MISCELLANEOUS

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HON. SECRETARY'S NOTES

I have received an inquiry from New Zealand asking if I have any knowledge of an unmarried qualified greenkeeper who would be interested in emigrating to New Zealand.

The job on offer is for an 18-hole course at Bridge Pa Golf Club, about 4 miles from Hastings in fruit and sheep farming country. The course is of Championship standard. Wages in the vicinity of £17 per 40 hour week are offered for an assistant greenkeeper with two weeks' paid holiday, but I have no information regarding accommodation.

Anyone who is interested should write direct to Mr R. Skittrup, 416 Queen Street, West Hastings, New Zealand.

C. H. Dix.

SPECIAL OCCASIONS

JANUARY

10th S.G.G.A. Lecture, Glasgow, 7 p.m.
10th North-West Lecture, Manchester, 7.30 p.m.
11th South Lecture, London, 6.30 p.m.
11th S.G.G.A. Lecture, Dundee, 7 p.m.
12th S.G.G.A. East Lecture, Royal Burgess Golf Club, 7 p.m.
18th Northern Lecture, West Bowling G.C.
27th North-East Annual Dinner, Gateshead, 7 p.m.

FEBRUARY

6th North-West Lecture, Manchester, 7.30 p.m.
7th S.G.G.A. Lecture, Glasgow, 7 p.m.
7th S.G.G.A. Lecture, Dundee, 7 p.m.
8th Southern Lecture, London, 6.30 p.m.
9th S.G.G.A. Lecture, Edinburgh, 7 p.m.
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News from the Sections

NORTHERN

By J. Parker

Chairman: D. ROBERTS
Hon. Secretary: 8 Goit Stock Terr., Harden
(West Bowling G.C.) Bingley, Yorks.

November Lecture

THIRTY MEMBERS ATTENDED THE lecture on Thursday, 24th November, held in the clubhouse of the West Bowling Golf Club. The speaker was Mr B. C. Clayton, Senior Advisory Officer at the S.T.R.I., who took for his subject “Top Dressing”. In a most interesting talk Mr Clayton detailed the various materials used and the beneficial effects of this operation. Many questions were raised and discussion took place. A vote of thanks was proposed and seconded by our chairman and vice-chairman, Mr D. Roberts and Mr A. Robertshaw.

Christmas Social

Thirty-two members sat down to an excellent and satisfying meat and potato pie supper on the occasion of our Annual Christmas Social held in the Clubhouse of the West Bowling Golf Club on Thursday, 8th December. A short session of bingo, and the usual raffle brought success to some members and “the one-arm bandit” helped the three poorest members of the Section! Our thanks are due to our president, Mr W. Mountain, and vice-president, Mr R. Bradley, for their generous contributions to the evening’s entertainment; In short speeches our president and chairman extended their seasonal greetings to all members.

January Lecture

This will be held on Thursday, 18th January, in the clubhouse of the West Bowling Golf Club. The speaker will be Mr R. Bradley, who will take for his subject “The Trials of a Contractor”. This is one angle of our work on which we have not had a talk and should prove most interesting and enlightening.

Grand National Sweep

Members will shortly be receiving books of tickets for our Annual Sweep and I hope all will do their utmost to help make a success of this effort from which most of the profit goes into our Benevolent Fund.

SOUTHERN

By W. Mason

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

Lecture

AS ALREADY MENTIONED IN THE December notes our January lecture will be given by Mr W. Finch on Wednesday, 11th January 1967. Our next lecture will be given by Mr W. H. Bartle, from the Research Station, under the title “Golf Course Maintenance” which will be held on Wednesday, 8th February 1967; as this will be the first time Mr Bartle has lectured to our section we do hope all members will make every effort to come along. As usual, it will be held at the Stirling Castle, London Wall, Moorgate, E.C., at 6.30 p.m.

New Appointment

Mr D. B. Battrick has written to say he has taken up a new appointment as Head Greenkeeper to the Piltdown Golf Club.

New Members

We should like to welcome to the section three new members: Mr D. Campe (Class B) of 420 Fairfax Drive, Westcliff-on-Sea, Essex; Mr J. Paine (Class C) of 10 Colson Road, East Croydon, Surrey; and Mr F. C. Reed (Class A) of Ilford Golf Club, 41 Albany Road, Manor Park, E.12.

