

News



from the Sections

NORTHERN

By J. Parker

Chairman:
G. W. MASON
(Halifax West End)

Hon. Secretary:
8 Goit Stock Terr., Harden,
Bingley, Yorks.

OUR NOVEMBER LECTURE WAS held on Tuesday, 7th November, at the White Swan, Leeds. Twenty-eight members, a quite encouraging number, attended to hear Mr. J. R. Escritt, M.Sc., of the S.T.R.I., give a talk on "This Year's Turf Problems". Mr. Escritt dealt with the problems which he and other members of the Research Station's Advisory Staff seem to have encountered most in their travels to various parts of the country. First was the weather, which had been so unsettled that such operations as selective weedkilling had not been able to be carried out. Secondly, the great amount of mat that was being found on turf, this leading to shallow root growth. Thirdly, the neglect in the use of compost. Following the talk there were many questions put to the speaker, which he ably dealt with.

A vote of thanks to Mr. Escritt was proposed by Mr. G. Mason, Chairman, seconded by Mr. W. Mountain, President.

January Lecture.

This will take place on Tuesday, 23rd January, at the Market Tavern, Godwin Street, Bradford, at 7-15 p.m., and will take the form of a film show and talk to be given by Mr. G. Vaughan, of Messrs. Ransomes, Sims & Jefferies Ltd.

New Member.

We welcome to the Section the following new member: Mr. P. Bullock, 16 Montgomery Gardens, Intake, Doncaster. (Bessacarr Golf Club, Doncaster).

Grand National Sweep.

Members of the Section will shortly be receiving books of tickets for this Sweepstake. As any profit from this event helps a great deal to keep the Section's finances on an even keel, your Committee look for your support in making it a success.

NORTH-WEST

By B. Ellis

Chairman
O. P. JONES
(Bramhall G.C.)

Hon. Secretary:
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TWENTY MEMBERS ATTENDED THE Lecture given by Mr. Joss of the Sports Turf Research Institute on 23rd November. The subject was, "Some Aspects of Construction" which was very instructive and enjoyed by all present.

New Member.

We welcome the following new Hon. Associate Member: Mr. Watson, Chairman of the Greens Committee, Birkdale Golf Club, Birkdale, Lancs.

SHEFFIELD

By R. Whitehead

Chairman:
G. HERRINGTON
(Lindrick)

Hon. Secretary:
34 Sherrington Road,
Sheffield, 7.

IT WAS VERY PLEASING TO SEE such a splendid attendance at the lecture given by our Hon. Editor, F. W. Hawtree. About sixty members and guests from local Golf Clubs enjoyed a very interesting show of coloured slides taken on golf courses in this country and on the continent, and very instructive and entertaining they proved to be.

After a short interval, Mr. Hawtree gave a talk and answered questions put to him by members and guests on a wide variety of subjects. Interest shown was really good and our President, Mr. A. Shardlow had to halt the proceedings at 10-20 p.m., when Mr. Bernard Elliot of the Sheffield Union of Golf Clubs, thanked Mr. Hawtree on behalf of all present for a very enjoyable evening.

We were very pleased to have with us for the first time, the Association's Hon. Secretary, Mr. C. H. Dix, who travelled up for the evening with Mr. Hawtree.

New Members.

We welcome to the Section Mr. J. J. Dearlove, of 63 Langsett Avenue, Sheffield 6, who has taken over the post of Head Greenkeeper at Hillsborough Golf Club, also Mr. F. Crookes, 12 Cheetams Avenue, Unstone Green, nr. Chesterfield, who is assistant at Dore and Totley Golf Club, and lastly, Mr. W. Williamson, of West End Hotel, who is assistant at Pheonix Golf Club.

MIDLAND

By F. Cashmore

Chairman:
G. HART
(Gay Hill)

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

OUR ANNUAL DINNER WAS HELD at the King's Head Hotel, Bearwood, on the 10th November, when we had a record number of ninety-seven sit down to a very appetizing meal consisting of soup, turkey, potatoes, sprouts, peas, Christmas pudding, cheese and biscuits, and coffee.

Apologies were received from Messrs. T. R. Groom, J. W. R. Robinson, L. C. Foster, J. P. Richards, J. Conlon, L. Wheeler and E. W. Fiddian. We were very pleased to have with us our President, and Mrs. Bretherton, Mr. Jock Glass, Association Chairman, our Editor, Mr. F. W. Hawtree and Mr. C. H. Dix, Association Secretary and Treasurer. We also had a good number of Vice-Presidents and the representatives of the Trade gave us great support.

Our President called upon Jock Glass to propose the Toast of the Association, which he did most admirably, and his remarks as to the supply of qualified greenkeepers in the years to come, should give the officials of the golf clubs quite a lot to think about. Charlie Stowe proposed the Toast of the Ladies and Guests, saying how pleased he was to see so many ladies present, and he sympathised with the greenkeeper's wives. He said his wife was a golf widow, but he did not know what the greenkeepers' wives called themselves. Our Editor responded, and was soon in great form. In spite of his belittlement of himself as an Editor, he is always ready to have a go, and I think everyone would agree he makes a success of it.

The concert was a great success in spite of artistes having to compete with the patrons of the bar, but as long as everyone enjoyed themselves in their own way, that is all that matters.

Our Section Chairman, George Hart, thanked our President for all the many ways in which he helps us, and the great interest he shows in our Association, and asked Mrs. Bretherton to accept a bouquet to show our respect for the great interest she also has for the Association. This was presented by Miss Donna Benbow.

Our Chairman also said how pleased he was on behalf of our Section to ask Ernie Benbow to accept a watch to show our appreciation of the great job he has done during the last fifteen years as our Treasurer. In his reply Ben said he thought it was time a younger man took over.

Our thanks are again due to Mrs. Mason and her helpers for the magnificent result they achieved with the raffle, which helps considerably in meeting expenses. I should like to express my personal thanks to everyone who was present, for the magnificent way in which they supported my efforts.

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SOUTHERN

By W. Mason

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A VERY INTERESTING LECTURE was given by Mr. Barlow of Messrs. F. W. Berk, on Wednesday, 29th November. The main subject was the control of earth worms and although the attendance was not up to the usual number, many questions were asked about the new worm killer. I would like to record a vote of thanks to Messrs. Berk & Co., and to Mr. Barlow for his most instructive and interesting talk, and his detailed answers to all questions, also for distribution of pamphlets.

Lecture.

Our January lecture will take place on Wednesday, 31st January, at the Stirling Castle at 6-30 p.m. The speaker will be Mr. Rixon of Messrs. Suttons who will talk on "Turf Research" and will illustrate with slides.

Section Annual Dinner.

Please note in your diaries that arrangements have been made to hold our Section Dinner on Friday, 9th March at the Talbot Restaurant.

Change of Address.

Mr. E. C. Gowing has taken up a new appointment at Eaton Golf Club. We wish him every success in his new post. Address: 68 Melrose Road, Eaton, Norwich.

Condolence.

On behalf of the members of the Southern Section, may I extend our sincere sympathy to Mr. C. A. Moore, on the death of his father last November. Mr. Moore writes that his father was with the West Middlesex Golf Club from 1905 until he retired in 1946, with the exception of the war years, 1914-18.

MISCELLANEOUS

PROFESSIONALS AND GREENKEEPERS having stocks of used golf balls contact Sparkbrook Golf Ball Co., 295 Highgate Road, Stoney Lane, Birmingham, with a view to filling export orders.

The Editor,
Dear Sir,

Would you please express my grateful thanks to the B.G.G.A. for assisting me through the F. G. Hawtree Memorial Fund to attend the recent Autumn Course held at the Sports Turf Research Institute.

I found the course most instructive, and interesting, and it will undoubtedly be of great benefit to me.

Yours faithfully,
(Sgd.) P. G. Moore.

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