

News



from the Sections

Greetings

From the President:

On the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of the B.G.G.A. I would like to refer to the wisdom and foresight of the late Mr. F. G. Hawtree in founding the Association. As his immediate successor to the position of President, I am deeply conscious of his great work for Greenkeepers and Greenkeeping.

The messages received from the Prime Minister and Lord Brabazon do indeed emphasise the status and work of our Association.

CARL BRETHERTON.

From the Chairman:

To the President, Vice-Presidents, Secretary, and all members of the Association, I send my best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

D. G. LORD.

From the Hon. Secretary:

To all members of the British Golf Greenkeepers' Association and readers of the Journal, I send my best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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EAST MIDLAND

By S. T. McNeice

Chairman:
D. G. WHITEHEAD
(Wollaton Park)

Hon. Secretary:
40 Edward Road,
Clarendon Park, Leicester

ON BEHALF OF THE EAST MIDLAND Section I send to all officers and members of the Association, very best wishes for Christmas and may you all have a prosperous New Year.

Annual General Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Section was held at the Central Tavern, Huntingdon Street, Nottingham, on Wednesday, 17th October, 1962.

The Meeting which was very poorly attended had Mr. Stan. Talbot in the Chair. The Chairman asked members to stand and pay tribute to Mr. A. Mould who died during the past year.

The minutes of the last A.G.M. were read, confirmed and signed. The Annual Report was read by the Hon. Secretary and its adoption was proposed by Mr. D. G. Whitehead, seconded by Mr. A. Thornton and carried.

The Financial Statement reported by Mr. S. C. Long showed a satisfactory year, the position of the Section remaining sound. The adoption of the accounts was proposed by Mr. D. G. Whitehead and seconded by Mr. D. Bull and carried.

Officials for 1963

Election of Officers. President: Mr. R. C. Ainscow; Vice-Presidents: It was proposed by Mr. F. Oliver and seconded by Mr. D. G. Whitehead that the list of Vice-Presidents as read should be re-elected en bloc. Chairman: Mr. D. G. Whitehead; Vice-Chairman: Mr. F. Frost; Hon. Treasurer: Mr. A. Thornton; Hon. Secretary: Mr. S. T. McNeice; Committee: Messrs. D. Bull, F. Oliver and S. Talbot. Executive Representative: S. T. McNeice.

Mr. S. C. Long who, owing to other commitments has had to retire as Section Hon. Treasurer, was thanked by the Chairman for all his work during the past four years.

Several other matters were discussed which will be dealt with by the Committee.

Subscriptions

I am still pleading to a few members who have not yet paid their subscriptions which became due on the 1st May last. Our new Treasurer, Mr. A. Thornton, 15 Trent Road, Beeston, Notts., will be pleased to receive this cash.

New Member

We welcome to our Section Mr. B. F. Mott, 110 Overston Road, Sywell, Northampton. Mr. Mott is assistant greenkeeper at the Kingsthorpe Golf Club, Northampton.

MIDLAND

By F. Cashmore

Chairman:
G. HART
(Gay Hill)

Hon. Secretary:
76 Four Oaks Common Road
Sutton Coldfield, Warwickshire.

OUR ANNUAL DINNER WILL BE held on the 14th December at the King's Head Hotel, Bearwood. A good concert party has been engaged to entertain us and we are looking forward to a very pleasant evening when we hope members will support us by bringing along their wives or girl friends. I shall be pleased to send tickets to members on request.

Christmas Greetings

We are nearing the end of another year so on behalf of the Midland Section, I should like to send Season's Greetings to our President and Mrs. Bretherton, and to all Members of our Association, wishing them a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

SOUTHERN

By W. Mason

Chairman:
J. K. GLASS
(Thorpe Hall)

Hon. Secretary:
18 Albert Road, Hendon, N.W.4.
Tel.: SUNnyhill 0245

ON BEHALF OF THE SOUTHERN Section, may I extend to all members of the Association, and to our many friends in the trade, our best wishes for a very Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

December Lecture

This will take place at the Talbot Restaurant, London Wall, E.C., on Wednesday, 5th December, at 6-30 p.m., when Mr. Booth, a representative from Messrs. T. Parker will show a film of the installation of alkathene tubing at the Portrush Golf Club.

