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26th North-East Section—Annual Dance.

FEBRUARY 7th Northern Section Lecture—Horsforth Golf Club.
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from the Sections

NORTHERN

Chairman: J. Parker
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(8 Goit Stock Terr., Harden, West Bowling G.C.)

December Lecture
A LECTURE WAS HELD IN THE clubhouse of the Horsforth Golf Club on Wednesday, 6th December. Thirty members attended. The speaker was Mr R. V. Davies, B.Sc., of the Sports Turf Research Institute, who took for his subject "Identification of Grasses" in a most interesting and simple manner the speaker went through the methods of identifying a selection of grasses common to greenkeeping conditions. A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr A. Robertsonshaw, vice-chairman, and seconded by Mr D. Ward, one of our younger members.

Lectures
Through the kindness of the Committee of the Horsforth Golf Club the series of winter lectures will be held in their clubhouse. Please note the following dates:

7th February: Mr Howe of SISIS will speak on "Turf Management"; 6th March: Mr A. Robson of Blakesley Reid Ltd. will speak on "Lawn Mower Grinding".

Grand National Sweep
Members will shortly be receiving books of tickets for our usual Grand National Sweep which is run primarily to boost the section's Benevolent Fund. It is hoped that all members will do their best to make it a success.

SOUTHERN

Chairman: F. W. Ford
Hon. Secretary: J. K. GLASS
(68 Salcombe Gardens, Mill Hill, N.W.7)

Happy New Year
ON BEHALF OF THE SOUTHERN Section — compliments of the season and predictable weather to all members of the B.G.G.A.

December League
We were very fortunate indeed to have a visit from Mr R. L. Morris, senior turf horticulturist from Sevington Research Station, Ipswich. The subject he chose "The use of chemicals on turf" with particular emphasis on weed control, brought a great response from our members at question time. The questions varied from the type of sprayers to be used, to, how to get rid of moles and ball-picking crows but our speaker from Fisons answered all the questions with patience and satisfaction. He did appear slightly perturbed, however, when he could not convince a certain member that by following instructions on the chemical container, a clean sweep could be made of pearl wart on fine turf. During his talk Mr Morris said that he could not stress enough how important it was to read and adhere to the manufacturer's instructions before using all chemicals.

Taking the chair during the absence of the president, our chairman, Jock Glass, thanked Mr Morris for a very fine lecture and hoped that he would pay us another visit in the near future.

Annual Dinner
This will be at the Dulwich and Sydenham Golf Club on Friday, 29th March 1968 and again will be preceded by 18 holes of golf. Full details in the February issue of the Journal.

February Lecture
We will welcome once again Mr W. Finch of Maxicrop, on Wednesday, 14th February 1968, at the "Stirling Castle", London Wall, Moorgate, at 6.30 p.m. Bill Finch needs no introduction and I am sure that as in the past his talk will prove most valuable and interesting.

New Members
We welcome to the section the following new members and hope to see and meet them at all our meetings:

J. Moffat, R. Hawes, and P. J. Stevens.

Journals
Any paid-up member who is not receiving his Journal, please let me know.
George Hart Retires

AFTER MORE THAN 30 YEARS AS head greenkeeper to the Gay-Hill Golf Club, George Hart, our chairman, has now retired. George moved from his native Scotland, down to the Midlands in 1934, and it was not long after, in 1936, that he won the British Greenkeepers Annual Championship for the first time. He went on to win it again on two occasions. He helped to reform the section after the last war and through the years has been an automatic choice as our chairman. He has also been chairman of the Association. In recognition of his loyal services, the Gay-Hill Club and members made a presentation to George, in the clubhouse. He also received a handsome gift from the Lady Members.

First assistant, Fred Bubb, now takes over as head greenkeeper, and we wish him every success for many years to come.

Apologies

On behalf of the section I wish to apologise to the “Moor-Hall” Golf Club, Sutton Coldfield, who in the November Journal, were mistakenly referred to as “Moor Park Golf Club.”

I would also like to extend my apologies to Mr Haynes (president), Mr John Slater (vice-captain), and Mr Carr (Chairman, Green Committee).

Thank you gentlemen, and thank you “Moor-Hall” for making our autumn tournament a splendid occasion.

