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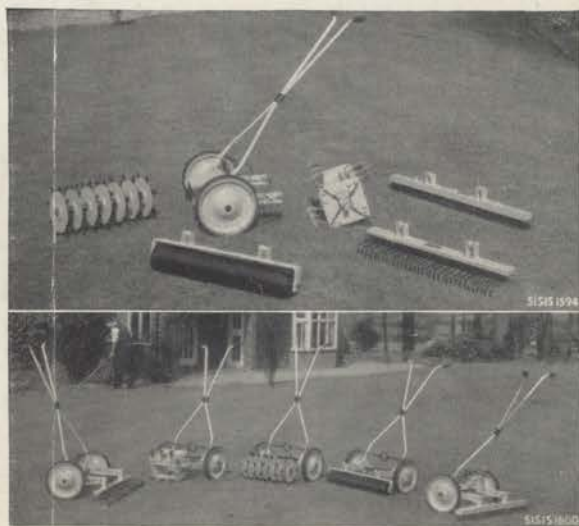
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Among the Sections

SOUTHERN SECTION NOTES

By W. Mason

Section Tournament.

ELSEWHERE in the current issue our Editor is giving his report of our Annual Section Tournament, and we are indebted to him for so doing. I would, however, in these notes, like to express our special thanks to the various firms and individuals who so kindly helped us with our prize list.

Cheques were received from Messrs. Ransomes, Suttons, R. C. Craig, Allan Taylor, Hemingway, Greens, Carter's, Lloyds, Bugge's, and the Eclipse Peat Co. Prizes in kind were also received as follows:—Ronson Lighter from Messrs. Pattison; Gent's Travelling Bag from Messrs. F. Keep; Tankard from Mr. F. G. Hawtree; and a copy of the volume "Practical Lawn Craft" from Messrs. Hargreaves.

Although I have replied and thanked all the above-mentioned, I would like to do so again in this column, and to say how much we appreciate the support given by these donors of prizes.

Our President, Mr. Fred Chambers, wrote to wish us a fine day and good scoring, and to say he was sorry he could not be with us owing to another important appointment. Unfortunately I did not receive the letter prior to leaving my home for Romford, otherwise it would have been read out at the presentation of prizes.

Finally, I should like to thank the Committee of the Romford Club for granting us the courtesy of the Course and Club-house; and I would also like to congratulate Mr. W. E. Moore, the Head Greenkeeper, and his staff for the excellent condition of the course.

Annual General Meeting.

At our last Committee Meeting it was decided to hold the Annual General Meeting of the Southern Section on Wednesday, 13th July, at the Stirling Castle Hotel, London

Wall, commencing at the usual time of 6-30 p.m.

I sincerely trust all members will make a very special effort to attend this event. A number of important items affecting the Section will come up for consideration, to say nothing of the fact that the A.G.M. provides everyone with the opportunity of voicing his views—of praising, blaming or otherwise criticising your Committee's labours over the past twelve months. Please, then, make a note of the date, time and place of the meeting in your diary right away, and let us have a fully representative gathering.

Change of Address.

Mr. F. W. Corner, I am informed, has changed his address to:—2 Edgeworth Road, New Barnet, Herts.

IRISH SECTION NOTES

By J. Craddock

Spring Meeting.

WE held our Spring Meeting of the Section last month at the Clontarf Golf Club (by kind permission of the Committee), the weather once again being kind to us. The day was thoroughly enjoyed by all present, and the scoring was very consistent.

We were glad to welcome two entrants from the North of Ireland, and we were pleased that neither of them went back empty-handed!

We wish to express our cordial thanks to the various members of the Trade who kindly provided us with prizes.

Leading Returns.

The following were the prize-winners:—
1st.—F. Merriman (11), 68 net.—President's Cup and Tankard.
2nd.—W. Kane (10), 70.—Shanks' Cup and Tankard.
3rd.—P. Doyle (4), 72.—Ransomes Cup and Tankard.
4th.—R. Wightman (12).—Ornamental Clock.
5th.—D. McDonnell (4).—Salad Bowl.
6th.—C. Minoque (6), 73.—Pyrex Dish.
7th.—V. Bruce (3), 78.—Thermos Flask.
8th.—M. Lawlor (13), 76.—Ornamental Cork Screw.
Best Gross Score.—T. Craddock, 75.—Dubtex Prize.
Best net score over 1st nine holes.—P. Caul, 35.—P.L. Book.
Best net score over 2nd nine holes.—W. Heaney, 37½.—Golf Balls.

SHEFFIELD SECTION NOTES

By E. Peat

S.U.G.C. Match.

SINCE my notes in last month's issue one or two changes have taken place in our programme of events for this summer. First, the S.U.G.C. Match. This was to have been played at Dore and Totley G.C. on 7th June, but I received a letter from Mr. G.

Machin, Secretary of the S.U.G.C., saying that owing to catering difficulties the date and venue had been altered to 3rd June, at Abbeydale.

As the 3rd June falls on Friday of Whitsun Week it was decided at our A.G.M. that three days holiday in one week would make it difficult to get any work done, and therefore we had better approach the S.U.G.C. to see if another alternative date could be found.

I met Mr. Machin at his home and he agreed that Friday, 3rd June was not very suitable. They had completely overlooked the fact that it fell in Holiday Week. After much deliberation and poring through his diary, the final arrangement is that the match will now be played on Tuesday, 20th September, and will most likely take place at Dore and Totley, as originally planned.

Annual Section Tournament.

Now about our Annual Section Tournament, which was fixed for 20th July at Hillsborough. A 50-ft. strip of land across the course has been temporarily requisitioned to enable a fuel pipe-line to be sunk in, and this has necessitated the shortening of several holes; so again it was decided at our meeting to try to find an alternative.

Nothing is fixed yet but members will be notified as soon as arrangements are complete.

WELSH SECTION NOTES

By S. A. Tucker

AG.M. and Tournament.

OUR next meeting will be held at the Southerndown Golf Club (by kind permission of the Committee) on Tuesday, 28th June. In addition to the Tournament we shall be holding our Sectional Annual General Meeting, so I sincerely hope every member will make a special effort to attend.

Please send me your entry on a postcard or by letter by not later than Monday, 20th June, as I have to notify the Secretary of the South Wales Secretaries' Association as to how many of our fellows will be staying to supper. Will you therefore please attend to the matter of your entry as soon as possible. Do not leave it till the last minute.

Our Spring Meeting.

Our Spring Meeting at the Pennard Club last month was marred by the very bad weather—so bad that we were only able to play ten holes of golf. It was a great pity, as I would have liked members to see this natural course in genial weather.

I would hasten to say that we had a warm welcome from the Club; and our thanks are due to the Steward and Stewardess for the way in which they looked after us.

I am pleased also to say that 'Mac' brought his clubs along and made good use of them, taking the first prize with 40 net. The writer followed closely with 40½ net, and Jack

Martin was third with 41 net—so there was not much in it.

