

News



from the Sections

SOUTHERN

By W. Mason

Chairman:
J. K. GLASS
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OUR SPRING TOURNAMENT WAS held at the Finchley Golf Club on the 16th May with an entry of 48. In spite of the weather the course was in very good condition. I would like to thank the Members of the Trade who so kindly supported our Prize Fund, also the Finchley Golf Club for their cheques, one for £5 5s. Od., and one for £3 3s. Od., the latter being from the Ladies' Section.

The results were as follows:—1st Morning, E. Foulds, 77—6=71. 1st Afternoon, P. Staines, 87—15=72. Scratch, G. Darby, 78—77 Gross. Over 60's, S. Morton, 160; W. E. Moore, 164. 1st Year Competitor: D. Major, 90—93, 183 Gross. Vice-Presidents, D. Craig. 36 Holes, 1st, P. Staines, 146; 2nd, G. West, 147; 3rd, E. Foulkes, 148; 4th, B. Pearce, 149; 5th, J. K. Glass, 150; 6th, G. Hitchcock, 152; 7th, M. Freeman, 153 (ties); 10th, R. Fordham, 154; 11th, L. Lucas, 155; 12th, J. Ness, 155; 13th, F. Corner, 156; 14th, P. Moore, 156.

Autumn Tournament

Our Autumn Tournament to be played at Sunningdale on Thursday, 30th August will be run on the same lines as in previous years, 4 Ball Stableford in the morning, and Green-some Stableford in the afternoon. When sending entries will members please state handicap and club, also partner's handicap. Partners may be either the Captain, or a member of the competitor's club. Closing date for entries is 20th August.

New Members

We are glad to welcome the following new members to our Section. W. A. Lipscombe, 23 Thurlst Avenue, Morden, Surrey, and G. Piggott, 1 Gillets Hill, Harpsden, Henley-on-Thames.

Subscriptions

I would thank all members who have sent in their subscriptions and remind those who have not, to do so now.

EAST MIDLAND

By S. T. McNeice

Chairman:
S. TALBOT
(Wollaton Park)

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

OUR ANNUAL SPRING TOURNAMENT was held at Sherwood Forest Golf Club on Wednesday, 9th May by kind permission of the Captain and Committee. Play was over 18 holes. The weather was kind to the early starters who only had a strong breeze to contend with, but the later ones had to finish against strong wind and torrential rain.

On this very fine course with a standard scratch score of 74, Stan Long of Leicester Municipal again retained the Section Cup with a magnificent gross score of 73, playing off a handicap of 3 to give him a nett score of 70. His score read as follows:—Out, 4, 3, 4, 3, 5, 5, 3, 4, 5—36. Home, 4, 4, 5, 5, 3, 4, 3, 4,—37,—73.

Prize winners were as follows:—1st Nett, S. C. Long, Western Park, 73—3=70; 2nd Nett, R. W. Willars, Leicestershire, 95—24=71; 3rd Nett, D. Bull, Bulwell Forest, 86—10=76; 4th Nett, S. T. McNeice, Leicestershire, 89—12=77; 5th Nett, E. A. Clarkson, Leicestershire, 88—10=78; 6th Nett, F. Oliver, Bulwell Hall, 91—13=78; 7th Nett, G. Dunkley, Northamptonshire, 91—12=79; 8th Nett, R. Bowler, Wollaton Park, 94—15=79. Ties decided on second 9 holes.

Vice-Presidents' Section: 1st, K. Milner, 77—scratch 77. 2nd, A. E. Smith, 86—9=77.

The meeting was very well attended with twenty members competing for the Section Cup. Mr. H. Herrington of Sherwood and Mr. George Herrington of Lindrick took part and we were very pleased to have George and his son join us. Seven Vice-Presidents also attended and we had six visitors.

The Section Chairman, Mr. Stan Talbot thanked the Sherwood Forest Golf Club for granting us the courtesy of the course, Mr. W. G. Smith, Captain for kindly presenting the prizes, the Steward and Stewardess for a delightful meal, and Mr. H. Herrington and his staff. Mr. Smith replied by extending a welcome to the Section on behalf of his Club.

I should like to take this opportunity on behalf of the Section to thank Mr. A. J. E. Cook for giving so much of his time in helping to make the Tournament so successful.

We are indebted to the following who so kindly contributed to our Prize Fund: Mr. R. C. Ainscow, President; Mr. A. E. Smith and Mr. G. V. Lee, Vice-President; Mr. A. G. Beck, Messrs. Ransomes, Sims & Jefferies Ltd.; Messrs. H. Pattison & Co.; Messrs. T. Green, Ltd.; and Messrs. ATCO Service Branch, Sheffield.

Mr. S. C. