WONDERFUL ATMOSPHERE

Situated on the very edge of the Bristol Channel is the Weston-super-Mare Golf Club, which is surrounded by some of the most exciting landscapes that can be seen anywhere in England.

The Club was formed in 1892 when a number of golf enthusiasts met to discuss the possibilities of forming a golf club and it was thought that a course would be of immense value to the town.

The enthusiasts, with Sir R. H. Paget in the chair, decided there and then to form a club and the task of laying out an eighteen-hole course was given to Tom Dunn, who was a famous professional of his day.

In addition to the eighteen-hole men's course, Dunn had to map out a nine-hole ladies' course.

Three weeks after the first meeting, the course was ready for play, and from the very start, the Club was a resounding success and 140 men and women joined.

For a rent of £20, a larger Club headquarters was found and the professional's wife was allowed to make tea and refreshments for all members who desired to take advantage of the excellent new clubhouse.

Some time later a Club uniform was instated and consisted of a red coat with dark blue collar and cuffs with the buttons parading the Club insignia.

Changes continued to be made at the Club and the present day course was laid out after the First World War by the renowned Dr. Alistair Mackenzie.

The opening hole is one of 363 yards, with a fairway that narrows incredibly as it reaches the green—a sure test of skill.

Having already played the first short hole on the course (the third) one comes back to another two long ones in the shape of the fifth and sixth.

The sixth has some dangerous bunkers just to the left of the fairway and directly in front of the green.

Water ditches are the main hazards at the twelfth and thirteenth holes whilst the thirteenth has the additional dangers of bunkers around the green. The twelfth is 402 yards and the thirteenth 452 yards.

The fifteenth hole has been described as "absolutely first-class", with a bound-
News

from the Sections

EAST MIDLAND

By S. T. McNeice

Chairman:
F. FROST
(Derby G.C.)

Hon. Secretary:
S. T. McNeice
40 Edward Road,
Clarendon Park, Leicester

Autumn Tournament

BY KIND PERMISSION OF THE Captain and Committee the Section's Annual Autumn Tournament will be held at Longcliffe Golf Club, Loughborough, Leicestershire on Wednesday, 23rd September.

New Members

We welcome to the section two new members, D. A. Cope and J. R. Austin.

SOUTHERN

By W. Mason

Chairman:
J. K. GLASS
(Thorpe Hall)

Hon. Secretary:
18 Albert Road, Hendon, N.W.4.
Tel.: SUNnyhill 0245

Subscriptions

AS MENTIONED IN HIS APRIL Notes by Mr. C. H. Dix the annual subscriptions as from 1st May will now be increased. I would appreciate if members would send them along without further delay.

New Members

We are pleased to welcome the following new members: J. R. Greenfield (Class A), P. K. Bailey (Class B), E. Daunt (Class B), R. Hornegold (Class C), F. Edwards (Class B), also two Hon. Associate members (Messrs. Parkers), R. Elliot and R. Booth.

MIDLAND

By F. Cashmore

Chairman:
G. HART
(Gay Hill)

Hon. Secretary:
76 Four Oaks Common Road
Sutton Coldfield, Warwickshire.

Spring Tournament

WE HAD AN IDEAL DAY FOR OUR Spring Tournament at Little Aston Golf Club on 5th May and Gill Woodward took advantage of it to score a magnificent 74 gross which equalled the par of the course, and entided him to choose whether to take the gross or nett prize. The prize list was:—

Ransomes Cup and Electric Shaver, G. Woodward, 149 nett.
Sutton Cup and Bathroom Scales, L. Jones, 168 gross.
2nd nett, Cutley, V. Smith, 155 nett.
3rd nett, Voucher £3 3s. 0d., A. Boraston, 155 nett.
4th nett, Shaving Mirror, W. Machin, 156 nett.
5th nett, Voucher £2 2s. 0d., J. Stephens, 157 nett.
6th nett, Voucher £2 2s. 0d., E. Benbow, 157 nett.
7th nett, Bottle Whisky, H. Drewitt, 158 nett.
8th nett, Clock, A. C. Jones, 162 nett.
9th nett, Carving Set, R. Pugh, 164 nett.
10th nett, Bedside Lamp, B. Powell, 164 nett.
11th nett, Holdall, T. Low, 164 nett.
12th nett, 1 dozen Golf Balls, A. Hastilow, 165 nett.
Veteran’s Prize (over 55), G. Woodward.

