEPER required. Wife to undertake catering. 12 hole course. Modern 3-bedroomed house available. Apply to Secretary, Kingsdown Golf Club, Box, Wilts.

HEAD GREENKEEPER required. House available. Apply Hon. Secretary, Saltburn Golf Club, Saltburn-by-the-Sea, Yorkshire.

MISCELLANEOUS

PROFESSIONALS AND GREENKEEPERS having stocks of used golf balls contact Sparkbrook Golf Ball Co., 295 Highgate Road, Stoney Lane, Birmingham, with a view to filling export orders.
Open Championship Draw

PRIZE WINNERS IN THE ABOVE draw were as below:

1st Prize—£15, Mr. H. Gallacher, Oxgangs Ave., Edinburgh, 13.
2nd Prize—£10, Mr. L. Kerr, Brownlea, Carbury Rd., Leven.
3rd Prize—£5, Mrs. J. McGregor, 30 Gallowhill Rd., Kirkintilloch.


Best Championship Score: H. Gallacher, Oxgangs Ave., Edinburgh—£2.

The Prize for the best score, 1st day was a tie, going to L. Kerr, Brownlea, Carbury Rd., Leven and A. Sim, 80 Holmbyrs Rd., Glasgow, S.5. Each received £1.

EAST SECTION

Hon. Sec.: A. HUISH,
11, Hamilton Road, Gullane, East Lothian

The Annual General Meeting will be held at Torphine Golf Club on Thursday, 17th October, at 6-0 p.m. A Competition for prizes will be played in the afternoon, commencing at 1-0 p.m., followed by a meal at 5-0 p.m. Prizes won at Dunbar will be presented after the meeting. Members intending to be present, please inform the Secretary before 10th October.
BRITISH GOLF GREENKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF THE 46th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

held at the Club House, Royal Birkdale Golf Club, Southport, Lancashire, on Monday, 12th August, 1963, at 3-0 p.m.

The President, Mr. Carl Bretherton, took the Chair for the Meeting. There were 60 members present.

The Chairman asked all present to stand and pay silent tribute to those who had died during the year.

The Hon. Secretary expressed apologies for absence on behalf of Messrs. Bridges, Thornton and Crawford.

The minutes of the last Annual General Meeting were read, confirmed and signed.

Annual Report
This was read by the Hon. Secretary and its adoption was proposed by Mr. Crabtree and seconded by Mr. C. A. Moore.

Financial Statement
The Hon. Treasurer presented the accounts, which he stated again showed a sound position. The Annual Draw had shown an increased profit on last year, but that on the Journal was only £137 this year against £198 last year. Contributions were also up, thanks to a substantial increase in membership. He again emphasised the need for earlier return of Section accounts to enable him to complete the books for Audit in reasonable time. The adoption of the accounts was proposed by Mr. Lord and seconded by Mr. W. E. Moore, and carried.

The British Golf Greenkeepers’ Journal
The Hon. Editor thanked members for the increased postage which had been requested to staff changes. A sincere vote of thanks to Mr. Hawtree was given from the Chair for the Meeting. There were 60 members present.

The Tournament Committee had been elected to consist of Messrs. Geddes, Lord, Benbow and G. Herrington. Following the questionnaire sent out last year concerning the Annual Tournament, the main question arising from the replies sent in was that of changing the date from mid-August to early September. After discussion a proposition was given by Mr. C. A. Moore and seconded by Mr. Drewitt that no change be made, and that the Tournament should continue to take place in August. Carried by 41 to 3.

It had been agreed that the Tournament for 1964 should be in the S.W. Section, and they had also been asked to nominate a Vice-Chairman for 1965/4. It was also agreed that the 1965 Tournament should be in the N.E. Section, and they would also be asked to nominate a Vice-Chairman for 1964/5.

Election of Officers

President:
It was proposed by Mr. Lord and seconded by Mr. Geddes that Mr. Carl Bretherton be re-elected President of the Association. Carried unanimously. Mr. Bretherton expressed his thanks for the generous approval of the proposition, and was very happy to continue in office for as long as they needed him.

Vice-Presidents:
It was proposed by Mr. Cashmore and seconded by Mr. Cockfield that the Vice-Presidents as listed in the Journal should be re-elected.

