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Among the Sections

SOUTHERN SECTION NOTES

By W. Mason

Section Tournament.

THE report on the Southern Section Tournament last month at the Reading Golf Club will be found elsewhere in the current issue—and this can be safely left to our Editor. But on behalf of my Committee I would like to say how very much we appreciated all that was done for us by Mr. M. L. Ash, the Captain; by the Secretary for getting the score cards ready for issue; by Mr. and Mrs. W. Kingston (the Head Greenkeeper and Stewardess, respectively, to the Club); and by various members of the Club who were kind enough to help at intervals throughout the day behind the bar.

Our most grateful thanks are also accorded to the following firms who supported us with cheques, etc., for the purchase of prizes: Messrs. Ransomes; Greens; Carters; Bugges; Lloyds; Hemingway; Eclipse Peat; F. Keep; R. C. Craig; Lunevale Products; Pattisson's (a Ronson Lighter); and W. Hargreaves (a Pair of Rolcut Secateurs).

Annual Subscriptions.

I have already received a number of subscriptions for the ensuing year, and I would like specially to thank the members concerned for their prompt attention and response to my request in last month's issue. May I at the same time remind all other members of the Section that the Association's financial year ended on 31st May, and therefore the annual dues became payable on 1st June for the year 1956-57. Please let me have the pleasure of making out and forwarding your receipt without delay! And here's my thanks in advance.

S.T.R.I. Journal.

I have received notification from our Bingley friends that the new Journal of the Research Station will be despatched within the next week or two to all members of the Section whose subscriptions are up-to-date.

Proposed Visit to Bingley.

As mentioned in a previous issue, your Committee has cordially approved the suggestion that our Section members should pay a visit to the Research Station later in the year. I have been in touch with Mr. Dawson regarding this proposal, and I have had a reply from him to the effect that Bingley would be delighted to see us, for preference fairly early in October so as, if possible, to avoid bad weather.

Mr. Dawson suggests it would be an excellent plan to travel on the Sunday, put up in Bingley and district on Sunday night, spend Monday at the Research Station, and return on Tuesday. Once it is known how many would be in the party, Mr. Dawson says he feels sure accommodation could be arranged. Bed and breakfast would vary from about 15/- to 16/- according to where each was staying. Approximate cost of meals would be: lunch, 5/-; tea, 3/6; and dinner, 5/- (if required).

I would like to mention that our Section will provide all travelling expenses, and further details will be given later. In the meantime I have been asked to enquire about the hiring of a coach, or coaches, for the three days.

Team Match.

Mr. W. E. Moore, of the Romford Club, Essex, our Section Match representative, informs me that a team match has been arranged with the Society of London Golf Captains, to be played at Sudbury (by kind permission of the Committee) on Tuesday, 26th June. He has not yet picked his team, and he asks me to state that any member of the Section wishing to play should write and let him know by not later than Sunday, 17th June. The players are due to meet at 1 p.m. for lunch, and will be entertained to supper after the match. Letters regarding this match must be sent to the following address: W. E. Moore, 13 Tudor Drive, Gidea Park, Essex.

Telephone Number Changed.

Will all members kindly note that my personal telephone number has been changed to: SUNnyhill 0245.

Resignation.

Mr. E. Whitfield, having given up his post as Head Greenkeeper to the Parkstone Golf Club, Dorset, has written to say that he wishes to resign from the Association.

WELSH SECTION NOTES

By S. A. Tucker

Very Important Notice.

HERE is a message of urgent importance to all members of our Association who will be taking part in the Association's Annual Tournament at the Glamorganshire Golf Club in August.

Those members who have not yet written for accommodation are asked to write direct to the following address (instead of to myself): Mr. J. O'Gorman, 12 Cornerswell Road, Penarth, Glam. Mr. O'Gorman lives on the spot, so to speak, and I am grateful to this member of the Welsh Section for undertaking to help fix up the competitors. Please give full details of your requirements, the type of accommodation required, and the period, etc.

It is not necessary to write again to Mr. O'Gorman if you have already written to me, as I am forwarding on such letters to him, and you will hear from him in due course.

A Tribute.

I would like to pay a tribute to one of our old members, Mr. G. Jones, who has completed fifty years' service with the Glamorganshire Golf Club. I am pleased to say he was recently the recipient of a wallet of notes from his Club—a very nice and greatly appreciated gesture in recognition of his long and successful period of service. May I add—best of all—that he is still going strong.

A.G.M. and Tournament.

Our next meeting will be held at the Royal Porthcawl Golf Club (by kind permission of the Committee) on Tuesday, 3rd July. 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 be present. The Tournament will, as usual, be held in conjunction with the South Wales Secretaries' Association's meeting.

I must have all entries in my hands by not later than Tuesday, 26th June, as I have to let Mr. Clements, the Secretary of the S.W.S.A., know how many he has to cater for.

Please drop me a postcard immediately, notifying me of your intention to take part. Thank you.

The Association's Annual Tournament.