Our President, Mr. Carl Bretherton introduced Dr. Milne, the Captain of Little Aston Golf Club, who had kindly consented to present the prizes. Dr. Milne said how pleased they were to give us the courtesy of the course and hoped that we were satisfied with its condition and had an enjoyable day.

Our Chairman, George Hart, thanked Dr. Milne for presenting the prizes and asked him to convey to the committee the thanks of our Association for allowing us the use of their course and clubhouse. The Head Greenkeeper and his staff for the splendid condition of the course, the Steward and his staff for the way they had looked after us and made us welcome. We are grateful to Bill Payne of Messrs. Ransomes, Sims and Jefferies for all the work he had done in the back room, he certainly does a great job.

Handicaps

Mr. Dudley Evans met us on 1st May and made the following adjustments:—E. Benbow from 6 to 7; W. Barton, 8 to 9; H. Drewitt, 13 to 15; R. Goodwin, 9 to 10; G. Hart, 5 to 7; D. Haynes, 14 to 18; A. C. Jones, 8 to 9; B. Lowe, 14 to 20; W. Machin, 10 to 12; G. Smith, 20 to 22; G. Woodward, 2 to 3; E. Walford, 20 to 19.

New members, T. Rawbone, 15; D. Brazier, 13; L. Greenhow, 24.

President's Match

I have all the players who played at Little Aston down to play at Handsworth on 25th June, if anyone cannot make it, please let me know but I hope all will turn up. I have not checked up with Mr. Bretherton but I expect arrangements will be the same, a buffet tea being available between four and five. We hope to get the players off as soon as they arrive, please don't let me down.

Welsh

By S. A. Tucker

Chairman:
M. Geddes
(Royal Porthcawl)

Hon. Secretary:
36 Clare Road,
Morgison,
Swansea, Glam.

A.G.M.

OUR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING was held at the Royal Porthcawl Golf Club with the kind permission of the Captain and Committee. We are always very pleased to go there because the course is in perfect condition, thanks to M. Geddes and his staff. We were lucky with the weather again, having a lovely day to play. We played 18 holes in the morning and held our A.G.M. in the afternoon. Our President, Mr. Ivor G. Nicholls presided and we are very thankful to him for his help and support. Our thanks also go to the trade and local clubs for helping us to have a very good prize list.

The following were the winners with what I may call varied cards:—D. Jones, Pyle & Kenfig won the Duncan Cup and an Electric Razor, given by Ransomes, Sims & Jefferys, nett 69 for 18 holes. The Birdie Cup was won by D. G. Lord, his prize being a pair of shoes given by Swansea Bay Golf Club, nett 71. 3rd Prize went to B. D. Jones, a Ronson Lighter given by Pattisson & Co. Ltd., 74 nett. 4th Prize, D. H. Jones, a pair of shoes, nett 78 won on last 6 holes from J. Williams, who won 5th prize, a Windcheater. The 6th prize was won by yours truly, nett 85, the prize being two pairs of socks, given by the Professional, Wally Gould.

Autumn Meeting

Our Autumn Meeting we hope will be held at the Whitchurch Golf Club, Cardiff. I will try and get the date fixed up as soon as possible for late in September, and hope to have a good attendance.

Subscriptions

Subscriptions are now due. Please be good enough to send them to M. Geddes, 23 Fenton Place, Porthcawl, Glam., they were due on 1st May, refer to April journal, Hon. Secretary's Notes for rates, as they have gone up this year. If you are in doubt about how much you have to send please write to Mr. Geddes.

John O’Gorman

We are all very pleased to see John O’Gorman amongst us. It was nice to hear he is able to attend to his job again after such a long illness. We all wish him well in the future and hope that he will soon pick up a little more strength to help him.

Sheffield

Chairman:
G. Herrington
(Lindrick)

By J. J. Dearlove,
Hon. Secretary:
63 Langsett Avenue,
Sheffield, 6.

A.G.M.

THE A.G.M. WAS HELD AT THE Brunswick Hotel, Sheffield, on the 30th April, and about 30 members attended, including a Vice-President, Mr. Hickling. The only change in officers is that John Scott takes over as Vice-Chairman. Apologies were received from the President for his absence in the form of a very nice letter enclosing a donation to the bar takings in exchange for liquid refreshments for a lot of thirsty greenkeepers.

