Mid Anglia
Hon Sec: R.S. Morris, 41 Hampden Way, Eynesbury, St. Neots, Cambs. Tel: Huntingdon 213348.

Our annual fixture against the Secretaries was held at Ashridge Golf Club and for the second year running our lads were pipped by the odd match. However, the occasion was enjoyed by all who attended and our thanks go to Sandy Heron, the Secretary at Ashridge who greatly helped with the organising of the event.

Thanks also to the club for allowing us courtesy of the course and for providing sandwiches for the players.

We are now well into the holiday season and so our next full golf meeting is not until September, but we have a home match organised on July 28 at Cold Ashby Golf Club when a team from the Midland Section will visit us for a 12-a-side, 36-hole match.

Northern
Hon Sec: B. Freeman, Tel: 0937 832653.

The orange colour of the Kubota tractors was seen at Moor Allerton during the spring when Alan Gray of Fearnco, Sheffield master-minded a display for greenkeepers. Two models were on display, the new 34hp L345 and the smaller tractor, the B7100 16 hp model which had a set of three hydraulically driven gang mowers mounted to a design of Alans. Though nifty in concept the tractor, which had four-wheeled drive would need to have turf tyres fitted to offset sward damage on the finer turf areas.

The L345 attracted lively interest and provided an opportunity for us to feel the built in demonstration the group moved indoors when a team from the Midland Section will visit us for a 12-a-side, 36-hole match.

Berks, Bucks & Oxon
Hon Sec: K. Munt, 77 The Croft, Sudbury Town, Wembley Middlesex. Tel: 01 904 2457

With rounds of 75 and 73 Ray Wotten of Burnham Beeches GC won the Presidents Prize and Ransomes saw at our 36 hole Spring Tournament. Ray's last round (net) 73 clinched the solid silver salver on a last round count back from Seve Schmitz, who’s last round 77 let him down after a fine 71 in the morning.

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The net score to Jack’s 69 came in from Seve Schmitz of Ellesborough GC with a 71 while Brian Valentine (Goring and Streatley GC), Tom Foster (Maidenhead GC) and John Teixeira all had 72s.

The afternoon saw the leaders collapse with gross scores in the mid 80s. This left Neil Wichelow of Hillingdon GC with his consistent total of 159 (80), (79) the winner of the Parkers Shield. Ray Wotten with a nett prize, his total of 148 (75), (73). Brian Payne of Burnham Beeches produced the best afternoon gross with a 76 gross 71 nett. M. Gale of Hillingdon rounded of the Hillingdon and Burnham Beeches benevolent tournament, by taking the first year competitors prize with 173 gross.

The section are appreciative to members and staff of Sonning Golf Club for the work they put in to give us a nice day. We also thank the Ladies section at Sonning who gave up their Tuesday match to give us the freedom of the course. David Craig ensured the golf flowed smoothly and ironed out any starting problems with his usual efficiency.

Some 34 members played at Sonning which is nearly half the total membership of 70. One face it was good to see at Sonning was that of Bob Plain, back amongst us in fine health.

With the support our section is now receiving and with 15 single figure handicap players, we should have a good representation at the national tournament at Ipswich. Don’t forget to enter!

If you have any news that would be of interest to the section don’t wait until it makes the News of the World! Send it to me and we’ll get it in the journal.