Mr Dennis M. Craig has sent us some war-time rules of a golf club near London on which readers may like to reflect over Christmas:

1. Players are asked to collect bomb and shrapnel splinters to save these causing damage to the mowing machines.
2. In competitions, during gunfire or while bombs are falling, players may take cover without penalty for ceasing play.
3. The positions of known delayed action bombs are marked by red flags at a reasonably, but not guaranteed, safe distance therefrom.
4. Shrapnel and/or bomb splinters on the fairways, or in bunkers within a club's length of a ball may be moved without penalty and no penalty shall be incurred if a ball is thereby caused to move accidentally.
5. A ball moved by enemy action may be replaced, or if lost or destroyed, a ball may be dropped not nearer the hole without penalty.
6. A ball lying in a crater may be lifted and dropped not nearer the hole, preserving the line to the hole, without penalty.
7. A player whose stroke is affected by the simultaneous explosion of a bomb may play another ball from the same place. Penalty one stroke.

Incidentally, Mr Craig's firm, R. C. Craig & Co. Ltd., at Hammersmith, have, for the past few years, been taking apprenticeship greenkeepers into their works for a two-week period during which time they are taught maintenance, service and general workshop practice. Any club interested should contact Messrs R. C. Craig & Co. Ltd., 153 The Arches, Stamford Brook, Hammersmith, London, W.6. A small charge is made to cover expenses and accommodation, which the firm itself will arrange.
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Hayters Ltd. of Spellbrook, Bishop’s Stortford, Herts, have developed a new intermediate-sized rotary mower designed for cutting all types of grassland areas, both flat and sloping. It was displayed on the company’s stand Q32 at the Public Works Exhibition, Olympia, London (16-21 November).

The new machine, called the Hayter Osprey, is powered by a two-stroke JLO engine developing 6 b.h.p. at 3000 r.p.m.

The main frame of the mower is made of pressed steel folded for strength and rigidity. All working parts are guarded and the adjustable handlebars are made from mild steel tubing.

Drive to the rear wheels is via a worm reduction box and by final chain and sprocket set-up through a clutch mounted on the axle. There is a choice of forward speeds of 2.1 m.p.h. (3.36 k.p.h.) or 2.7 m.p.h. (4.32 k.p.h.). When the clutch is disengaged, the mower is free to be hand-propelled.

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The cutting mechanism comprises a heavy-duty bottom plate on to which are mounted four balanced cutter blades hinged to swing full circle away from obstructions. Cutting width is 23\(\frac{3}{4}\) (600 mm.).

Height of cut from 1 in. (25.4 mm.) to \(3\frac{3}{4}\) (88.9 mm.) is controlled by altering two independent adjusters on the front wheels and by moving a single screw adjuster which controls the rear wheels.

The front wheels are 7 in. (177.8 mm.) by \(1\frac{1}{2}\) (37.9 mm.) rubber-tyred units and the rear wheels are 12 in. (304.8 mm.) by 3 in. (75.8 mm.) units fitted with pneumatic tyres.

Dimensions of the mower are:

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<th>Height (with handlebars fully raised)</th>
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The Condor’s recommended selling price complete with rotary attachment is £280—or complete with cylinder verge attachment £313. The rotary attachment by itself is £60, and the cylinder verge attachment by itself is £93.
News

from the Sections

EAST MIDLAND

By S. Fretter
Hon. Secretary:
Chairman:
J. CARRICK
4 Queens Drive,
Leicester Forest East,
Leicester.

New Members

I would like to take this opportunity of welcoming to this Section the following greenkeepers:—

R. Spurr, 24 Lower Park Street, Ilkeston, Derby, greenkeeper of Erewash Valley Golf Club; K. Elliott, 48 Meadow Vale Crescent, Clifton Estate, Bullwell, Nottingham, greenkeeper at Wolatton Park Golf Club; A. A. Durrands, Lanscot, Willoughby Road, South Rauceby, Sleaford, Lines, greenkeeper at Sleaford Golf Club.