Not until the meeting was well under way did some of us discover that we had a golf
reporter in the camp. We thank Mr. Hunter of the Sheffield Telegraph for his offer of any help he may be able to give in the interests of our section.

The following tentative venues and dates were suggested for our golf competitions:

- Sheffield Section v. Northern Section at Wortley G.C. on the 15th September.
- President's Prize and Annual Tournament to be played on the same day (subject to President's approval) at the Wheatley Golf Club, Doncaster, on 22nd July.

It was agreed that every effort will be made to arrange the following events:

- A visit to the Yorkshire Show on Wednesday, 15th July.
- A visit to Ransomes, Sims & Jefferies, of Ipswich (more information on this later).
- Annual Dinner to be arranged sometime in October.

New Members

We welcome to the section the following new members: D. Jeffcock, R. Cooper, G. Farmary, D. Neve, J. Walker, G. Gilberthorpe and J. Wobschall.

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**Spring Tournament**

THE ANNUAL SPRING TOURNAMENT of the Section was played over the course of the Horsforth Golf Club on Tuesday, 12th May, by kind permission of the Committee.

**Results:**

- **Scratch Prize:** M. Henderson (Ganton) 157.
- **1st Division:** 1st K. Driver (Serlby Park) 143, 2nd D. Roberts (West Bawling) 148, 3rd P. Williams (Northcliffe) 150, 4th D. Copland (St. Ivess) 152.

- **2nd Division:** 1st G. Bennison (Otley) 132, 2nd H. Childs (Fulford) 137, 3rd S. Bailes (Keighley) 151, 4th H. Marshall (Cleckheaton) 152.

**Vice-Presidents:** 1st R. Kirk 139, 2nd A. Brophy 145.


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**Ties and Badges**

I have now in stock a number of Association Ties which I shall be glad to supply to any member at a cost of 10/6. I shall shortly be receiving a stock of Blazer Badges if any member wishes me to reserve one—price 30/-.

**New Members**

We are pleased to welcome the following new members:—J. C. Bauer, G. C. Macadam, J. McCabe, R. J. McTiernan, F. M. Hustler. This is a good start to the new year and I'm sure that with a bit of effort from members there are many more who could be induced into joining the Association.

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**Spring Competition**

OUR SPRING COMPETITION WAS played on Thursday, 7th May, on the course of Ponteland Golf Club. The main prize, the "President's Putter", was won by M. Moat of Ponteland, 2nd prize T. Oliver, 3rd prize P. Smith, 4th prize R. Derham.
The nett scores were as follows:—
M. Moat 75 (President's Putter), T. Oliver 76 (Pullover), R. Derham 77 (Tie), I. G. Simpson 78 (Tie), T. Nutman 78, W. Harker 80, D. McNeal 80, T. Kirtley 81, N. Snaitham 82, R. Robb 83, J. Snowdon 83, K. Fido 84, J. G. Anderson 85.
32 members attended, 26 played.

Our President, Mr. Jones, attended the presentation and presented the "Putter" to the winner. In his speech he said how pleased he was with the membership of the Section. The other prizes were kindly presented by Mr. N. Forster, Vice-Captain of Ponteland Golf Club, who said how pleased he was to welcome members of the Greenkeepers' Association. Our Chairman, Mr. J. Simpson, thanked the Committee of the Ponteland Golf Club for allowing us the use of the course and the Steward and Stewardess, Mr. and Mrs. Syron, for the very enjoyable meal, and Mr. Stan Heatherington, the Professional, for the use of the caddie cars.

I congratulated the Head Greenkeeper, J. Simpson, and his staff on the splendid condition of his course where everything was so very neat and tidy. This was heartily endorsed by all our members. We were very grateful to Mr. Pender of Messrs. Stewarts for his help with the cards, and also Mr. Vaughan of Messrs. Ransomes.

Les Lawery
We are very sorry to hear that Les Lawery is in hospital and on behalf of all members we hope it will not be long before he is out and about again.

New Members
We welcome to the Section the following new members: Richard Lewis, 53 Upleatham Street, Saltburn-by-the-Sea, Yorkshire; Derek Ward, 243 Quarry Lane, Marsden, South Shields.