New Members

We welcome to the section, A. Jamieson who has moved down from Scotland to become head greenkeeper to the Leamington and County Golf Club and another Scottish greenkeeper, D. Hurst, assistant at Pype Hayes Golf Club.
**NORTH-WEST**

By H. M. Walsh

Chairman: F. Halsehead (Bury Golf Club)

Hon. Secretary: 78 Hadfield Street, Oldham, Lanes.

**Lectures**

ANOTHER ENTERTAINING AND instructio nal lecture was given by Mr Tootal of Massey Ferguson Ltd., with the help of films to our members, who continue to give good support. Afterwards a number of pertinent questions were asked and answered.

The next talk will be given by Mr Ratcliffe of Rigby Taylor Ltd., on Monday, 12th February 1968, at the Garrick Hotel, Manchester, at 7.30 p.m.

A Happy New Year to everybody.

**NORTH-EAST**

By D. Earsman

J. Simpson (Ponteland G.C.)

**Competition**

MR ROBINSON, MANAGER OF THE John Jacobs Golf Centre, Gosforth Park, has very kindly arranged a Competition, Target Golf, for the North East Section, on Monday, 15th January, at 7 p.m. You are invited to come along and see what you can score on the Targets.

**New Members**

We welcome to the Section the following new members: C. W. Maston, Class A; and W. R. Lawson, Class E.

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**TRADE NOTES**

Recognising the importance of new product development in formulating future product and marketing policies, Ransomes Sims & Jefferies Ltd. of Ipswich, have appointed a Technical Director, Mr D. H. Fleming-Brown, who will join the executive board during January.

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Thomas Green & Sons Ltd. announce that they have made two new appointments to their sales force. Mr D. Allington has been appointed Field Sales Manager, U.K. Mowing Equipment Division, and Mr G. D. Trainor has been appointed Sales Office Manager in charge of all internal sales administration, home and export.
Mrs Greenkeeper’s Own Corner

with Ann Mawson

First of all may I wish you all a very Happy New Year, and all the very best for 1968. Well, we are round to party time again. The main thing is to make your home a really friendly meeting place, and your guests truly welcome, no matter how small or modest it may be. True hospitality and a welcome in the atmosphere will make it a success. Buffet suppers are by far the best.

NOW FOR SOME RECIPES!

String Alongs
Thread 12 skewers with cocktail sausages, pieces of liver and kidney, pickling onions, mushrooms, small pieces of fillet steak and small rolls of bacon. Brush with vegetable oil and bake in a moderately hot oven 375°F or Regulo Mark 5 for about 20 minutes. Season when savouries are nearly cooked. To serve 12 people.

Onion and Egg Flan
Make three 8-inch flan cases with shortcrust pastry. Take nine hard-boiled eggs, and slice the whites of three into each case, and sieve yolks on the top. Cook 1¼ lb. coarsely grated onions in 4 oz. butter, do not brown, mix in 3 oz. of plain flour, and seasoning and stir in 1½ pints of milk, simmer for 10 minutes. Pour into flan coat thickly with grated cheese and brown under the grill. To serve 12 people.

Shrimp Savouries
Line 12 patty tins with shortcrust pastry, prick the centres with a fork, brush well with beaten egg and bake in a hot oven 400°F or Regulo Mark 6 for 15 minutes. Allow to cool. Make the filling with 2 oz. of butter, 2 oz. of plain flour, 1 pint of milk and seasoning to taste, stir in ½ lb. of prepared shrimps, pour into cool cases, serve hot or cold, and garnish with parsley. To serve 12 people.

Swedish Sandwiches
These always look so attractive. You need both brown and white bread. Remove all crusts, cut into circles, hearts, rectangles, ovals and squares or any other shape you can think of. Butter thinly and cover with salmon, cream cheese, Blue Wensleydale, English Cheddar, Welsh Caerphilly, White Cheshire, Double Gloucester, Farmhouse cheese or sliced ham and decorate with pickled cucumber, halved, stoned olives, or sliced hard-boiled eggs. There are so many alternatives — prawns piped with cream cheese and shredded lemon rind, cream cheese with black olives, salami with tomato slices, sardine and lemon, mayonnaise and salami with sliced gherkins, smoked salmon with hard-boiled eggs, smoked trout with green pepper, and assorted salami.

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