As you are already well aware, the Welsh Section is honoured this year by the holding of the Association's Annual Tournament

within our borders. There is an official entry form enclosed in the present issue of the magazine, and I hope Mr. Moss will be bombarded with entries from our own Section. This is an event which simply must not be missed. It is up to you fellows to maintain the prestige of our Section to the full.

MIDLAND SECTION NOTES

By W. Barton

A Gentle Reminder.

JUNE is the month which starts our "New Year" in a financial sense. It is also the month for Midland Section members to send their subscriptions to our Hon. Treasurer, Mr. E. Benbow. You have only to deal with this little matter once, so—do it now.

I want our Section to be the first to be able to report the magic words "All Paid" to Headquarters, and you can help me to achieve this. Please send your subscriptions direct to: Mr. E. H. Benbow, 79 Brushfield Road, Great Barr, Birmingham, 22a.

SOUTH-WESTERN SECTION NOTES

By W. T. Tyrrell

Annual Subscriptions.

I WOULD like to remind all members of the South-Western Section that 31st May marked the end of the Association's financial year 1955-56. Subscriptions for the year 1956-57 are therefore now due, and I would appreciate the co-operation of members by their forwarding all amounts by 1st July.

The Saltford Event.

And here's another reminder. Don't forget Monday, 25th June. Play will commence at 4-30 p.m. at the Saltford Golf Club in the Open Amateur and Greenkeepers' forsores event. Make all arrangements with your partner, and come along in good time for a good time! You can be sure of an enjoyable evening, whether you are a prize-winner or not.

Section Annual Tournament.

The Annual Tournament of the South-Western Section will be played over the course of the Burnham and Berrow Club (by kind permission of the Committee) on Tuesday, 17th July. On this fine course we are bound to have a grand day, so as soon as you have read this paragraph, please advise me immediately of your intention to enter, as there is much detail work involved, and of course I have to make the necessary arrangements with the Club as regards lunches and teas, etc. So please do not delay.

In the meantime, here's hoping for a lot of rain.

NORTHERN SECTION NOTES

By F. G. Smith

Annual Golf Tournament.

WE had a very successful day on 3rd May at Huddersfield, when we played 36 holes medal over that beautiful course at Fixby. Our colleague, Syd, had it in first class condition in spite of the late growth, but as we had our Editor, Mr. Philpot, in attendance and with us for the first time, I am leaving the report of the event to him and we sincerely hope he enjoyed his visit North, for it gave us great pleasure to see him amongst us.

The Committee sincerely thank the following members of the trade for the kind support of our Prize Fund:—Messrs. H. Pattison and Co.; T. Green and Son; Heckmondwike Chemical Co.; Stephen Toulson and Sons; Lloyds and Co.; E. G. Jepson and Co.; A. Shanks and Son Ltd.; W. Hargreaves and Son Ltd.; Hemingway and Co. Ltd.; Ransomes Ltd.; Richardson and Co.; W. Mountain and Son; and Mr. L. H. Bakes.

I personally wish to thank our President, Mr. F. V. Southgate, and our Treasurer, Mr. W. H. Bartle, for the very able way they ran the Tournament, and for which I am very grateful.

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New Members.

We give a hearty welcome to Mr. R. Bradley, Leeds Rd., West Ardsley, Nr. Wakefield, who has joined the Association as a Vice-President of the Section. We look forward to Mr. Bradley joining us in our various outings and to his meeting the members.

The Committee have pleasure in announcing that Mr. L. N. Bakes, Secretary to the Moor Allerton Golf Club, Leeds, has been made an Hon. Vice-President of the Section and Association. Mr. L. N. Bakes is Hon. Secretary to the North-Eastern Section of the Golf Club Secretaries. His home address is: 16a Street Lane, Leeds, 8.

Subscriptions.

May I remind members that subscriptions are now due as from 1st June, 1956. It would greatly help the Treasurer and myself if prompt payments were made and not spread over the whole year. Do it now. The old saying: "Better late than never", should read "Better never late"!

Annual General Meeting.

The above-mentioned Meeting will be held in the Market Tavern, Godwin Street, Bradford, on Tuesday, 12th June, 1956, at

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Blazer Badges.

Our blazer badges have given great satisfaction, judging by the letters I have received from various Section members.

NORTHERN SECTION ANNUAL TOURNAMENT

By the Editor

ON Thursday, 3rd May, I had the great pleasure of being present as a guest at the Annual Tournament of the Northern Section, which this year was held at the Huddersfield Golf Club, Fixby (by kind permission of the Committee). It was my first visit to Yorkshire for a purely Northern Section tourney, but I hope most sincerely it will not be the last, for not only was the hospitality extended to me something that I shall never forget, but the general organisation and running of the Tournament itself was as near perfection as one can hope for in this imperfect world.

I must at once pay tribute to, and heartily congratulate, all concerned—the Committee; the Chairman; the indefatigable Hon. Secretary, my old friend F. G. Smith; and the Hon. Treasurer, genial W. H. Bartle,

who gave up his day and became a back-room boy so that the players could get out on the course and enjoy themselves. Especially must I also thank Mr. F. V. Southgate, who not only had a busy day issuing and checking the cards and the returns, but very kindly met me in Leeds and conveyed me to Huddersfield and back in his car—a much appreciated gesture.

Of the Fixby course much could be written if space allowed. I hope to refer to its long and notable history in a separate article in a future issue. For the moment let me say that it measures about 6,400 yards over grand, undulating terrain; that the soil is naturally acid (rather like that of Ganton) and therefore the finer grasses thrive and the weeds do not. The local custodian is none other than Syd Jolly. He has been in charge for many years, knows every blade of grass by its Christian name, is highly efficient, exudes friendship of a special Yorkshire brand, and is deservedly most popular with the Club he so ably serves. It gave me added pleasure to meet this Northern stalwart, and I must congratulate him on the condition of his course, notwithstanding the lamentable lack of rain common to the whole of the Country. As I write these lines it is actually raining here in the outskirts of London, and I hope Syd is getting some of it at Huddersfield, too, for it is badly wanted—lots of it.

Over 40 competitors took part in the event which, as usual, consisted of 36-holes medal

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play under handicap, with two divisions, and subsidiary sections for competitors who quite erroneously are described at "veterans" (such, for example, as George Kendall); for Vice-Presidents; and for Greenkeeper-Professionals. In short, there was something for everybody to shoot at, but they found a tough test awaiting them, and nobody made Fixby's S.S. score of 72 look even remotely foolish. The returns were in the main just steady stuff, as will be seen by a perusal of the full list of prize-winners below.

As might have been expected, the lowest gross aggregate of the day (154) was compiled by F. Walker, the Clitheroe greenkeeper-professional. This expert hitter of the ball made very few mistakes throughout the day. Here are the details of his cards: Morning: Out, 5, 5, 4, 4, 6, 4, 4, 4, 5—41; In, 3, 4, 4, 3, 5, 3, 4, 6, 4—36; total, 77. Afternoon: Out, 5, 5, 4, 3, 5, 5, 4, 4, 5—40; In, 4, 3, 4, 4, 3, 4, 5, 6—37; total, 77.

Leading all Sections in the morning was H. Driver, of Bingley St. Ives, with 75 net, but his afternoon 79 opened the gate to Sandmoor's J. Scott (18) who, after a pre-lunch net 79 excelled himself in the afternoon with a capital 71 for an aggregate of 150 to win the 2nd Division section.

In the 1st Division G. L. Sharp (12) gained the premier award with commendably steady returns of 79 and 81, beating A Money, of Headingley, playing off a similar handicap, by a single shot. It will not escape notice that two competitors called Smith (senior and junior) both managed to figure in the prize list. I seem to have heard of these two before, and in congratulating them on their success I shall watch their further progress towards scratch! Smith junior marred an otherwise good afternoon card with a 7 at the 5th and a 9 at the 12th, but even so he turned in a net 79, playing off 7.

One competitor, who shall remain anonymous, but for whose pluck and persistence I have the greatest admiration, registered 259 gross for the 36 holes, four holes in the morning round alone cost him 11, 10 and two 9's. Such is golf, and most of us have done it in our time!

With the day's play over, we assembled in full force in the lounge, where Mr. H. G. Whitley, the Captain of the Club, very kindly presented the prizes, supported by Mr. E. E. Ainley, ex-Captain; Mr. W. Scott, Hon. Secretary; and many members of the Club.

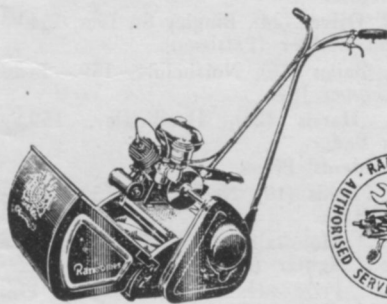
Mr. G. Geddes, Chairman of the Section, ably proposed, and Mr. T. Hullah equally ably seconded, a collective vote of thanks to Mr. Whitley for presenting the prizes; to the Huddersfield Club for granting the courtesy of the course for the day; to Mr. S. Risdon, the Steward, and his wife and sister-in-law for the splendid meals and service provided both in the dining room and at the 19th hole; to Mr. F. V. Southgate for handling the cards and returns; to Mr. Syd Jolly and his staff for the hard work put in to get the course in such excellent condition; and to



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the Editor for being with the Northern Section on the occasion of their annual tournament. Mr. F. G. Smith also spoke on behalf of the Section and Association, and endorsed the vote of thanks submitted by the previous speakers.

Mr. Whitley, in acknowledging the vote of thanks on behalf of the Club and himself, said how very pleased they all were at Fixby to have the greenkeepers with them, and he hoped they would come again on some future occasion. The Club were very proud of their course and their greenkeeper, who had been at the Club over 20 years. The Editor also spoke, and thanked the Committee of the Northern Section for inviting him to be their guest, and for their quite remarkable hospitality. He congratulated them on a truly successful day, and said he brought fraternal greetings from the Midland Section and the Southern Section members, and also from Headquarters.