There was a special prize for members over sixty, and our old friend, J. G. Jones, of Glamorganshire, annexed this award with 47 net. The prize for first-year competitors was won by J. O'Gorman with a gross score of 49.

New Members.

We are very delighted to welcome three new members to the Section, and I hope they will join us on 28th June, when they will be able to meet many fellow-members.

The details are as follows:—

J. O'Gorman (Glamorganshire G.C.).
Private address: 15 Station Road, Penarth, Glam.

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E. Booth, Pontardawe Golf Club, Pontardawe, Nr. Swansea, Glam.

NORTH-WESTERN SECTION NOTES

By H. Hughes

Spring Tournament.

WE spent a very enjoyable day at Crompton and Royton Golf Club last month, and we offer our grateful thanks to the Captain and Council for granting us the courtesy of the Course and Club-house. The weather held in our favour, and some good scores were achieved.

The Captain kindly presented the prizes, and in the course of his remarks he said how pleased he was to welcome the competitors. We also would like to thank our President, Mr. E. Brassington, who went out of his way to make everybody feel at home. Thanks too, Mr. President, for your lovely prize.

Prize-winners.

The following competitors won prizes:—

First Division:

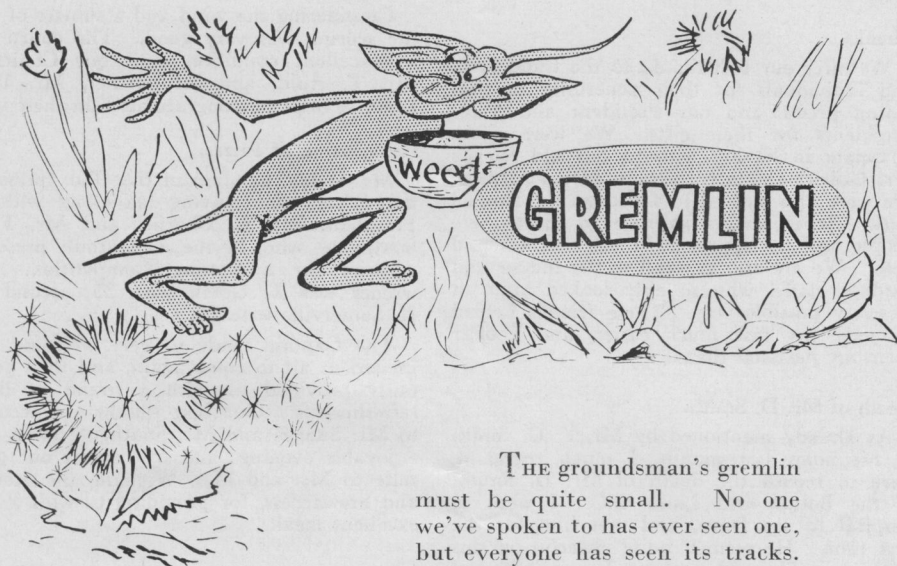
- 1st.—T. Moss, 144 net.—Canteen of Cutlery (presented by Mr. V. Sangster).
- 2nd.—J. Gillett, 147.—Suit Case (Sutton and Sons).
- 3rd.—J. Marshall, 147.—Ronson Lighter (Pattinson & Co.).
- 4th.—J. Metcalfe, 155.—Case of Knives and Forks (Alex. Shanks).
- 5th.—E. Macavoy, 156.—Set of Table Mats (Mr. J. Barnsley).

Second Division:

- 1st.—C. Brassington, 141.—Cigarette Case (Mr. L. Haken).
- 2nd.—C. Cooper, 142.—Canteen of Cutlery (Mr. V. Sangster).
- 3rd.—R. Weston, 145.—Umbrella (Mr. D. Keith).
- 4th.—J. Edwards, 148.—Thermos Jug (Sowerbutts & Co.).
- 5th.—H. Smith, 149.—Everhot Tea Pot (Eclipse Peat Co.).

Fitton Trophy and Coffee Set presented by Mr. Fitton: S. Smith (Haydock Park), net aggregate, 133. Look out, Mr. Smith, we are after you!

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Scratch Prize: W. Bridges, 154.—Holdall (presented by our President).

Special prizes for best net return, morning and afternoon rounds: S. Smith, 66 and 67. Prizes presented by Mr. D. Gilbert.

Hidden Score: F. Johnson.—Prize presented by Mr. J. Marshall.

Thanks.

We offer our best thanks to the trade firms and individuals for their generosity in providing prizes, and our President and Vice-Presidents for their gifts. We were again fortunate in having with us our old friends Mr. Gilbert and his assistant, Mr. Vaughan. We were also pleased to welcome Mr. Ronnie Kirk. It is always so nice to meet these people and we appreciate their kindness and help. We are also grateful to the indoor and outdoor staffs, who so ably looked after us in every possible way. These friends helped to make my task much easier, and I offer them my personal thanks.

Death of Mr. D. Smith.

As already mentioned by Mr. F. G. Smith in his notes last month, I much regret to have to record the death of Mr. D. Smith, of the Bolton Old Links G.C. I went to hospital to see Dave, and met him for the first time. He seemed quite cheerful on this occasion. Three days later I was informed from Bolton that he had passed away. This was a great shock to me; and I wish to place on record our thanks to the Captain, Secretary, and everyone at Bolton (Old Links) G.C. for the way in which they looked after our late friend. It warms the heart to know these things, and restores one's faith in human nature.

Section A.G.M.

Our financial year will have ended when you read these notes. Very shortly a Balance Sheet and notification of the Annual General Meeting will be sent to each member. You are asked to be present on the occasion of the A.G.M., as this meeting (and indeed the same principle applies to all meetings) is for your benefit.

At the A.G.M. you can express your grievances, your praises, and your suggestions for improvements in the conduct of your Section and your Association. It is just up to you as an individual. If you do not attend, then, as the saying goes, "For ever hold thy peace".

NORTH-EASTERN SECTION NOTES

By T. Oliver

Spring Competition.

OUR Spring Competition was played over the course of the Ravensworth Golf Club (by kind permission of the Committee) on Thursday, 5th May. The wind was blowing in force when we started but it

calmed down before we finished, and all present enjoyed the afternoon very much.

The first prize went to R. Derham (Whitley Bay) (4), with 71 net. D. Ramshaw (10) was second with 74 net. Tom Green, of Birtley, returned the very good scratch score of 75.

Considering the wind and a shower of rain, the scoring was very good. The course was in excellent condition, and our Chairman, Mr. T. Auld, and his partner, Mr. P. L. Lowery, must be congratulated on their work.

Presentation of Prizes.

Mr. Wilde, Captain of the Club, presented the prizes, after having tea along with our President, Mr. C. Sharpe, and Mr. F. V. Southgate, who, by the way, kindly presented a prize for a Putting Competition. The winner was T. Green with 35; second was H. Somerville with 37.

The Captain made us very welcome. He invited us all to come again, and then generously provided us with a round of liquid refreshments. Our best thanks are accorded to Mr. Sharpe and Mr. Southgate for a most enjoyable evening; and we express our gratitude to Mr. and Mrs. Wigham, the Steward and Stewardess, for providing us with a most excellent meal.

NORTHERN SECTION NOTES

By F. G. Smith

Section Golf Tournament.

OUR Sectional Golf Tournament was held on Tuesday, 10th May, on the course of the Leeds Golf Club at Cobble Hall (by kind permission of the Committee). We had a very good entry of 46, but the weather was very bad and 41 players actually braved the elements in the battle with wind and rain.

The course was in first-class condition from tee to green, and one would have to travel a long way to see better greens with a uniform texture and of first-class quality. They were a credit to our colleague, Mr. T. Hullah, who must have worked very hard with his staff to get the whole course in such good shape.

After a very trying morning round, one forgot the elements when we sat down to such an excellent lunch; but I am sure most of us were glad when we had finished the second round, followed by hot foot-baths and a change of clothes. After partaking of an excellent tea, one again felt on top of the world.

The Tournament went without a hitch, and was in the capable hands of Mr. Richardson, Hon. Sec., Greens Committee; Mr. F. V. Southgate, our President, and Mr. W. H. Bartle, Hon. Treasurer, who worked very hard and dealt with score cards, meal tickets, and sweepstakes right up to the final results.

Presentation of Prizes.

Mr. F. S. Legg, President of the Leeds Golf Club, kindly came along to present the prizes, which were as follows:—

Scratch Prize.—F. G. Smith, jun., 166.—Annison Bull Cup, and Picnic Set (presented by Mr. H. Firth (Captain, Leeds G.C.).

1st Division, Handicaps 1-15:

1st.—G. L. Sharp (Woodhall Hills), 144.—Sutton Cup, and Case of Cutlery (presented by Mr. H. P. Laycock (Vice-President, Leeds G.C.).

2nd.—L. Lowcock (Moortown), 144.—Set of Trays (Ladies' Section, Leeds G.C.).

3rd.—S. W. Downes (Alwoodley), 152.—Case of Cutlery (Mr. W. Mountain).

4th.—S. Smith (Moor Allerton), 153.—Coffee Percolator.

5th.—P. Geddes (Moor Allerton), 152.—Volume: "Practical Lawncraft" (W. Hargreaves).

Second Division, Handicaps 16-24:

1st.—W. Pease (Horsforth), 133.—Penrose Green Cup, and Case of Cutlery (presented by Mr. H. Wilson, Vice-President, Leeds G.C.).

2nd.—J. Scott (Sandmoor), 141.—Set of Trays.

3rd.—J. Coates (Unattached), 143.

4th.—D. Copland (Keighley), 146.—Ronson Lighter (H. Pattison).

5th.—G. Kendall (Bradford), 150.—Extending Ash Tray.

Greenkeeper-Professional's Prize.—F. Walker (Clitheroe), 155.—Silver Pencil (May and Baker, Ltd.).

Veterans' Prize.—H. Driver (St. Ives, Bingley), 142.—Electric Iron.

Vice-Presidents' Prize.—W. Mountain, 153.—Golf Seat Stick (Sandmoor G.C.).

Votes of Thanks.

Mr. F. S. Legg, President of the Leeds Golf Club, welcomed us and said he was pleased that we had all enjoyed Cobble Hall despite the weather; and if only the sun had shone we would, he said, have seen the real beauty of the course. He spoke very highly of Mr. T. Hullah, the local custodian, a view which was supported by all present.

Our Chairman, Mr. G. Geddes, asked Mr. Legg to convey our sincere thanks to the Officials for granting us the courtesy of the Course and Clubhouse for the event. He also thanked the Steward and his staff for the excellent meals provided and for attending to our comfort; to Tommy and his outdoor staff for all the hard work put in and for the excellent condition of the course; and to Mr. Myers, Professional, for the use of his caddies, free of charge, for the day. A special vote of thanks was accorded to the Captain, Mr. H. Firth, Vice-Presidents, H. P. Laycock and N. Wilson; and to the Ladies' Section, for the handsome prizes provided.

Our President, Mr. F. V. Southgate, in seconding the vote of thanks, asked Mr. Legg to accept the sincere thanks of the Section for coming along to present the prizes. He also felt the prizes given by the Captain and Vice-Presidents and Ladies' Section of the club were a tribute to the Head Greenkeeper, Mr. Hullah, who had the course in such remarkable condition.

A Personal Word.

I personally would like to pay tribute to Mr. Richardson, Mr. Southgate, and my colleague, "Willie", for all the help given your humble in the running of the Tournament, which I appreciated very much. Thanks a lot for services rendered.

We are all indebted to the following members of the trade for kindly donating to our Prize Fund:—

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It was nice meeting you all again, even if it was just to say "Hullo" to the members who come from a distance and cannot often join our various activities.

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Result of Case.

I am sorry to report that Mr. Frank Bradbury lost his case for damages in a Court action against his old Club, Otley Golf Club, for the loss of an eye, and has had to leave Greenkeeping in the meantime. In fact, up to the time of writing, he is still under treatment. We were very pleased to see him turn up at our Annual Tournament, not to play, but just to meet the boys. We all wish him a speedy recovery, and trust that he will soon be fit again and that his sight will not be further impaired.

Annual General Meeting.

The A.G.M. of the Section will be held in the White Swan Hotel, Call Lane, Leeds, on Tuesday, 14th June, at 7-15 p.m. Each member will receive due notice with a copy of the Balance Sheet, but just in case, please make a note of the date and support the meeting—as you do the Educational Evenings of the Winter Session.

MIDLAND SECTION NOTES

By W. Barton

Spring Tournament.

WELL, members of the Section, our Spring Tournament at Gay Hill has come and gone, and we now look forward to our match at Handsworth on 23rd June. We have a very good entry, and I would ask all those who have put their names down for this event to do their utmost to turn up by not later than four p.m.

The Spring Tournament was played last month over 36 holes at the Gay Hill Golf Club (by kind permission of the Committee). We enjoyed a perfect day of bright sunshine, with just an ideal light breeze. The course was in good condition, with plenty of rough to toughen the course and make it harder to play.

Surprises.

What a day of surprises. I refer to our old friend and local custodian, George Hart, who failed to win the scratch prize on his own course! I saw him flogging the ball out of his own rough, and gently picking the ball out of one of his very well-placed bunkers! It goes to show that even the best of us come unstuck sometimes.

Results.

Scratch Prize (36 holes).—S. Long (Harborne Church Farm); Sutton Cup, and Shooting Umbrella; 78, 80=158. Other returns: E. H. Benbow (Handsworth), 81, 79=160. G. Hart (Gay Hill), 84, 77=161.