SITUATIONS VACANT
HEAD GREENKEEPER REQUIRED—
Highgate Golf Club. No accommodation. Applications stating age, experience and pay required to Secretary, Highgate Golf Club, Denewood Road, N.6.
ASSISTANT GREENKEEPER required. Up to £15 a week according to experience. Apply to Secretary, Hampstead Golf Club, Winnington Road, London, N.2.

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.


TRADE NEWS
Ransomes announce two new 14 in. Motor Mowers—4-stroke and Battery—Electric 'Fourteen'
Ransomes, Sims & Jefferies Ltd., announce the introduction of two additional 14 in. mowers to their already extensive range of powered mowers. They are the 4-stroke and battery-electric 'FOURTEEN'. They have been developed for today's user requirements and incorporate important new features to make mowing a pleasure.
Bingley, 31st April, 1964.

Dear Mr. Moffat,

I want to thank you and all the S.G.G.A. members for the nice and welcome retirement present I received yesterday. The various gifts were much appreciated and I shall always remember the generosity of all your members in marking my retirement in this way.

It has always been a pleasure to serve your members.

Once again, many thanks.

R. B. Dawson.

Association Ties

MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE THE TIES are now in hand and can be had from Section Secretaries, the cost being 19/- each. The committee hope members will support the efforts and work of Mr. J. K. Campbell in this matter by purchasing one.

Annual Tournament

The Annual Tournament will take place by courtesy of the Committee of the Hayston Golf Club, Kirkintilloch, on Wednesday, 24th June, 1964. We hope for a large gathering of all members old and new.

Draw Tickets

Draw tickets are now on sale and can be had from all members. All counterfoils to be returned to me before 30th June. The draw takes place on 1st July in Dundee and all tickets drawn will be notified by post before the Open starts.

Mr. H. Smith

We send the best wishes of the S.G.G.A. to H. Smith on his appointment as Head Greenkeeper at Hoylake. Mr. Smith was Chairman of the East Section and a very active member of the Executive Committee. Our best wishes also go to R. Dugan, Killermont, who has been appointed Head Greenkeeper at Leven Links.

EAST SECTION

New Appointment

MR. HARRY SMITH, CHAIRMAN OF the East Section, has been appointed Head Greenkeeper to Royal Liverpool Golf Club. Mr. Smith leaves with all good wishes from our members for good luck in his new position.

WEST SECTION

Spring Meeting

THE SCOTTISH GOLF GREENKEEPERS' Association, West Section, held their Spring Meeting over the Kilmarnoch Golf Club's Barassie Course on Thursday, 16th April, when scoring was as follows:—

Scratch: H. Diamond (Bogsie) 71.
1st Class: D. McNicol (Windyhill) (9)=68; M. Travers (Gourock) (2)=71; J. Robertson (Troon) (4)=71.
2nd Class: F. Powell (Troon) (14)=66; J. McKellar (Largs) (16)=68; W. Millar (Irvine Municipal) (10)=68.
3rd Class: D. Gall (Buchanan Castle) (24)=67; A. Ferguson (Killermont) (18)=67; D. Lees (Buchanan Castle) (20)=68.
Veterans: J. Wilson (West Kilbride) (11)=71; D. Patterson (Paisley) (7)=72.
New Members: D. McLellan Elderslie=84.
THE RT. HON.
THE LORD BRABAZON OF TARA,
G.B.E., M.C., P.C.

The death of Lord Brabazon has taken from the world of golf, as from many others, a figure-head much loved and much respected. He devoted time and thought to both the professional and amateur aspects of the game and was President of this Association from just before the last war until 1949. From the very beginning of his Presidency, he vigorously espoused the cause of greenkeepers and it was primarily due to his efforts that the Benevolent Fund suddenly grew tenfold. At that time he was also a Member of Parliament in the House of Commons and we remember his help and interest in the midst of so many other duties with especial gratitude. Many other organisations, the English Golf Union, the Professional Golfers' Association and The Sports Turf Research Institute not least amongst them, will remember him with the same warmth and affection. It is less than two years since he wrote his last kind message for the jubilee issue of this magazine. We shall sadly miss the encouragement and the inspiration which he brought to our Association.

JUNE.