Thus ended the official proceedings, and I, too, will conclude by once again thanking my good friends in the North for giving me the opportunity to be with them and to enjoy their most friendly reception.

Prize-winners.

Winners of prizes were as follows:—

Scratch Prize.—S. Smith (Halifax), 179.—Annisson Bull Scratch Cup, and Clock, presented by W. Mountain and Son.

Greenkeeper - Professional. — F. Walker (Clitheroe), 77, 77=154.—Prize presented by Mr. L. H. Bakes.

1st Division: Handicaps Scr. to 15.

1st.—G. L. Sharp (12), Woodhall Hills, 160.—Sutton Cup, and Clock.

2nd.—A. Money (12), Headingley, 161.—Blazer Badge.

3rd.—F. G. Smith, Snr. (13), S.T.R.I., 162.—Tala Egg Whisk.

4th.—F. G. Smith, Jnr. (7), West Bradford, 163.—Ronson Lighter (Pattisson).

5th.—G. T. Geddes (14), Moor Allerton, 163.—Brass and Copper Jug.

2nd Division: Handicaps 16 to 24.

1st.—J. Scott (18), Sandmoor, 150.—Penrose Green Cup, and Clock.

2nd.—E. Paley (16), Sandmoor, 154.—Tala Egg Whisk.

3rd.—H. Driver (24), Bingley St. Ives, 154.—Ronson Lighter (Pattisson).

4th.—S. Bailes (16), Northcliffe, 159.—Brass and Copper Jug.

5th.—J. Harris (24), Headingley, 159.—Blazer Badge.

Vice-Presidents' Prizes

1st.—E. Foulds (10), Northcliffe, 157.—Brass Letter Rack.

2nd.—W. Mountain (24), Leeds, 164.—Ronson Lighter (Pattisson).

Veterans' Prize.—G. Kendall (24), Unattached, Rolcut (Hargreaves).

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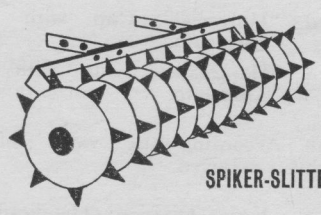
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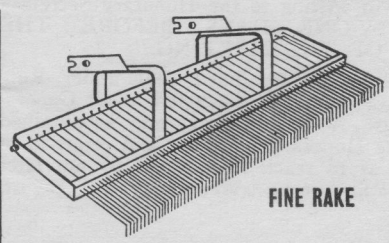
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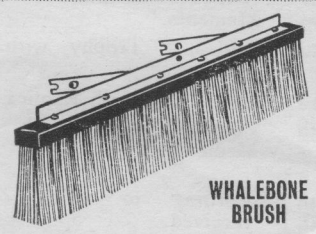
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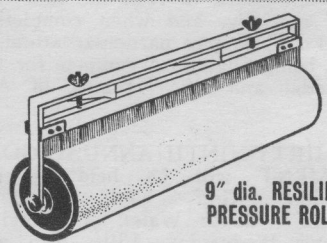
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Hon. Secretary's Notes

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WILL ALL Section Secretaries please let me have their Membership Return by not later than 30th June. All I require to know is the TOTAL Section membership at 31st May, and this figure should include members of all classes.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the next Meeting of the Executive Committee will be held at the Club-house, Glamorganshire Golf Club, Penarth, Glamorganshire, South Wales, on SUNDAY, 12th AUGUST, commencing at 5-30 p.m. No further Notice will be issued regarding this meeting.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

In accordance with Rule 23, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE THIRTY-NINTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE BRITISH GOLF GREEN-KEEPERS' ASSOCIATION will be held at the Club-house, Glamorganshire Golf Club, Penarth, Glamorganshire, South Wales, on MONDAY, 13th AUGUST, 1956, commencing at 3-30 p.m.

Notice of Resolutions to be proposed must be sent in writing to the Honorary 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 Honorary Secretary and returned to him so as to reach his address by not later than the first post on Wednesday, 8th August, 1956.

THE ANNUAL TOURNAMENT

Members are asked to read the following notes very carefully, and when completing the Entry Form, to pay particular attention as to their being eligible to compete for the Artisan Medal and the "Coming of Age Cup".

THE THIRTY-NINTH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT will be held at the Glamorganshire Golf Club, Penarth, Glamorganshire, South Wales, on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, 13th, 14th and 15th August, 1956. An Entry Form is enclosed.

PROGRAMME

MONDAY, 13TH AUGUST.

Morning. 18 Holes only. Stableford Competition for the S.T.R.I. Cup. Each player to receive $\frac{7}{8}$ of his Medal Handicap. 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes will be given.

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

TUESDAY, 14TH 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 Ransomes 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 President's Cup with Replica or Memento.

2nd "Patisson" Trophy with Replica or Memento.

3rd "Mays" Cup with Replica or Memento.

4th "Verdone" Cup with Replica or Memento.

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WEDNESDAY, 15TH AUGUST.

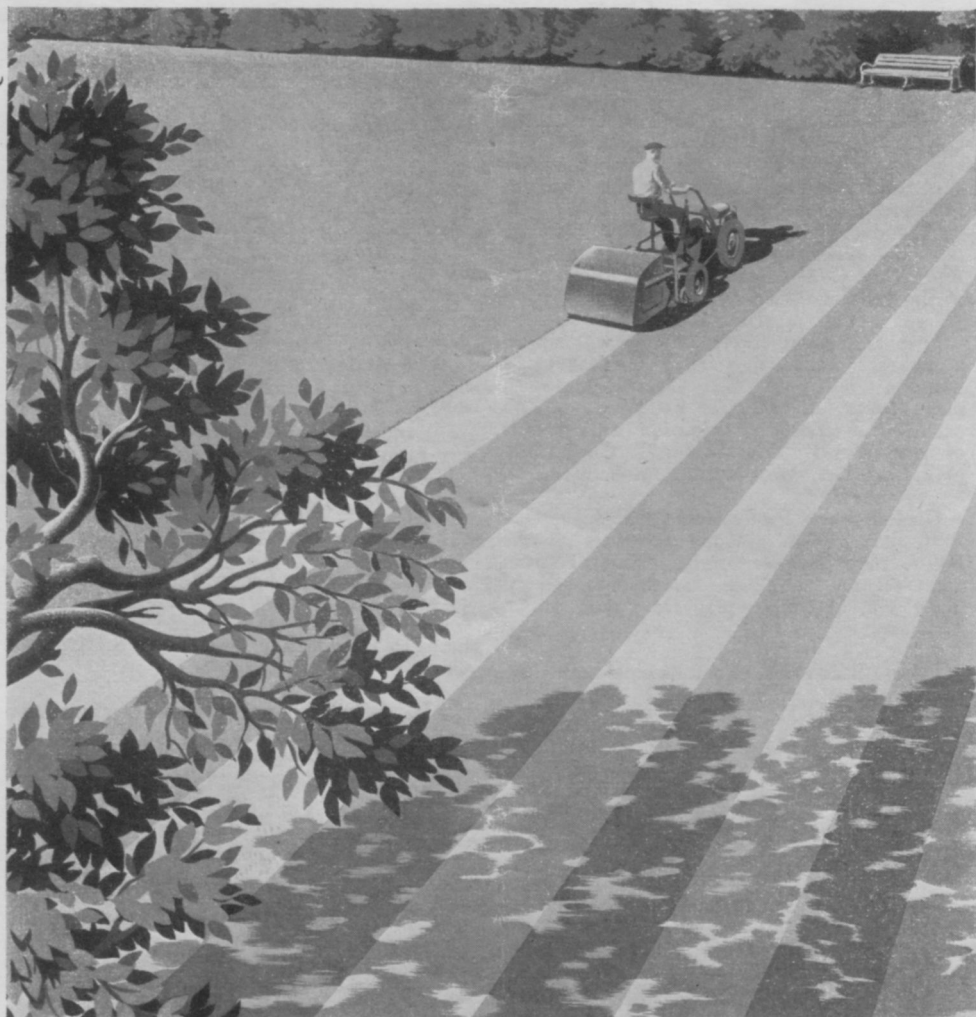
Morning. 18 Holes Medal. No Handicap Divisions.

1st Prize.—The "Allan Taylor" Cup.

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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



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"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, 14th 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, 13th 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, 14th 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, 14th 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, 15th 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 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, 13TH AUGUST.	18 Holes.
TUESDAY, 14TH AUGUST.	36 Holes.
WEDNESDAY, 15TH 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, 30th 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 one) the result will be decided on the LAST NINE HOLES.

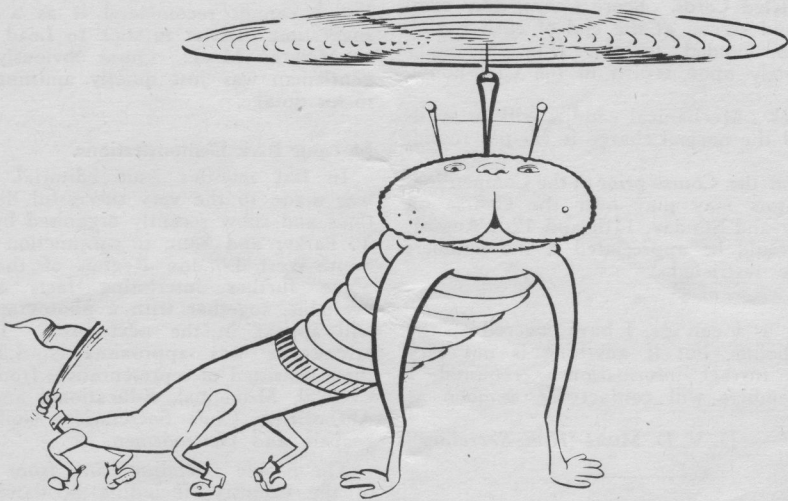
Should a Tie still exist, the LAST SIX HOLES WILL COUNT.

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

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In the event of a replay being necessary the contestants shall play together; Stroke Play over 18 Holes.

Local Rules. Competitors should make themselves familiar with the Local Rules before commencing to play.

Completed Cards. Score Cards, duly completed and signed at the end of each round, must be handed to the Hon. Secretary immediately upon return to the Club-house.

Caddies. Mechanical caddies will be available and the normal charge is 1/- per round.

Play on the Course prior to the Competition. Competitors may play over the Course on Saturday and Sunday, 11th and 12th August, but it would be appreciated if the numbers could be restricted.

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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.

D. V. D. Moss (*Hon. Secretary*).

THE EDITOR WRITES:—

Annual Tournament Accommodation.

I WOULD like to call the attention of all intending entrants for our forthcoming Annual Tournament to the first paragraph of Mr. Tucker's Welsh Section Notes on page 2, headed "Very Important Notice". If accommodation has not already been fixed members should at once write to Mr. O'Gorman at the address mentioned in the paragraph, and not to Mr. Tucker, who is located in the Swansea area—nearly forty miles or so from Penarth or Barry. I am sure everyone will feel grateful to Mr. O'Gorman for so kindly offering to help out in what is really a most important and difficult job. Remember, time is getting short, and these holiday resorts on the Welsh coast are full of visitors in August.

Honourable Retirement.

Fellow members will learn with interest that G. Field has retired after 57 years' service with the Woking Golf Club, Surrey. What changes have taken place since he first became associated with golf greenkeeping!

Wormkilling: A New Idea.

A very unusual and amusing incident occurred during my recent visit to the Northern Section. Mr. Southgate, who was good enough to let me share his car from Leeds to Huddersfield, was not quite sure of the road leading to the Fixby Club, and decided to pull up to a very old fellow busy outside his roadside cottage. The old boy gave us the "know how" in considerable detail, for which we thanked him. But we were both highly amused when we noticed

that he had a shovel in one hand and a stick in the other, and we had interrupted him just as he was very seriously cutting a nice fat Yorkshire worm in half with the shovel, with the stick poised in the air ready to defend himself against any possible counter-attack on the part of the worm!

I pass this novel tip on to our readers, but I cannot recommend it as a practical suggestion. Better to stick to Lead Arsenate or Mowrah Meal! Quite obviously the old gentleman was just quietly amusing himself in his dotage.

Motspur Park Demonstrations.

In last month's issue editorial reference was made to the very successful demonstrations and show recently organised by Messrs. T. Parker and Sons, in conjunction with the South-West London Region of the N.A.G. Some further interesting facts are now available, together with a photograph which will appear in the next issue. The total attendance was approximately 1,500, and these consisted of representatives from County Council, Municipal, Educational and School Authorities, Club Secretaries, Golf Greenkeepers and Groundsmen.

The people attending came from all areas of the Country, including Scotland, Wales, Isle of Wight, Northern Ireland and Eire.

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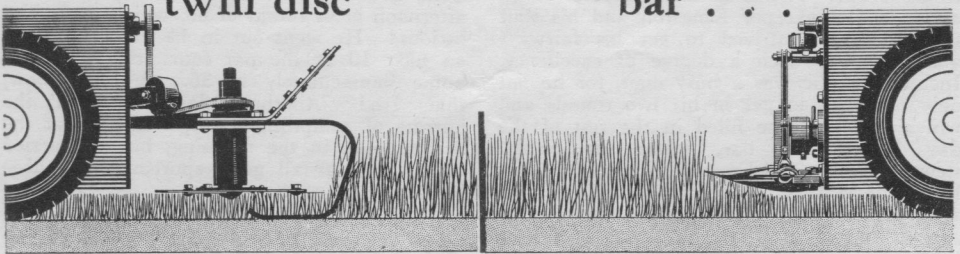


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facilities for the remainder requiring catering. The buffet tea was provided free, and the day was concluded with two film shows in the Pavilion—one of the President Tractor, and the other of various Watering Appliances.

A very good show indeed from every point of view.

Southern Section Tournament

By the Editor

MANY roads led to Berkshire on Tuesday, 8th May, when over 50 members of the Southern Section assembled at the Reading Golf Club (by kind permission of the Committee) for their Annual Tournament.

The weather was ideal, and the course was in splendid order, always remembering that rain (in common with all courses) was long overdue. It was all to the greater credit of Head Greenkeeper Kingston and his staff that he had contrived to get his fairways and greens to such a degree of excellence. Incidentally, he was a busy man, for he not only managed to get in his two rounds and win a prize, but he filled in the rest of the day behind the bar, while his cheery stewardess wife and her staff provided perfect lunches and teas, in generous portions that satisfied even the hungriest of the competitors.