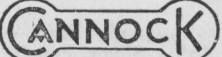
Senior Section:

1st.—W. Firman (Harborne) (10), 76, 71=147.—Barometer (May's Chemical Coy.).
2nd.—M. Markham (Warley) (9), 77, 71=148.—Ronson Lighter (Pattison's).
3rd.—A. C. Jones (Little Aston) (8), 74, 76=150.—Electric Kettle (Verda Lawns).

4th.—H. Gibbs (Harborne Church Farm), 152.—Traveller's Alarm Clock (F. H. Sims).
5th.—E. H. Benbow (Handsworth), 152.—Set of Pyrex Dishes (Mr. W. H. Lloyd).
6th.—H. Hastelow (Sutton Coldfield), 153.—Waterproof Coat (Parker and Ballenger).
7th.—B. J. Whyley (Warley), 154.—Holdall (Cannock Agricultural).
8th.—G. Hart (Gay Hill), 155.—Cruet (J. P. Harvey).

Junior Section:

1st.—E. A. Clarkson (Robin Hood) (24), 69, 77=146.—Barometer (T. Clayton's).
2nd.—R. Scott (Robin Hood) (18), 70, 77=147.—Electric Iron (Mr. G. Surman).
3rd.—D. W. G. Clarkson (Robin Hood) (24), 76, 72=148.—Alarm Clock (Woodhead's Seeds).
4th.—R. J. Goodwin (Cocks Moors Woods), 148.—Lighter (Mr. Robinson).
5th.—A. Borrison (Little Aston), 150.—Set of Carvers (T. Green).
6th.—J. Barton (Olton), 151.—Holdall (Carter's).
7th.—A. W. Dayman (Little Aston), 156.—Stepping Stool (Weather-Shields).
8th.—E. Adams (Copt Heath), 162.—Six Glasses (Mr. L. Wheeler).



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Best Net Aggregate.—This was the biggest surprise of all. The winner was 15-year-old J. Needham (Olton) (24) who, playing in his first competition, won the Ransomes Cup, and Gold Watch, with net rounds of 75 and 69=144.

It should also be mentioned that R. Scott (Robin Hood), who won the 3rd prize in the Junior Section, was another 15-year old player taking part in his first competition.

There was also a Special Prize of 6 Tennis Balls (En Tout Cas) for the one who worked harder than anyone else and enjoyed every moment of it! I refer to E. Walford (late of Robin Hood), who returned a net aggregate of 187. I admire his pluck, in that he had a set of clubs which did not suit him and it was only his second competition. Playing off 24 he stuck it out to the finish, hitting the ball 235 times in two rounds; but he was bold enough to hand in his cards! Good luck to you, "Loft", and I wish you all the very best in the future.

Thanks.

I would like to thank our old friend, G. Hart, for the great effort he put in to get his course in such excellent condition. I am sure we all knew how difficult it must have been for him to have carried out the job with such a shortage of staff.

Please Note.

Now may I ask all members who have any query, or question, or problem, or dispute, or grumble, or anything else I have omitted, to write to me so that it can be cleared up. Don't save it up until we are at a golf tournament. Get in touch with me as soon as your problem arises, so that the Committee can deal with it in a quick and proper manner.

As you must realise, we all go to play golf at our tournaments and to enjoy ourselves. We have to give a lot of time to the work, and I would point out that the proper place to discuss queries is at Committee meetings and not at golf tournaments. So please do as I suggest, and if your queries are sufficiently important, I will call a special meeting of the Committee to deal with them.

A Reminder.

One more reminder. As from 1st June your annual subscriptions should roll in. They have only to be paid once, so come on, fellows, and let us have them all in by the end of June. This will save me a lot of writing, and will also save our Hon. Treasurer, Mr. E. Benbow, a lot of worry and work.

Our work is all done voluntarily and for your benefit. Do please remember how much you get for such a little outlay. You have the addresses both of Mr. Benbow and myself in the Magazine. Our thanks in advance for your co-operation.

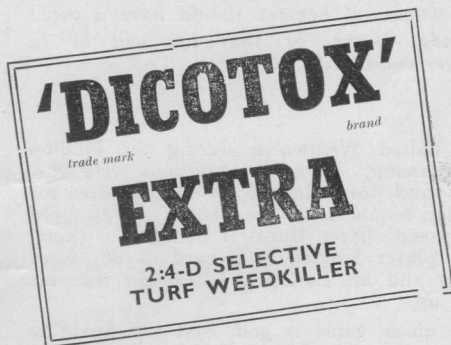
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Another Brainstorm

by Harry Fulford

AND here is the month of June and all's well—or should be. Any moment now we are due to experience yet another so-called English Summer. We exist in hope even if it is our fate to die in despair. So we can but hope that the temperatures will not fall below seventy until Autumn once again puts the tin hat on this temporary warmth.

It is the month of roses; not those on the snouts of watering cans. My window-ledge display shows promise, and the wife's mystery plant shows signs of giving birth to something special in the floral world.

She has just come in from her morning's shopping and gossip with the information that the apology for a man who keeps the veg. shop is asking six bob for a pound of tomatoes. This was quite enough to lose our Conservative candidate at least one housewife's vote in the General Election, for she attributes all price increases to whatever party is in power.

The prospect of the Hydrogen bomb is a thing of insignificance by comparison with the rise of a copper on something eatable. In short, the ultimate destination of every tradesman in this our hamlet is in the opposite direction to which we all hope to go!

I shall go to the polling station with her in order to stop her asking the man in charge where to put her cross, as she did last time. Who she voted for is a mystery; which makes one wonder if her sex should have a vote! [*Steady, Harry, or your life will be in danger!*—Editor.]

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I visited Wentworth during the Dunlop Tournament. Weather conditions were vile. The wind (force six and seven) accounted for similar numbers on the players' cards. On the greens (force three) it had a like effect. One player handed in a card of 88 (force ditto) and an Ex-Open Champion tore his card up.

A queer game is golf. At the Spalding Tournament at Moor Park, young Peter Allis failed to qualify. At Wentworth he replaced the divot and carried off the spoils. I came away feeling thankful that I no longer play the game.

George Duncan and Mr. Cyril Tolley say that our American cousins have spoilt the game with their new-fangled outfits and accessories. I agree. Golf, as I knew it, is a thing of the past. Caddie-cars equipped with range-finders and wind gauges. . . .

But why continue. Let us forget it. One thing at least we can be thankful for, and that is, our golf courses remain more or less unaltered, and may they long continue to be

so. Can you imagine St. Andrew's conforming to some American pattern? I cannot.

I have used the word "courses" in the preceding paragraph, and this raises a point that has always puzzled me. It is this: Should the ground over which golf is played be referred to as links, or course? My own idea has always been that the term links only applied to seaside courses. I am sure that if the wife of a Scots golfer were asked on a Saturday afternoon where her man was she would reply that he was away at the links. In my youth such courses as North Berwick, Gullane and Musselburgh were known as links.