General Meeting

At our General Meeting held at The Anchor Inn, Hathern, on Wednesday, 11th November 1970, Mr J. Carrick of Northampton Golf Club was voted as Vice-Chairman of The British Golf Greenkeepers' Association.

Dinner-Dance

By now you will have received your form for the dinner-dance to be held at The Saracen's Head, Leicester, on Saturday, 16th February 1971. Would you please return the form to me stating whether you will be attending or not, together with your remittance for the tickets, by the 31st December 1970. If there are any tickets over after all the members have answered, these will be offered to guests. So please notify me if you would like any tickets for guests.

Christmas Greetings

I would like to take this opportunity of wishing all our members a happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

SOUTHERN

By F. W. Ford
Hon. Secretary:
C. A. MOORE
68 Salcombe Gardens
Mill Hill, N.W.7
Tel: 01-939 2847

A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO MEMBERS OF THE B.G.G.A. EVERYWHERE.

November Lecture

Over 50 members assembled at the Stirling Castle on Wednesday, 4th November, to listen to a talk by the Senior Advisory Officer of Bingley, Mr Clayton. The talk started with general hints on renovation of fairways which had suffered during drought. P.H. should be checked and if too low an application of lime may be necessary plus as much spiking and slitting as possible during the winter and a dressing of fertiliser in the spring. He noted that there had been a good deal of over-watering by clubs who had pop-ups and this had resulted in a big build up of thatch. He suggested that Rotoraking would take care of that but this was hotly disputed by some members. They claimed it was impossible to get rid of thatch whilst greens were in daily use and even if

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greens were rested while this was carried out it would be far from satisfactory.

Re tees, Mr Clayton suggested that owing to the greater amount of play these days they should be enlarged to spread the load. At the moment many courses had large areas of teeing ground to be returfed, larger tees could be rested earlier and seeded before the bad weather.

Trolley damage was also mentioned, but as the speaker said, other than putting tank traps round the approaches it seems impossible to stop some golfers from pulling trolleys along the edge of the green and ruining the approaches. Greens to be slit tined as often as possible he considered to be a must during winter.

The speaker was thanked by the chairman for a most interesting lecture and this brought the meeting to a close.

My most grateful thanks to Charles Moore, our chairman, for recording the above notes during my absence.

January Lecture
This will be held at the Stirling Castle at 6.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 6th January, 1971, and the speaker will be Mr Gooding, representing Sychemical Ltd. Mr Gooding is no stranger to the Southern Section and on his last visit to us he handed out very useful leaflets on "The Use, Selection and Application of Chemicals in Turf Maintenance."

New Members
A warm welcome to the following new members:—

A. E. Calvert (Shooters Hill), R. Boniface, E. Chappel and R. Marchant (Royal Eastbourne), S. A. Kilby (Old Ford Manor), D. Bessey (Greenford) and J. E. Liddington (New Zealand).

Bereavement
It is with great sadness that I report the passing of one of our old members, Bill McKean. He collapsed and died on the eighteenth green at the South Beds on Wednesday, 4th November, and in the words of Jack Glass, a very old friend of his, "This is how he would have wished to go—not to be a burden to anyone."

His first assistant for over 25 years at South Beds, R. Booth, writes to say how much he will miss him as a head greenkeeper and a good friend and I know this is how we all feel in the Southern Section, as indeed all who knew him in the B.G.G.A. One memory of Bill McKean which will stay with me and a lot of members for a long time was seeing him in full Highland dress complete with bagpipes piping us all in to the annual dinner at Dulwich and Sydenham in 1968.

The club was well represented at the crematorium and the Southern Section representative was Bob Plain, who also made the necessary wreath arrangements. Our grateful thanks to you, Bob. Parker & Sons were represented by Dick Elliot.
be done and to save you any trouble in the future just drop me a line and I will do my best to give you the answer. Thank you.

Greetings

Now that the festive season is near and my last chance to express the members' feelings to the Association members — we wish you all a very Happy Xmas and Prosperous New Year. Good Luck to you all.