The players went out in threes and kept well to schedule, despite four stiff opening holes measuring, 446, 440, 395 and 418 yards respectively, and few players contrived to register the 4, 5, 4, 4 of Col. Bogey. However, the general level of the net returns was, I thought, extremely good.

The hero of the day deserves, and must have, a paragraph all to himself. I refer to W. B. McKean, of South Beds., who had a field day and swept the board well and truly clean. This amiable Scot, whose swing is one of the "can't-go-wrong" variety, played superbly. He was round in a gross 77 in the morning, less 8=69, and his gross 75 in the afternoon was an even better effort, as his handicap had been reduced to 6. This gave him another net 69 for a winning aggregate of 138. A combination of skill and good fortune gave him a hole in 1—the blind and tricky 6th (141 yards). This helped him on his way rejoicing, and subsequently cost him a few bawbees celebrationally!

Here are the details of his two cards: Morning: Out, 5, 5, 4, 5, 4, 3, 5, 3, 5—38; In, 6, 3, 4, 4, 5, 3, 4, 5, 4—39; less 8=69. Afternoon: Out, 5, 6, 5, 5, 4, 1, 4, 3, 5—38; In, 5, 3, 5, 5, 3, 4, 4, 3—37; less 6=69.

The runner-up in the main competition was another Scot in J. K. Glass (6). Long tee-shots down the middle and accurate approach work gave him net rounds of 75 and 72 for an aggregate of 147. His afternoon card read: Out, 5, 5, 4, 4, 5, 3, 5, 4, 4—39; In, 5, 3, 5, 5, 3, 5, 4, 4—39; less 6=72.

J. M. Johnstone (8), of Leeds Castle, took the third prize after a tie with F. W. Corner

(6), at 148, a success due to a fine net afternoon round of 70.

On the principle of "one man one prize", the scratch award went to that rapidly improving young player J. Kirkpatrick, of Dulwich and Sydenham, with 151, after a tie with W. A. Gardner, of Guildford. The latter, who plays off 3, and hits the ball "a mile", as the saying goes, has a beautifully compact and controlled swing, and his golf was a pleasure to watch.

In the section for the "over 55's", the leader was our old friend S. Morton, who returned recently from the North of Ireland to these shores, and is now at Old Fold Manor. Playing off 10, he was the embodiment of steadiness in returning a net aggregate of 149. For the full list of winning returns, see below.

Not all survived the day without disaster. For instance, J. Noakes, who off 2 handicap is no mean performer, had an extraordinary afternoon gross round of 80, which made him furious! He went out in 44 which included an ugly 10 at the par four 7th, and came home immaculately in 36. A cruel blow, that 7th! Another player suffered the horrors of compiling 8, 14, 7 and 10 at the first 4 holes in the morning, but he carried on bravely, as all good sportsmen should—but many do not!

The lounge provided an animated scene when Mr. M. L. Ash, the Captain of the Club, after a speech of hearty welcome, presented the prizes, which included a special Club "hole-in-one" tie to Jock McKean—a nice additional memento of the occasion.

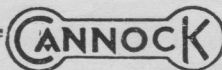
In the unavoidable absence of Mr. Fred Chambers, the Section President, a collective vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. J. G. Glass. He thanked the Club for granting the courtesy of the course and club-house, which everyone present had so much appreciated. He said the course had played extremely well, thanks to the work of Mr. W. Kingston and his staff; and they were truly indebted to Mrs. Kingston and the indoor staff for having provided such wonderful food. They were also most grateful to Messrs. Hazell, Marshall and Cammell, of Ransomes, for their untiring work throughout the day in handling the cards and collating the scores.

A pleasing feature was the attendance of Mr. W. Smithers and other old members of the Association. It warmed our hearts to see these familiar faces. The Trade were also well represented, for in addition to the Ransomes trio mentioned above, I noted the following: Messrs. S. George and J. Field (Keep's); Mr. Rouse (Fisons); Mr. Shepherd (Pattison's); Mr. Booth (Parker's); Mr. D. Craig (Craig); and Mr. Slee (Eclipse Peat).

Prize-winners.

The following won prizes:—

36 Holes Medal: Handicap (net scores).
1st.—W. B. McKean (S. Beds.) (8) (6), 69, 69 =138.—Rouse Cup, and Canteen of Cutlery.