2nd Sheffield Union Golf Greenkeeper's Match, Sitwell Course, 1-30 p.m.
3rd Sheffield A.G.M., Lightcliffe Golf Club, Clubhouse, 7-0 p.m.
10th Southern A.G.M., Talbot Restaurant, 6-30 p.m.
24th S.G.G.A. Annual Tournament, Hayston Golf Club, 9-0 a.m.
25th Midland Section, President's Match, Handsworth Golf Club.

AUGUST.

10th
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SEPTEMBER.

15th Southern Section Autumn Tournament, Denham Golf Club.
17th Midland Section, Visit to Messrs. Atco Ltd.
22nd Midland Section, Autumn Tournament, Stourbridge Golf Club.
23rd East Midlands, Autumn Tournament, Longcliffe Golf Club.
HON. SECRETARY'S NOTES

Annual Tournament
Entry forms are enclosed in this issue, and intending competitors must return them to me by 30th June.
Our Vice-Chairman, Mr. H. G. Sheppard, 4 Westfield Road, Uphill, Weston-Super-Mare has very kindly offered to assist any member who may have difficulties in finding suitable accommodation for the Tournament. He has emphasised the necessity for early enquiries, as the resort will be very full in August.

Annual Draw
Once again the Annual Draw will be run on the "News of the World" P.G.A. Match Play Championship, to be held at Walton Heath Golf Club, from 31st August to 5th September, 1964.
Tickets will again be 6d. each, in books of five and the prize list will amount to £100 as last year. Books for distribution should be in the hands of Section Secretaries during the early part of this month.
A splendid effort last year. Please keep up the good work.

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RENOVATED

Colourful 19th at Hazlehead

When players at Hazlehead Golf Club, Aberdeen, return to the “19th” they can now relax in a completely redesigned and redecorated clubroom, free from draughts which used to whistle round the tables and chairs.

The clubhouse, first opened in 1934, was extended after the war, but the rebuilt clubroom had disadvantages.

The transformed room is now a compact shape, with window seats running along the west wall overlooking the 18-hole course.

No Tartan?

A modern grey carpet with a black abstract design adds a touch of luxury to the previously rather spartan room—a change frowned on at first by some members, but now unanimously approved. The carpet runs from wall to wall.

Electric convector heaters warm the room round the old tables, modernised with coverings of laminated plastic in blue, red and green. Bright new chairs with tapered legs echo the table-top colours.

The walls of a pale pinky grey, meet soft violet skirting boards and doors, with white cocoon-like lamps hanging from the ceiling.

RELIEVED

Fife Golf Course Plea Upheld

A Valuation Appeal Court sitting in Edinburgh upheld Fife Valuation Appeal Committee’s ruling that the four St. Andrews golf courses were subject to rating relief under the Local Government (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) Act, 1963. The appeal by the Fife County Assessor was refused.

Publicly-owned

The County Assessor proposed that the four golf courses be assessed at £1,750. Fife Valuation Committee held that the courses should be excluded from the Valuation Roll.

Lord Kilbrandon, in his judgment, referring to the St. Andrews courses, and in particular to the Old course, said the question seemed to be whether the expression “any recreation ground” was apt to describe among other things “a place of public recreation”.

To answer that question in the negative required a subtlety of which he did not find himself capable. In his opinion, the expression “any recreation ground” must be taken to include any ground used for recreation. The links were not dedicated to golf alone, but from time immemorial the public had used them as of right for recreation. The public had a right to walk over the golf courses provided they did not interfere with the playing of golf.

RESTORED

£70,000 Golf Clubhouse

Highgate Golf Club’s new £70,000 clubhouse replaces the one gutted by fire in 1962. Of special interest is the railed terrace from which members will have a panoramic view of North London.
much growth as will 40 m.e. per 100 grams.

We have said that despite a great deal of research the exact role of potassium is obscure. It is reported that potassium affects synthesis of carbohydrates, translocation of carbohydrates, reduction of nitrates and synthesis of proteins, and normal cell division. It is also suggested that potassium has a role in maintaining turgor and that it may contribute to disease resistance.

Experienced superintendents have noted that there is a danger of getting too much available potassium on turf. On putting greens an excess of potassium will sometimes cause grass blades to become stiff and harsh to the touch.

To be concluded in July.

(With grateful acknowledgments to "The Golf Course Reporter")

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