Subscriptions

ALL members who have not paid up their subs before the 1st January will have their journals stopped as it is costing us money, so please pay up immediately.

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**SHEFFIELD**

**Chairman:**
G. HERRINGTON
(Lindrick)

**Hon. Secretary:**
60 Langsett Avenue,
Sheffield, S6 4AA.

**Lecture**
The attendance at our first lecture of the winter, given by Mr D. P. Horner of Hayter Ltd. and Fernco Ltd., on 15th October at the Hare and Hounds, Nursery Street, Sheffield, was not as well attended as had been the trend during the 1969 winter series. Please make the effort and support the lecturers who give up their evenings for our benefit.

The lecturer on Thursday, 15th January, 1971, is Mr D. N. H. Hicken of David Miln (Seedsmen), Chester, and the subject is “Top Dressing.”

**Congratulations**
Congratulations to John Waddoups, who has left Abbeydale G.C. to take charge at Holme Hall G.C., Scunthorpe. Best of luck in your new venture, John.

**New Members**
We welcome the following new members to the Section and hope their association will be a long and happy one:—R. Carr (Scunthorpe G.C.), A. C. Pearson and R. Cummins (Phoenix G.C.).

Greetings

On behalf of the Sheffield Section members may I wish the Association officials and all our greenkeeping friends the compliments of the season.

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**NORTH-EAST**

**Chairman:**
J. SIMPSON

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

**In Memoriam**
It is with deep regret that I inform members of the death of Mr D. Earsman, for many years secretary and treasurer of our Section until July 1969. Dave, who died suddenly on Wednesday, 28th October, was a very well known and respected member of the Section.

He had been a member of the Association for a great number of years and always had the welfare of his fellow members at heart. We will miss Dave very much indeed at our future meetings, particularly as he attended these in all weathers.

I have no doubt in my mind that greenkeeping has lost greatly by his passing.

On behalf of all members of the North-East Section, I would like to extend our deepest sympathy to Mrs Earsman and his daughter Elizabeth in their great loss.

Greetings

On behalf of the members of the North-East Section, may I take this opportunity to wish all members of the Association, and the golf clubs and firms who kindly support us throughout the year, a happy Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

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**NORTH-WEST**

**Chairman:**
T. BRENNAN
(Royal Birkdale)

**Hon. Secretary:**
Horrobin Cottage,
Old Links Golf Club,
Montserrat, Bolton, Lancs.

**Annual Trip**
Our sincere thanks are due to the directors and staff of Charles H. Pugh Ltd. for the very warm welcome they extended to us on
the occasion of our visit to their Birmingham factory on 10th November, for their very generous hospitality and their friendly and patient approach in answering all the questions put to them during a very pleasant and instructive day. Thank you, gentlemen, and I hope that we may visit your works again in the future. Thirty of our members made the trip and each one of them assured me that he had had a really good day, and that, gentlemen, made it all worthwhile for me.

Lectures

The December talk will be given by Mr Wyatt of H. Pattisson Ltd. on 7th December. Venue as for all this winter series will be the Brunswick Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester, at 7.30 p.m. The January talk will be by a member of Chipman Chemical Co. Ltd. on Tuesday, 5th January.

The first of this season's talks was a joint affair on 26th October and given by Mr H. Ratcliff of Rigby Taylors Ltd. and Mr G. Smythe of May & Baker Ltd. This was given to a really full house, thirty-six of our members being present. Slides were shown and a very interesting talk given by both gentlemen was greatly appreciated by the members present.

New Members

We extend a very warm welcome to the following new members and hope their association with the section will be long and happy.

J. Stewart (Woolton G.C.), M. C. Owen (Lee Park G.C.), R. Parry (Werneth G.C.), and Honorary Member W. Burrows.

Midland

By R. Goodwin

Chairman: Hon. Secretary:
O. HART 4 Burton Old Road, (Gay Hill) Streethay, Lichfield, Staffs.