In order to satisfy my curiosity, I looked up my Oxford Dictionary, and this is what I found:—"LINKS: More or less level or gently undulating sandy ground near the seashore covered with turf, coarse grass, etc."

Well, that seems to confirm my belief, so that seaside courses are links and not courses. I then turned up the word courses, but nowhere could I find any reference to the game of golf, so how did it come about that the word came into use where golf was concerned? Now, I am one of those people who always want to know the reason for this or that, the meaning of terms, etc., so whilst I had the dictionary in front of me I turned up golf.

"GOLF: A game in which a small hard ball is struck with various clubs into a series of small cylindrical holes made at intervals on the surface of a moor, field, etc."

Well, this is clear enough, though I am sure that many of my readers have described the game in more unprintable terms. Revelling in my discoveries I tried to find the term "greenkeeper". Believe it or not, my dictionary does not believe in the existence of such a person, for apparently there is no such a word, or rather it is of such little importance as not to merit mention!

On the other hand, a "groundsmen" is described as "a labourer employed to dig or work on the ground, or one who is employed to keep a cricket pitch, etc., in order". I have now the pleasure of drawing the Editor's attention to the fact that, on the hardly disputable evidence of the leading dictionary, that to call his magazine "The British Golf Greenkeeper", is misleading! [*No change is contemplated!*—Editor.]

I now await a future issue of the magazine for some scathing remarks on my inanities. I believe, nevertheless, that the majority of my readers have often wondered what difference there is between links and courses, and I think that with the help of more brainy individuals than myself I have put them wise.

Hon. Secretary's Notes

ANNUAL DRAW

THE Committee has decided to run a Christmas Draw again this year. Further details will be published later on and books of tickets will be out much earlier than last year.

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REGISTER OF MEMBERS

In order to bring the Register up to date, will Section Secretaries let me have as soon as possible an alphabetical list of ALL members, complete with Home Address and name of Club where applicable. Special Sections should also be provided for Honorary Members and Vice-Presidents.

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the next Meeting of the Executive Committee will be held at the Club House, Dyke Golf Club, Brighton, Sussex, on Sunday, 7th August, commencing at 5-30 p.m. No further Notices will be issued regarding this Meeting.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

In accordance with Rule 23, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE THIRTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE BRITISH GOLF GREEN-KEEPERS' ASSOCIATION will be held at the Club House, Dyke Golf Club, Brighton, Sussex, on Monday, 8th August, 1955, commencing at 3-30 p.m.

Notice of Resolutions to be proposed must be sent in writing to the Hon. Secretary, TWENTY-ONE DAYS before the date of the meeting.

Members are reminded that under Rule No. 29, Proxies may be voted at all General Meetings. A Form of Proxy may be obtained from the Hon. Secretary and returned to him so as to reach his address not later than the FIRST post on Wednesday, 3rd August, 1955.

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THE ANNUAL TOURNAMENT

Members are asked to read the following notes very carefully.

THE THIRTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT will be held at the Dyke Golf Club, Brighton, Sussex, on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, 8th, 9th and 10th August, 1955. An Entry Form is enclosed herewith.

PROGRAMME

MONDAY, 8TH AUGUST.

Morning. 18 Holes only, Stableford Competition for the S.T.R.I. Cup. Each player to receive $\frac{1}{8}$ of his Medal Handicap. 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes will be given.

Afternoon. Annual General Meeting, commencing at 3-30 p.m.

TUESDAY, 9TH AUGUST.

36 Holes (18 in the morning and 18 in the afternoon). This is the only day on which the Handicap Division will be operative, i.e. :—

SENIORS—Plus to Eleven.

JUNIORS—Twelve to Twenty-four.

On this day the following competitions will be run :—

1. "News of the World" Cup (36 Holes). Play from SCRATCH. Open to all. 1st and 2nd prizes will be given.

2. The Artisan Medal. This is for B.G.G.A. Artisan Members only. 18 Holes Medal play. First 18 holes to count.

3. The "Jubilee" Cup. Teams to consist of 3-a-side from each Section. The winning Section will be the one to return the BEST SCRATCH AGGREGATE SCORE OVER 36 HOLES.

4. "Coming of Age" Cup. This is for competitors of 60 years and over. 18 Holes Medal play. First 18 Holes to count. 1st and 2nd places only.

5. Senior Division (Handicaps 'Plus' to 11) 36 Holes Medal for the following prizes :—

1st President's Cup with Replica or Memento.

2nd "Golf Illustrated" Cup with Replica or Memento.

3rd "Universal" Cup with Replica or Memento.

4th "Hargreaves" Cup with Replica or Memento.

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6. Junior Division (Handicaps 12 to 24) 36 Holes Medal for the following prizes :—

1st "Ransomes" Cup with Replica or Memento.

2nd "Pattisson" Trophy with Replica or Memento.

3rd "Mays" Cup with Replica or Memento.

4th "Verdone" Cup with Replica or Memento.

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WEDNESDAY, 10TH AUGUST.

Morning. 18 Holes Medal. No Handicap Divisions.

1st Prize.—The "Allan Taylor" Cup. Also 2nd and 3rd Prizes.

Afternoon. Prize Distribution at approximately 3-0 p.m.

The "Jubilee" Cup. Sectional Secretaries or their appointed representatives will be responsible for choosing their own team and must hand in the names of their players to the Hon. Secretary BEFORE commencement of play.

"Coming of Age" Cup. In this Competition there will be 1st and 2nd places only. Those eligible for these two places may not receive a prize or cup from the "Senior" or "Junior" Divisions Competitions which are being held on Tuesday, 9th August, UNLESS they wish to waive their interest in the "Coming of Age" Cup Competition and take their place in the general Prize List.

First Year Competitors. There will not be a separate competition for First Year Competitors. All First Year Competitors must play from an official handicap. (This excludes, of course, participation in the "News of the World" and "Jubilee" Cup Competitions which are played from Scratch.)

Greenkeeper - Professionals. Greenkeeper - Professionals who are not members of the P.G.A. may compete in the Annual Tournament on the same basis as other members. They will, of course, play from their lowest handicap.

Prize Allocation. The following points are of importance.

1. The 18 Holes Stableford Competition to be played on Monday, 8th August, is to be regarded as a Competition entirely on its own. Once it has been played, it has finished. The winning of prizes in this competition will not debar any member from participating in the Prize Lists for Tuesday and Wednesday.
2. The Winner and Runner-up of the "News of the World" Competition; the Winner of the Artisan Medal; and any member eligible for a prize in the "Jubilee" Cup Competition will not be debarred from participating in the Junior or Senior Division Prize Lists on Tuesday, 9th August, and vice versa. There is, of course, one exception, and that refers to the "Coming of Age" Cup as previously mentioned. Thus, the Competitions played on Tuesday, 9th August, finish on that day and do not affect in any way the Prize Lists for Monday and Wednesday.
3. The 18 Hole Medal Competition to be played on Wednesday, 10th August, is to be regarded in the same light as Monday's Competition.