SHEFFIELD

By J. J. Dearlove

Chairman: Hon. Secretary: 63 Langsett Avenue Sheffield, 6

Lecture

MR A. A. WAGER OF LINDSEY & Kesteven accompanied by Jim Aldous of the same firm travelled up from Lincoln to give a further talk to our members on the subject of fertilisers on Thursday, 24th November. It was, once again, a most successful evening with 30 people attending to listen attentively to a rather complex but
interesting talk. We were treated to a good account of how various types of soil were originally created and their contents, also about the supplements often required to ensure a constant supply of plant food. Question time was again very popular and to the point, and I think everyone was satisfied that the answers were very clearly and honestly explained.

Mr Shardlow thanked Mr Wager for the interesting talk and Mr Aldous for assisting.

Secretary’s Farewell

As these will be my last notes as secretary of this section I would like to take this final opportunity to say a big Thank You to all members of this section for their marvellous support over the last three years; also for entrusting me with this office. I am leaving on the 9th January to take a post with the Wildernesse Club, Sevenoaks, Kent, and hoping that I will be able to continue my interest in the association.

I would also like to ask you to continue your support of the section, and encourage others to do so; this is the best way to show appreciation to your secretary, and encourages him to arrange interesting evenings for your benefit. It has been a pleasure to share your company and most rewarding to be a member of your section and I will look forward to news of future activities from Sheffield.

Mr Ron Whitehead is taking over until the A.G.M. in April and any correspondence should be addressed to him at 1 Southmoor Avenue, Armthorpe, Doncaster.

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By R. Goodwin

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G. Hart
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Lichfield, Staffs.

MAY I WISH ALL GREENKEEPERS A Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Subscriptions

There are still a few members who have overlooked their annual subscription. Mr Cashmore, Hon. Treasurer, is looking forward to hearing from these members so that he can bring his books up to date.

Sixtieth Anniversary

The Sixtieth Anniversary of the Warwickshire Union of Golf Clubs was recently celebrated by a Grand Dinner. Among the many distinguished guests were Mr Frank Cashmore, Association Chairman, and Mr George Hart, Midland Section Chairman. A great tribute to two great stalwarts who, between them, have given many years valuable service to greenkeeping and the game of Golf.

I am sure all greenkeepers will join me in congratulating Frank and George on being invited to this memorable and, I am sure, most enjoyable occasion.

NORTH-WEST

By H. M. Walsh

Chairman:
W. Burgess
Hon. Secretary:
Ringway G.C.
78 Hadfield Street,
Oldham, Lanes.

Lectures

OUR LAST LECTURE WAS GIVEN BY Mr E. Kitson, Sales Manager of S.A.I. Horticulture Ltd., for which we once again had a very good attendance. The subject covered by Mr Kitson was “Fertilisers for Fine Turf” and a very interesting and instructive talk it was, as I think all members present agreed. Our Lecture for 6th February will be given by our friend Mr Hewitt of Atco Service Branch, Longton, so once again I ask for your very good support on this occasion at the usual venue. The Garrick Hotel, Fountain Street, M/C, 7.30 p.m.

Greetings

Once again I hope all members had a Happy Christmas and New Year.
THE SCOTTISH GOLF GREENKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

Chairman:
J. K. CAMPBELL
5f Andrews

General Secretary:
R. B. MOFFATT
71 Kelton Street, Glasgow, E.2

Winter Lectures
The following lectures have been arranged for the interest of all members. The committee hope to have a large number at all lectures. A special invitation to the January lecture is sent to all greens' conveners or secretaries. Mr Wood, the secretary of the Joint Council for Apprenticeship, will give a talk on the Apprenticeship Scheme. We ask all members to pass this invitation on to the above persons. The lectures will take place at 7 p.m. and are as follows:

January: Mr Wood, as above.
February: To be arranged by section committee and details will be in the magazine.

Dates
Glasgow: The Christian Institute, Bothwell Street; 10th January, 7th February.
Dundee: Nicoll & Smiberts; 11th January, 7th February.
Edinburgh: Free Gardeners Institute; 9th February. The January lecture will not be held in the Institute but details will be in the magazine. The date is the 12th January.

EAST SECTION
January Lecture
WILL MEMBERS OF THE EAST Section please note the lecture on 12th January will be held in the Clubhouse of the Royal Burgess Golfing Society, Barnton, Edinburgh. This is by courtesy of the committee and members of the Royal Burgess to whom we are most grateful for this kind offer. The lecture will start at 7 p.m.