Cecil Jones

Members will be sorry to hear that Cecil Jones passed away on Wednesday, 14th October, aged 68. Cecil had worked for the Little Aston Golf Club for over 50 years. Much of his spare time was spent writing articles about Little Aston, and in particular, the wild life to be found on the course. He was highly thought of by all fellow greenkeepers who knew him for his friendly outlook and love of greenkeeping.

The funeral service on 19th October was attended by the President, Mr Bretherton, and seven members from the Midland Section.

Autumn Lecture

An excellent talk was given by Mr Bob Morris, Senior Turf Horticulturist of Fisons Levington Research Station, at the Handsworth Golf Club on Monday, 19th October. It was good to see a fine turnout on this occasion—approximately 50 members from all parts of the Midlands—some coming from as far away as Oswestry and Llanymynech, a round trip of 140 miles.

Mr Morris's subject for the afternoon was "Turf Management on Golf Courses," with details on the use of fertilisers, top dressings and spray chemicals. He also emphasised the importance of the top soils structure and methods of improving soils for the benefit of fine turf. He also showed the film "Keep on the Grass," and finally a great number of slides showing weeds found in turf and
explained the methods of eradication of these species.

After a non-stop marathon lasting some three hours, Mr Morris answered a number of questions put to him by greenkeepers.

It was good to see so many young members at the lecture and I am sure they benefited from the excellent way in which Mr Morris put forward so many points of turf maintenance.

Our thanks to Mr Morris for his excellent talk, also to the captain and committee of Handsworth Golf Club for allowing us the use of the clubhouse, and also to Vic Smith, who worked so hard throughout to ensure the success of the lecture.

Seasonal Greetings
I would like to extend my best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to our President, Vice-President, members of the trade and fellow greenkeepers everywhere.

SOUTH-WEST

By A. Cockfield
Hon. Secretary:
L. MILLAR

Greetings
The South-West Section send best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to our President, Vice-Presidents, to all members of the Association, not forgetting the numerous golf clubs and various trades that so generously support us throughout the year.

George Gilbert
Many old greenkeepers will, I am sure, be interested to hear that G. Gilbert of Warminster G.C. has gone into semi-retirement. George has spent a lifetime at Warminster and has for many years been a respected member of the golfing public and the Association. I believe he is the only member from the South-West to win the Greenkeepers' Challenge Cup (1937). We all wish him many happy years and good health in his retirement.

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TRADE NEWS

PROMOTION FOR FLYMO REGIONAL MANAGER

Mr Jack Cogan, who has been a Regional Manager for Flymo Limited of Watford for the past six years, has been promoted to the new appointment of Trade Representative within the company's Institutional Division, which promotes the wide range of high-work-rate grass-cutting equipment.

Mainly responsible for consumer division activities in North Wales, Cheshire, Lancashire, Yorkshire, Lincolnshire and Nottinghamshire, Mr Cogan will now maintain close contact with his firm's Institutional distributors and end-users throughout the United Kingdom.

Joining Flymo Limited after 14 years with the J.A.P. and Villiers Engine Companies, Mr Cogan's new appointment is seen as an endorsement of the increasing importance of the Institutional Division with the company's continuing expansion.

Mr Cogan is already well introduced to greenkeepers as a member of the Northern Section of the British Greenkeepers' Association for the past six years. He has been involved in lectures to horticultural classes at a number of technical colleges.

Mr L. R. Dowsett, managing director of the Steetley Co. Ltd., has joined the board of BERK Ltd. in place of Mr P. R. Grossey, who has resigned.

Mr Cyril Thomson has been appointed by BIRMID QUALCAST (HOME & GARDEN EQUIPMENT) LTD. to undertake all the Public Relations work involved in respect of the products manufactured by the constituent companies of Home & Garden Equipment Division. He will be actively concerned with activities for Qualcast, Suffolk, ATCO together with Qualcast (Fleetway) and Lloyds Ladders.

COURSE COINCIDENCE

On a London Golf course in 1957, Edward Chapman, attorney, scored a hole-in-one on the sixth. The same day on the same course, another Edward Chapman — this one an actor — shot a hole-in-one on the eighth. They had never met.