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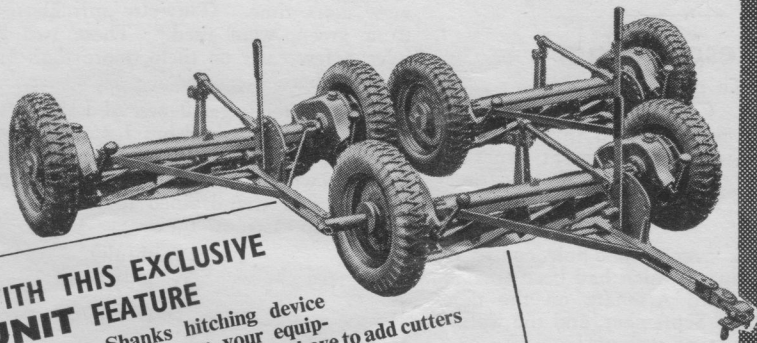
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- 3rd.—J. M. Johnstone (Leeds Castle) (8), 78, 70=148.—Sutton's Cup, and Ronson Lighter.
- 4th.—F. W. Corner (Barnet) (6), 73, 75=148.—Fruit Set.
- 5th.—C. West (Rochester and Cobham) (5), 73, 76=149.—Cut Glass Vases.
- 6th.—C. A. Moore (Stanmore) (12), 76, 73=149.—Alarm Clock.
- 7th.—F. G. Maidment (Bexley Heath) (8), 74, 76=150.—Set of Glasses.
- 8th.—E. W. Foulkes (Mill Hill) (6), 73, 78=151.—Biscuit Barrel.
- 9th.—A. Margetts (Ryl. Mid-Surrey) (9), 78, 76=154.—Pair Candlesticks.
- 10th.—E. L. Gowing (Addington P.) (12), 77, 77=154.—Settee Set.
- 11th.—D. Baldwin (Maidenhead) (14), 77, 77=154.—Set of Hall Brushes.
- 12th.—W. Kingston (Reading) (14), 75, 79=154.—Brush and Comb.
- Scratch Prizes.
- 1st.—J. Kirkpatrick (Dulwich), 81, 76=151.—Canteen of Cutlery.
- 2nd.—W. A. Gardner (Guildford), 72, 79=151.—Gent.'s Holdall.
- 3rd.—L. G. Lucas (Leckford), 80, 80=160.—Hawtree Tankard.
- Over 55's.
- 1st.—S. Morton (Old Fold Manor) (10), 73, 76=149.—Fish Knives and Forks.
- 2nd.—G. H. Veal (Woking) (11), 79, 74=153.—Clock.
- 3rd.—H. G. Dixon (Crews Hill) (14), 79, 75=154.—Tablecloth and Serviettes.
- Best Afternoon Score.—J. McKean, 69.—Pair Secateurs.

Correspondence

(To the Editor)

Dear Editor,

I have been very interested in the correspondence on de-worming in recent issues of our magazine.

My experiences have been very contradictory.

Pre-war I took over a nine-hole course in the month of January which had been treated with 6-cwt. of Lead Arsenate on the nine greens the previous September, and the worm-casts were as large as walnuts!

I treated these greens with Mowrah Meal in favourable weather and swept up worms, filling a barrow on some greens; and, in spite of mowing greens, banks and approaches with the boxes on, worms re-populated the greens, attracted presumably by the decomposing Mowrah Meal.

I found Derris Root (5% Rotentone) better; $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. Derris per sq. yd. being more effective than 8 ozs. of Mowrah Meal and needing less water; in fact, if I slipped up in water supply the Mowrah Meal was lost, but Derris Root was efficient if it rained some days later.

After the war I went to another course and this had been farm land in the past.

The 5th green was worm-infested to a terrible extent and was very soggy; and some so-called greenkeepers had played about draining it, because I hit drain tiles when changing the hole.

I dressed this green with Lead Arsenate at the 2-oz. rate on the first Monday in September and again gave the same dose the following April—without clearing the worms. (When I use Lead Arsenate I mow with the box off, hoping the grass leaves will poison the worms.)

I told the Committee that I would have to try to alter the soil condition and I asked for 50 lbs. of Sulphur.

Mr. J. I. Preston, of Fisons, agreed with me, saying that as the soil was heavy the Lead Arsenate lay in a thin layer on top, and worms could penetrate this layer without consuming any Lead Arsenate, or at any rate, sufficient to kill them. Mr. Preston advised spiking to open up the soil and mix the Lead Arsenate with it.

I used the Sulphur in October, 1953, and the worms disappeared in a most miraculous way and, from being a soggy patch, it was the driest part of the course in 1954.

In February last year I took over the Manchester Golf Club and I have two greens that confirm Mr. Cooke's theory about open soil.

These two greens are on hill tops, and when I watered last year, water poured out of the hill sides a few feet lower down in a very short time. (Pluviette sprinklers, three to a green, were used.) These two greens have a few casts on them, more than on any of the others.

The 18 greens get 2 ozs. of Lead Arsenate per sq. yd. every year, but I put the presence of these casts down to the compost dressing bringing worms in, but I have known greens so open and well-drained that I have never seen worm-casts on them.

Yours faithfully,

D. E. KEITH,

(Head Greenkeeper).

Manchester G.C.,

Hopwood Park,

Middleton, Lancs.

Nottingham Section Notes.

It is regretted that we are unable to publish the Nottingham Section Notes (report of the Spring Tournament) in the present issue, as the notes were received too late for inclusion. The report of the event, together with any further notes, will appear in our next issue.—*Editor.*