I, once again, remind all members that an open invitation is sent to all clubs for any member of the committee to join us at this lecture as Mr B. M. Wood, secretary of the Joint Council for Golf Greenkeepers, will be giving a talk on the Apprenticeship Scheme. We hope for a large number of members and club members.

I am sure if any club greens conveners or secretaries are interested in employing a boy under the scheme Mr Wood will be only too pleased to give them any information which they may want.

Twentieth Annual Meeting
The above meeting was held in Glasgow on 23rd November 1966. Mr J. K. Campbell, chairman, welcomed all members present who numbered 40.

Mr J. K. Campbell was re-elected Chairman; Mr G. Alexander re-elected Vice-Chairman; Mr R. B. Moffat re-elected Secretary and Treasurer. Mr I. Fraser and Mr T. Wemyss were elected Auditors.

It was agreed the subscriptions stay as at present. The proposal that the term as chairman be reduced to two years was also agreed.

Mr Campbell proposed we start a small magazine for the Scottish Greenkeepers. This would be on a three-monthly basis to start with and members would be asked to pay for their copy to get this going. Mr Campbell has agreed to be editor and hopes members will let him have all matters of interest to publish. We hope a number of the Trade will advertise which will help cut cost. The committee wish Mr Campbell every success in this venture.

Long Service
I am sure all members of the S.G.G.A. join with the committee in wishing Mr R. McKillop a long and happy retirement. It was with interest I learned Mr McKillop, better known as Bob to the older members, retired in July 1966 after 53 years service with the Greenock Golf Club. Bob started with the club in 1911 when his father retired after more than 30 years as greenkeeper. I think this must be a record with 83 years employment from the same family to the one golf club. The Association honoured Bob
along with two other members, J. L. Allardice and H. Morris, by electing them as Life Members.

It was agreed that the secretary should inquire about affiliation to the S.G.U. as this would allow members to enter open competitions.

I close now and wish all members best wishes for 1967.

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First of all, may I wish you all a very happy New Year, and all the best for 1967.

During the cold winter nights a warm supper is nearly always appreciated, so here are a few supper ideas.

Nut Cutlets

Deep fat for frying, 1 stick of macaroni, egg and bread-crumbs for coating, 2 oz of nuts, pepper, salt, pinch of mace, pinch of mustard, 1 oz. of semolina, \( \frac{1}{2} \) pint of milk.

Soak the milk and semolina in a small pan for 15 minutes. Stir until boiling and cook until the mixture leaves the sides of the pan. Add the mustard, mace, pepper and salt. Blanch, skin and chop the nuts, add them and spread the mixture on a plate to become firm. Divide into five to seven portions; roll into balls and with the forefinger and thumb shape into cutlets. Dip in beaten egg and toss in breadcrumbs; place a small piece of macaroni at the top of the cutlet (to represent the bone), fry in smoking-hot fat until golden-brown colour, drain and serve with a suitable sauce and vegetables. To serve five to seven people.

Sheep’s Tongues

Allow 1 sheep’s tongue for each person, salt, pepper, stock.

Wash the tongues well and put them in a pan with the stock, salt and pepper. Simmer gently until cooked. Skin them and take out the tiny bones from the root. Arrange on a hot dish with some vegetables round them. Onion sauce is very nice with this dish.

Stuffed Baked Onions

2 oz. of dripping, pepper, salt, 4 tablespoonfuls of breadcrumbs, 1 teaspoonful of chopped parsley, 1 oz. of bacon, 6 even-sized onions.

Skin the onions and take out the centres. Chop the bacon and parsley and mix with the breadcrumbs, pepper and salt. Press a little of this mixture into the centre of each onion. Melt the dripping in the tin; when hot, put in the onions and baste with the hot dripping. Cook steadily until the onions are tender (the time depends on the size of the onions). Dish and serve, enough for four to six people.

Vegetable Pie

2 cups of cooked carrots, 1 cup of cooked peas, 2 tablespoonfuls of melted butter, \( \frac{1}{2} \) cupful of grated cheese, 1 cupful of milk, 1 beaten egg, salt, pepper, breadcrumbs, slices of tomato, and a little butter.

Slice the carrots and mix with the peas. Add the butter, cheese, milk, egg, salt and pepper, mix lightly and turn into a buttered pie-dish. Sprinkle the top with breadcrumbs and dot with butter. Arrange a few slices of tomato on the top as a garnish, and bake in a moderate oven, about 30 minutes. Enough for four people.

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