Mr. John Kirkpatrick

Our congratulations to Mr. John Kirkpatrick, who is assistant to his father at Dulwich & Sydenham Golf Club, on being chosen to play for the Surrey County. We in the Southern Section feel that this is a great honour both to us and to the B.G.G.A.

October Quiz

It is regretted that the Quiz which was to have been held in October had to be postponed owing to alterations being carried out at the Stirling Castle which made our room unavailable at that time.

New Members

We welcome to the Section the following new members: M. R. Cooke, West Lodge, West Road, St. George's Hill, Weybridge, Surrey and M. Mandeville, 47 Getersham Avenue, Byfleet, Weybridge, Surrey.

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Bingley, Yorks.

I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS opportunity of wishing all members of the Association a very Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

Autumn Tournament

The Annual Tournament of the Section was played over the course of the Headingley Golf Club on Thursday, 18th October (by kind permission of the Committee). Forty members took part in the Competition played under ideal golfing conditions. Fine weather but with a stiffish wind making good scores hard to come by. Results:—Scratch Prize, R. Barnes (Hazel Grove) 82. 1st Division, 1st, S. Smith (Alwoodley) 83—11=72; 2nd, J. Scott (Town Moor) 86—13=73; 3rd, D. Roberts (West Bowling) 88—14=74; 4th, E. Paley (Lightcliffe) 91—15=76; 5th, D. Copland (St. Ives) 83—6=77. 2nd Division, 1st, P. Williams (Northcliffe) 87—24=63; 2nd, D. Scott (Scarborough North Cliff) 94—24=70; 3rd, A. Robertshaw (Otley) 88—16=72; 4th, K. Chamberlain (Northcliffe) 93—21=72; 5th, M. Tucker (Headingley) 94—17=77. Pro-Greenkeeper, C. Collinson (South Bradford) 80—4=76. Veteran's Prize, C. Moore, 89—16=73. Vice-President's Section, 1st, W. Hanley, 84—17=67; 2nd, J. Sharp, 75—4=71.

Following tea, our President, Mr. W. Mountain introduced the Vice-Captain of Headingley Golf Club who presented the prizes. A vote of thanks to the Club and all concerned in making a successful day was proposed by the Chairman, Mr. G. Mason and seconded by Mr. J. Scott.

We were pleased to have Ted Calam over from Ganton to join us. We hope that by the time of the Spring Tournament he will be fit enough to take part.

Our thanks are due to the Golf Clubs who so kindly contributed to our Prize Fund.

Handicap Revision

The Committee have made the following revisions to handicaps: A. Money, 12 to 14; F. Kenny, 15 to 17; E. Munns, 13 to 15; F. Cox, 15 to 16; P. Williams, 24 to 18; S. Bailes, 22 to 20; and A. Cox, 20 to 22.

New Members

We are pleased to welcome to the Section the following new members: R. G. Amer, 12 Chapel Lane, Headingley, Leeds, 6 (Headingley Golf Club); C. Clements, 29 Vesper Road, Kirkstall, Leeds, 5 (Horsforth Golf Club); R. Nardi, Golf Club, Aix les Bains, Savoie, France.

Change of Address

Mr. F. G. Smith (Jun.), has now moved to 105 Holloway Road, Heybridge, Maldon, Essex. We wish him well in his new position.

WELSH

By S. A. Tucker

Chairman:
M. GEDDES
(Royal Porthcawl)

Hon. Secretary:
36 Clase Road,
Morriston,
Swansea, Glam.

CHRISTMAS, 1962 IS VERY NEAR SO may I take this opportunity on behalf of the Welsh Section to wish all members of the Association a very Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year. I hope that 1963 will be a year of great success to you all. To all the Welsh boys, "Good Luck" to you and I hope we shall meet at our next competition in April, 1963, venue and date of which will be published in the next issue of the Journal if possible.

EIRE (IRISH)

*By Laurence Kelly
and Victor Bruce*

Chairman:
FRANK MERRIMAN

Joint Hon. Secretaries

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NORTH-EAST

By T. Oliver

Chairman:
J. SIMPSON
(Ponteland G.C.)

Hon. Secretary:
Heathery Cottage,
Heathery Lane, Gosforth,
Newcastle-on-Tyne 3.

THE SECTION'S ANNUAL TOURNAMENT was played at the Gosforth Golf Club on the 11th October, by kind permission of the Committee. As the season was getting on, we played 27 holes to enable all competitors to finish before the light failed. The weather was not too good during the first 18, with light rain and a heavy dew making the going heavy, however the afternoon 9 proved very much better, and it is pleasing to note that both the Scratch Prize and the Handicap Cup were won by new members.

The results were as follows:—M. Gunn of Beamish Park off Plus 1, won the Scratch Prize with a fine round of 67 and 35, total 102. D. Turpie, off 11, won the Handicap Cup, 83, 72 nett, 38, 5½, 32½, total 104½. 2nd, T. Green, Ravensworth, 106; 3rd, J. Hayes, Northumberland, 106½; 4th, D. Morgan, Alnmouth Village, 106½; 5th, T. Nutman, Tynemouth, 107; 6th, T. Kirkley, Brancepeth, 108½; 7th, T. Oliver, 109; 8th, D. Gray, Beamish, 110½; 9th, J. Smith, Morpeth, 110½; 10th, S. Pope, Tyneside, 113½; 11th, R. Derham, South Shields, 113½; 12th, H. Sommerville, Alnmouth, 114½; 13th, T. Murphy, City, 115½; 14th, J. Simpson, Ponteland, 116; 15th, R. Raine, Northumberland, 116; 16th, P. Crombie, Wearside, 118; 17th, N. Fraser, Chester-le-Street, 118½; 18th, R. Robb, Whitbarn, 118½; 19th, J. Hudson, Embleton, 120; 20th, D. McNeal, Chester, 120; 21st, C. Baxter, Newcastle United, 120½; 22nd, M. Moat, Ponteland, 122; 23rd, J. Snowden, Gosforth, 122; 24th, A. Scott, Arcot, 123.

Prize-giving

At the presentation afterwards, we were pleased to have with us, our President, Mr. L. A. Jones, who is also Vice-President of the English Golf Union. The Prizes were presented by the Captain, W. Denton, Esq., who made us all very welcome. Our Chairman, J. Simpson, then introduced Mr. L. A. Jones, who said how very pleased he was to note the increased membership of our Section, and went on to say that Clubs are now taking very much more interest in the training of Greenkeepers. Our Chairman in his vote of thanks mentioned that young members had a good opportunity now for greenkeeping but it was also up to themselves to take an interest in their jobs. The Secretary then thanked the firms and golf clubs for the many prizes and donations. Messrs. Ransomes, Sims & Jefferies; Stewarts of Edinburgh, Fisons, Hargreaves, A.T.C.O., Rickerby Mackenzie, Landscape Machinery Ltd., Taylor & Bain, Northern Agric., the Professionals, Jim Common for the use of caddy cars, Mr. Strong and Mr. Johnson of Chester-le-Street, Mr.

Johnson, Arcot, and Stan. Heatherington, Ponteland. The Chairman then thanked the Steward and Stewardess for the excellent meals provided.

During the day, the ladies of the Gosforth Golf Club raffled a cake given by Mrs. Carr. This realised the sum of £5 7s. 0d. which was donated to Section funds. We were also honoured during the afternoon by the Ladies acting as caddies, for which service our Chairman thanked them.

We were pleased to have with us Mr. I. Forbes and Mr. Pender, of Stewart's also Mr. J. A. Couldridge of Fison's who kindly donated a prize. Also present were A.T.C.O.'s representative, Mr. Mackenzie, and Mr. W. Nicholson of the Northern Agricultural Co.

Christmas Greetings

On behalf of the North-East Section may I wish all members of the Association a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

SHEFFIELD

By R. Whitehead

Chairman:
G. HERRINGTON
(Lindrick)

Hon. Secretary:
8 Clifton Lane,
Hansworth, Sheffield, 9.

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NORTH-WEST

By B. Ellis

Chairman
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ON MONDAY, 21st JANUARY, 1963, WE are invited to visit Messrs. Ellis Rees & Co., Grafton Works, Middlewood Street, Salford, 5. Regretfully, I must mention that we have been asked to limit the party to 25 members. The timetable is as follows:—2-45 p.m. Meet at Victoria Bridge. 3-0 p.m. Arrive Grafton Works, look round workshops and inspect new machines on show. 4-0 p.m. Afternoon tea. 4-45 p.m. Film show of Ransomes films. 6-15 p.m. Depart for Garrick Hotel where Mr. Clayton of the S.T.R.I. will talk on General Practical Maintenance at 7-0 p.m.

Christmas Greetings

May I take this opportunity of wishing all members of the Association a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

SOUTH-WEST

By A. Cockfield

Chairman:
G. GILBERT,
(Warminster G.C.)

Hon. Secretary:
(Shamcastle G.C.)

ON BEHALF OF THE SOUTH-WEST Section may I extend Seasonal Greetings to all officials and members of the Association, to our Editor and Staff of the Greenkeeper, also to our numerous friends in the trade with thanks for their continued support during the past year.

A Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year to all.

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NORTH AND MIDLAND SECTION

MEMBERS WILL LEARN WITH DEEP regret of the sudden death of Mr. George M. McDonald, of Alyth Golf Club. George died on the 9th November after only two weeks off work. He was our President this year and we shall miss his staunch support. Our deepest sympathy goes to his father and sister.

Christmas Greetings

On behalf of the North and Midland Section I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Guid New Year.

W. RITCHIE,
Secretary.

WEST SECTION

THE ANNUAL TOURNAMENT AND A.G.M. of the West Section was held at the Irvine Golf Club, Bogside, Irvine, on Tuesday, 11th September. The winners of the Tournament were:—Scratch: H. Diamond, 76. First-class, 1st, W. Armstrong, 80—7=

73; 2nd, J. Ferguson, 76—2=74; 3rd, B. Moir, 80—3=77; Second-class, 1st, R. Moffat, 82—12=70; 2nd, G. Love, 82—10=72; 3rd, N. Ferguson, 89—14=75; 4th, R. Meldrum, 93—18=75. Veteran's: 1st, H. Morris, 82—5=77; 2nd, D. Paterson, 82—5=77.

After a good day's golfing, for which we are deeply grateful to Irvine Golf Club for granting us the courtesy of their course, we held our A.G.M., which was attended by 40 members. Mr. L. F. Millar, on retiring as Chairman, asked Mr. G. Alexander, Prestwick St. Nicholas, to take the Chair. Mr. Alexander on taking over said he was greatly honoured. The Secretary, Mr. C. N. George said that owing to pressure of work he would have to retire this year. Mr. B. Moir was unanimously elected Secretary. Mr. D. Paterson, Paisley Golf Club, was reelected to Committee and Mr. R. Moffat of Cathkin Braes was elected First Assistant Representative.

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking everyone who gave me assistance during my term of Office as Secretary of the West Section. I am deeply indebted to all my friends in the Trade for the help they gave me during this period.

Will members please note that our new Secretary is Mr. B. Moir, 11 Helens Terrace, Kilwinning, Ayrshire, and any business regarding the West Section should be directed to him.

Christmas Greetings

On behalf of the West Section, may I wish all greenkeepers a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

C. N. GEORGE,
Secretary.