It is hoped that the position is now perfectly clear, but just to go a little bit further, let me say that under this scheme it is possible for any ONE member to be the recipient of a prize as follows:—

Monday: 18 Holes Stableford.
 Tuesday: "News of the World" Cup.
 Artisan Medal.
 "Jubilee" Cup.
 "Coming of Age" Cup or
 "Divisional" Competition.

Wednesday: 18 Holes Medal.
 ALSO in any Putting Competition that may be organised.

Accommodation. It is hoped that all members will have booked their hotel accommodation by now. YOU HAVE BEEN WARNED!

Sweepstakes. The following optional Sweepstakes will be run:—

MONDAY, 8TH AUGUST. 18 Holes.
 TUESDAY, 9TH AUGUST. 36 Holes.
 WEDNESDAY, 10TH AUGUST. 18 Holes.

Sweepstakes will not be divided into "Senior" and "Junior" Divisions. The stake will be 2/6 per person per day (a total of 7/6) and payment will be made in the following ratio:—

1st	50%
2nd	30%
3rd	20%

Staff Gratuity. Competitors are requested to contribute at the rate of 5/- per head for Staff Gratuity. Distribution will be made between the Outside and Inside Staff of the Club.

Meals during the Tournament. Luncheon and Tea will be available each day and the charges are as follows:—

Luncheon: 4/6
 Tea: 2/-

Return of Cards and Handicap Record Book. Sectional Secretaries are reminded that the THREE CARDS to be submitted by each competitor for handicapping purposes, together with the Section's Handicap Record Book, must be despatched so as to reach me not later than Saturday, 26th June.

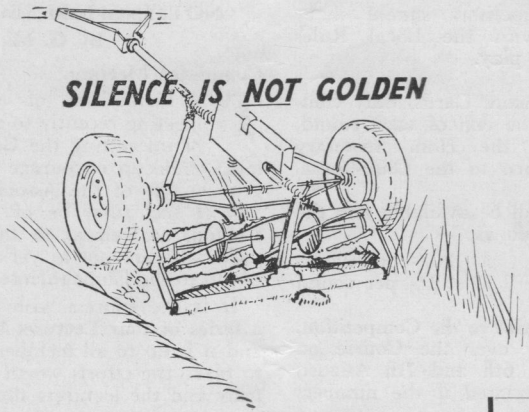
Handicaps. Competitors must state on their Entry Form their LOWEST Club, Association or Golfing Society Handicap. Members are requested to note that the Tournament Sub-Committee is empowered to alter any handicap prior to or at any stage of the tournament if considered necessary, and the Committee's decision on this or any other point appertaining to the running of the Tournament shall be final. Sectional Secretaries are held responsible for ensuring that the handicaps under which their members enter are true and accurate, and must be prepared to substantiate these if called upon to do so.

Ties. In the event of a Tie for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th place (and so on) the result will be decided on the LAST NINE HOLES.

Should a Tie still exist, the LAST SIX HOLES WILL COUNT.

Should a Tie still exist, the LAST THREE HOLES WILL COUNT.

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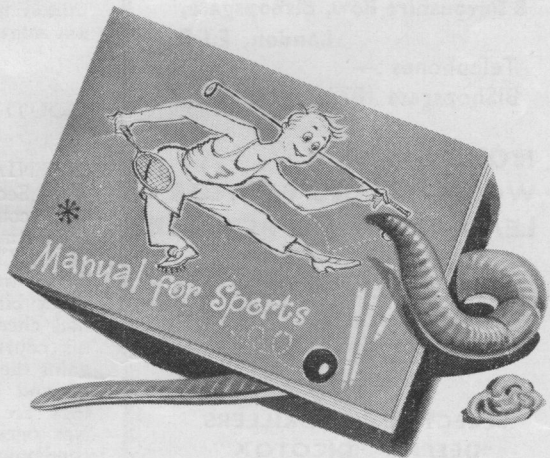
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TRANSPORT TO AND FROM THE COURSE

It is hoped to arrange a special bus service and further details will be published in the July or August Journal.

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As far as I can see, I have covered all the salient points, but if anything is not very clear or further information is required, I hope members will contact me as soon as possible.

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NOTTINGHAM SECTION NOTES

By G. Mitchell

Committee Meeting.

THE Committee of the Section held a meeting recently to discuss the possibility of interesting the Greens Committees of local Clubs to encourage their staffs to enrol as members of the Association. This matter will, I feel sure, be of much value to the Section, as well as to the greenkeepers and staffs who are not as yet members, and (most of all) to the Clubs themselves.

It is the express wish of the Section that a series of four Lectures be held next winter; and it is up to all members to do their utmost to make the efforts worth while both to yours truly and the lecturers themselves.

Subscriptions.

I wish to remind members that the new financial year begins on 1st June, and I would ask all members to pay their dues without delay. One or two subscriptions for the past year are still outstanding and I must also ask for settlement without delay.

Omission.

I regret that owing to an inadvertent oversight I omitted in my last month's notes to thank our worthy Vice-Presidents for the noble way in which they afforded the means of transport for the members, thereby ensuring the minimum of trouble in getting to Leicester for the Tournament.

A.G. Meeting.

Our next Committee Meeting will be held on Wednesday, 8th June; and the Annual General Meeting of the Section will take place on Wednesday, 29th June. Please do your utmost to be present at the latter, as important matters will come up for discussion.

SOUTHERN SECTION TOURNAMENT

By the Editor

GENIAL weather favoured the Southern Section's “great day”. I refer, of course, to the Tournament played at the Romford Golf Club (by kind permission of the Committee) on Wednesday, 11th May. There was a touch of Spring in the air, the Essex birds were singing, and W. E. Moore had cheerfully worked night and day to get his course in that kind of condition which gains the approbation of the experts. In this, he and his staff more than triumphed, and they are to be most heartily congratulated. Not once throughout the day did I hear a condemnatory oath ascend into the ambient air: when shots were missed the players jolly well knew that it was *their* fault and not that of the popular head greenkeeper.

Once again one had to record a poor entry of just over forty strong. Is it that the shortage of labour (which is becoming pitiable in the South) makes it more and more difficult for greenkeepers to get away from their

courses, or is it that we are breeding a new race of greenkeepers who do not play golf? Anyway, the absentees missed a grand day among the fraternity.

The Play.

The players went off in threes and soon there was the old familiar sound of golf balls coming into contact with trees and other obstinate obstacles. The couples starting from the 11th teeing-ground had, perhaps, the toughest initial assignment, but there was not much in it, I suppose.

I saw some players holing long ones and many missing short ones, and not a few being deluded by the innocent-looking 128 yards long 6th. The reedy morass on the left caught ball after ball intended to finish on the narrow, tongue-like green, and instead of "an easy 3" there were not a few "uneasy" 6's, 7's and 8's. A fine hole, though, is this 6th.