Chairman:
It was proposed by Mr. Lord and seconded by Mr. Summer that the Vice-Chairman, Mr. G. T. Geddes, be elected Chairman for the ensuing year. Carried unanimously. Mr. Geddes thanked the meeting for the honour they had bestowed on him, and sincerely trusted he would be able to justify their choice. He then proceeded to present a silver Tankard to Mr. Lord as a token of thanks for his efforts during his year of office. Mr. Lord replied expressing appreciation of the loyal support he had received from officers and members alike.

Vice-Chairman:
No nomination was yet to hand, but the South West Section would forward one as soon as possible for publication in the Journal.

Hon. Secretary and Treasurer:
It was proposed by Mr. Brennan and seconded by Mr. O. P. Jones that Mr. C. H. Dix be re-elected as Secretary and Treasurer. Carried. Mr. Dix thanked the members and said he would be very pleased to continue in office.

Executive Committee Report
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Executive Committee:
It was proposed by Mr. Cashmore and seconded by Mr. Kingston that the Executive Committee should be elected as nominated by Sections. Carried.

Hon. Auditors:
It was proposed by Mr. Kingston and seconded by Mr. Dixon that Messrs. Smallfield, Rawlins & Co. should be appointed Auditors under the same conditions as this year. Carried.

Hon. Solicitor:
It was proposed by Mr. W. E. Moore and seconded by Mr. O. P. Jones that Mr. R. A. Beck be re-appointed Hon. Solicitor for the ensuing year.

Journal Postage
It was proposed by Mr. Ford and seconded by Mr. G. A. Moore that last year’s resolution to increase Journal postage from 2/6 to 3/6 be confirmed. Carried.

Alteration to Rule 7

Proposal from the Executive Committee:
That, having regard to the resolution of last year’s Annual General Meeting increasing the contribution of Journal postage to 3/6, the need to develop the Journal to the fullest extent possible, and in order to assist Section finances, Members’ subscriptions be increased as follows:

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After considerable discussion it was proposed by Mr. Brennan and seconded by Mr. Kingston, that with the alteration to Class ‘E’ allocation to read £1 17s. 6d. to Sections and 5/6 to Journal, the new rate of subscriptions should come into effect from 1st May, 1964. Carried by a large majority.

The Hon. Secretary informed the meeting that the increase in the allocation to Headquarters Funds was considered necessary in view of the increased charges for Audit, from £10 to a possible 50 guineas. With an approximate Class ‘A’ membership of 300, this would bring in £45 to H.Q. funds, which would offset this increase.

Proposition from the North West Section
“That all Golf Clubs be circularised as to the rates of pay recommended according to the grade of Golf Greenkeepers.”

Agreement was reached that steps should be taken in an attempt to arrive at a recommended scale of wages in some form, but it was also agreed the question was too involved for any immediate action. After considerable discussion Mr. Crabtree proposed and Mr. Brennan seconded that the Executive Committee should act as a Sub-Committee on this matter, with its members obtaining local information in their Sections for consideration at the next Executive Meeting. Carried.

Proposition from the Southern Section
“That, if possible, Members’ Passes should be recognised as a free entry to all Golf Tournaments.”

The Hon. Secretary replied to this proposition to the effect that this Association was not in a position to say “Yes” or “No”. He had been in communication with the Secretary of the P.G.A. and had confirmed that the only people who could give this authority were the Promoters and Clubs concerned with the Tournament. If it was the wish of the Meeting, he would communicate again with the Secretary of the P.G.A., who had very kindly offered to approach the Tournament Promoters with a view to obtaining this permission, but this could not happen until next year.

The Hon. Secretary was asked to put forward this request.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Chair by the Association Chairman.

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Viewpoint
SERLBY PARK GOLF CLUB

Field House,
Barnby Moor,
Retford, Notts.


Dear Mr. Hawtree,

We have now been able to fix ourselves up with a first-class Greenkeeper. He is coming from the Bacup Club, in Lancashire.

We had a very good response to our advertisement in the “Greenkeeper”, with twelve replies to choose from.

Very many thanks for your help in this matter.

Yours truly,

CHAS. H. COLLINSON,
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