There were several interesting "first-year competitors"—and we were glad to welcome them. In accordance with the competition rules of the Section, the new-comers played from scratch, and one of them, J. Noakes, of the neighbouring Thorndon Park Club, put in the best gross card of the morning with a well-played 77, made up as follows: Out, 3, 4, 3, 6, 5, 3, 4, 4, 4—36; In, 4, 6, 5, 3, 5, 6, 4, 3, 5—41. The same player went even one better in the afternoon with a gross round of 76, which included two 6's. Details: Out, 3, 4, 3, 3, 5, 6, 3, 4, 4, 4—36; In, 4, 5, 4, 3, 5, 5, 5, 3, 6—40.

Obviously the compiler of these cards is a player of very considerable ability. His gross aggregate of 153 was easily the best of the day, and, needless to say, won for him the 1st prize in the First-Year Competitors' Section.

In the Southern Section we do not segregate the sheep from the goats, i.e., the seniors from the juniors. The main event is an "all-in" one, which seems reasonable enough, on the principle that the juniors, despite their more generous handicaps, have as good a chance to win as the seniors. Perhaps a better one! Anyway, the arrangement works well, and certainly adds to the fun, always bearing in mind that these Sectional competitions are intended not to be taken as a life and death struggle for supremacy, but rather as an enjoyable experience among the gathering of the clans.

Steady Golf.

At the end of the day it was found that the leader was R. J. Cox, of Burnham Beeches, 9 handicap, with net rounds of 79 and 71=150. His capital afternoon card read: Out, 4, 4, 4, 4, 7, 6, 5, 4, 4, 5—43; In, 3, 6, 5, 3, 5, 4, 4, 2, 5—37=80 less 9—71.

One shot behind, at 151 net, was young J. Kirkpatrick (4), of Dulwich and Sydenham. He played steadily enough throughout the day, except for a few inevitable youthful lapses. Here are his cards (gross scores):



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Morning, Out, 7, 4, 4, 5, 5, 4, 3, 4, 5—41; In, 4, 6, 4, 2, 5, 5, 4, 4, 5—39. Total 80. Afternoon: Out, 6, 5, 3, 5, 4, 4, 3, 6, 4—40; In, 4, 4, 5, 5, 3, 5, 4, 4, 5—39. Total 79.

S. C. Dennis (14), of Upminster, annexed the third prize and brought more glory to the County of Essex by returning net cards of 78 and 74=152; and then followed a close string of scores tully detailed in the list of winning returns given below.

In the "Over 55" Section, the evergreen Tom Mason, of Hendon, playing off 11, put in a most useful net card of 75 in the morning—the best of the pre-lunch returns—which might have been much better if the putts had dropped. He manifested the same lack of success on the greens in the afternoon, but his net card of 76 (total 151) was good enough to win for him the 1st prize in his Section from W. Drewitt, of Burhill, 8 handicap, who played good golf, without any luck in holing out, to return net cards of 80 and 74=154.

Prize Distribution.

At the end of the day came the very pleasant ceremony of the prize-giving, and here the Section was favoured by the presence of Mr. S. Bamfield, the Captain of the Club, well and truly supported by the Acting Hon. Secretary, Mr. L. C. Upchurch, and many enthusiastic members of the Club, whose presence indicated their support not only of their own greenkeeper, Bill Moore, but also of the members of the Association as a whole.

After a brief introduction, in which the Captain heartily welcomed the Section to Romford, he distributed the glittering array of prizes and the sweeps to all the smiling winners.

Mr. J. G. Glass then proposed a collective vote of thanks to the Club for granting the courtesy of the course and club-house for the day. It was, he said, the second time in 20 years that the Section had played its competition in Essex, and he felt they should come to the County more frequently.

The speaker went on to congratulate Bill Moore on the wonderful job he had made of the course in the brief two years he had been attached to the Club. It was a great credit to him and his staff.

The speaker then thanked Mr. and Mrs. Hibberd, the Steward and Stewardess, and the rest of the indoor staff, for their unremitting services throughout the day; and then made a special reference to the hard work put in by the members of the Trade, who had so ably looked after the starting duties, the issuing of the cards, the collation of the returns and the prize lists, the issuing of the lunch and tea tickets, etc., etc. These gentlemen included Messrs. P. Hazell, B. Cammell, D. Craig and Rouse, to all of whom they were indeed most grateful. Finally, the speaker thanked all the various firms who had so generously contributed to the prize list.

The official proceedings being over, the company adjourned to that section of the clubhouse where the steward and his helpers were kept busy, and thus another day in the long history of the Section finally came all too quickly to an end.

The Prize List.

- 36 holes, under Handicap—One Competition:
- 1st.—R. J. Cox (Burnham Beeches) (9), 79, 71=150.—Rouse Cup, and Canteen of Cutlery.
 - 2nd.—J. Kirkpatrick (Dulwich) (9), 79, 74=153.—Allen Taylor Cup, and Travelling Clock.
 - 3rd.—S. C. Dennis (Upminster) (14), 78, 74=154.—Ronson Lighter.
 - 4th.—J. G. Glass (Thorpe Hall) (6), 79, 74=153.—Nest of Trays.
 - 5th.—D. Kirkpatrick (Dulwich) (9), 79, 74=153.—Wrist Watch.
 - 6th.—J. Johnstone (Leeds Castle) (8), 78, 76=154.—Cigarette Case.
 - 7th.—J. Ness (Croxham Hurst) (8), 80, 75=155.—Alarm Clock.
 - 8th.—B. Pearce (Muswell Hill) (17), 79, 76=155.—Flower Bowl.
 - 9th.—E. L. Goring (Addington Palace) (12), 82, 75=157.—Casserole Dish.
 - 10th.—H. G. Dixon (Crews Hill) (14), 81, 76=157.—Pyrex Fruit Dish.
 - 11th.—E. W. Foulkes (Mill Hill) (6), 80, 78=158.—Biscuit Barrel.
 - 12th.—W. Baldwin (16), 82, 77=159.—Brush and Razor Set.
 - 13th.—F. W. Ford (Hampstead) (16), 81, 78=159.—Condiment Set.

Scratch Event:

- 1st.—F. W. Corner (East Barnet), 84, 80=164.—The Burge Cup, and Travelling Bag.
- 2nd.—F. V. Fordham (Tandridge), 83, 82=165.—Table Cloth and Serviettes.
- 3rd.—E. Rosier (Temple), 86, 83=169.—Hawtree Tankard.

1st Year Competitors:

- 1st.—J. Noakes (Thorndon Park), 77, 76=153.—Sandwich Set.
- 2nd.—C. S. Payne, 84, 91=175.—Book ("Lawncraft").

55 Years and Over:

- 1st.—T. Mason (Hendon) (11), 75, 76=151.—Oak Clock.
- 2nd.—W. Drewitt (Burhill) (8), 80, 74=154.—Holdall.
- 3rd.—W. Mason (Finchley) (14), 81, 77=158.—Cosy Tea Pot.

Best Net Morning Score.—T. Mason, 75. Best Net Afternoon Score.—W. Drewitt, 74. Special Prizes presented by the Romford Golf Club.

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Correspondence

Position Vacant

Dear Sir,

We are desirous of appointing a green-keeper-professional to the Wellingborough Golf Club, and at the request of my Committee I have been asked to enquire whether your Association can assist in filling the vacancy.

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Applications for this post, giving age, details of past experience, etc., should be forwarded to me at the address given below.

Yours faithfully,

H. W. Blanchflower,

Hon. Secretary.

Wellingborough Golf Club,
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RETIREMENT PLAN FOR UNITED STATES GREENKEEPERS

[The following extract from a recent article in "The Golf Course Reporter", our esteemed American contemporary, will be read with interest—and, perhaps, a little envy!]

"The first step toward setting up a welfare and retirement programme for all golf club employees was announced in St. Louis by the Presidents of the golf's three operating groups.

"A committee to work out such a programme was established by William Beresford of Santa Monica, Calif., newly-elected President of the Golf Course Superintendents' Association of America; Harry L. Moffitt of Toledo, Ohio, President of the Professional Golfers' Association of America, and Thomas C. McGuffey of St. Louis, President of the Club Managers' Association of America.

"The committee, which will include one man from each group, will study and recommend a programme for consideration by the three groups before such a plan is presented to golf club membership groups.

"Beresford noted this is the first joint project ever undertaken by the three groups. 'We have had our differences in the past, almost always without serious foundation, but I can think of no better beginning project than the one for the welfare of our golf club and course workers to bring us into closer contact and co-operation,' he said.

"Agar M. Brown, Secretary of the Golf Course Superintendents' Association, who have offices in St. Charles, reports that the St. Louis gathering brought together nearly one thousand men from Guam, Hawaii, Mexico, England, Canada, and this country for the purpose of learning how to improve golf courses for the estimated three and one half million players who annually whack the ball. The group chose Long Beach, Calif., for its 1956 meeting site."

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POA ANNUA CONTROLS WITH ARSENIC MATERIALS

[The following most interesting article is reproduced from a recent issue of our esteemed American contemporary, "Golf Course Reporter". The author is Mr. W. H. Daniel, of the Agronomy Department, Purdue University, Lafayette, Indiana.]

ONE of the major problems in the maintenance of fine turf for putting greens, fairways, lawns and athletic fields is the potential infestation with *Poa annua*. We see it most obviously on the putting greens in fall and spring periods when the bentgrass grows more slowly and the *Poa annua*, because of its cool season nature, grows very rapidly and produces seedheads regardless of the height of cut. Many people have observed that vigorous growing grasses could reduce infestations of the *Poa annua* seedlings and that good maintenance which maintained a thick cover of competitive turf was a good *Poa annua* control. However, many of the practices of utilizing and maintaining turf provide openings which may permit an infestation of young seedlings during at least six months of the year in the midwest.

Poa annua is a so-called annual because it can germinate and produce a seed crop in as little as two months under ideal conditions. It does not have to develop the reserves and rhizomes that Kentucky bluegrass does before seed formation. However, *Poa annua* may live for several years, as observed around golf greens and on fairways, until either wilting or disease kills the plant. When these disasters come and the turf is lost, openings are left for crabgrass, clover, or later *Poa annua* infestations.

Before the introduction of new insecticides, many superintendents used repeated applications of arsenate of lead as an insect control. In 1940 ninety million pounds of lead arsenate was used in the United States. In 1953 this had been cut to eighteen million pounds. About 1944 many superintendents began using chlordane and other insecticides. In 1950 they wondered if it was not the arsenic they had been using which had reduced weedy grass infestations, including *Poa annua* and crabgrass. Several golf course superintendents who continued to use lead arsenate regularly report little infestation of *Poa annua*.

Experimental.

We started a series on the No. 6 fairway of the Lafayette Country Club, in September, 1951, using many chemicals, including lead arsenate at 30 lbs. per 1,000 sq. ft. On November 1st, two months later, the *Poa annua* in the area given the lead arsenate topdressing showed reduced growth, shortened root system and very little vigour.

That winter, in the greenhouse, two 4 in. bentgrass plugs were placed in each of 32 flats of soil which were overseeded to *Poa annua*. Three days later, Chloro-IPC was used

at 0— $\frac{1}{4}$ — $\frac{1}{2}$ —1 gallon per acre. All applications of Chloro-IPC gave good *Poa annua* control. However, the $\frac{1}{2}$ and 1 gallon per acre caused the bentgrass to stop growth for as long as two months. Therefore, it is not recommended for seedling growth control in established turf. Likewise, Dinitrophenol was applied at .05—.1—.2 gal. per acre with the higher rate giving control. However, Dinitros are definitely foliar burning materials and the superintendent would need to be very careful to avoid foliar burn to his existing grasses; therefore, Dinitros are not recommended for *Poa annua* control selectively.

Meanwhile, in May, 1952, the lead arsenate applied the previous September on fairway turf again showing definite *Poa annua* weakening so that it was not competitive with the bluegrasses. The following fall, we established an additional series of *Poa annua* controls on the same fairway and on the practice green of the Lafayette Country Club. We did not observe any control on the practice green where soil tests showed there were very high phosphorous accumulations. In 1953 a second application was made to the putting green, and since that time phosphorous applications have been cut considerably. A reduction in *Poa annua* was not observed the first two years after arsenic was applied.

In 1953 we again utilized the greenhouse and planted *Poa annua* in flats into which Merion bluegrass strips were seeded. Lead arsenate was used at 0—20—40—60 lbs. per 1,000 sq. ft., mixed into the upper 2 in. of the soil prior to planting. Sodium arsenite was applied at 0—2—4 and 6 lbs. of 91 per cent dry powder mixed into the surface 2 in. When the *Poa annua* was approximately 1 month old the arsenic began to inhibit its vigour. We then applied 20 per cent super-phosphate at one ton per acre, or 50 lbs. per 1,000 sq. ft., to one-half of each flat. Within two weeks the plants previously showing arsenic inhibition began to show new growth and normal vigour which continued for the following six months. Rates of 20 lbs. lead arsenate, or 2 lbs. sodium arsenite mixed into the soil prior to planting was sufficient for one year. Regardless of the amount of arsenic applied, the super-phosphate application overwhelmed the arsenic effect. The Merion bluegrass strips showed greater tolerance to high arsenic than did the *Poa annua*.

(To be continued.)

DEATH OF HARRY FULFORD

Just as we are closing for press, the sad news has reached us of the death of Harry Fulford, who passed away suddenly on 4th June. His last article, written a few days before his death, appears in the current issue. We hope to publish an appreciation of our old friend in our next issue.—Editor.

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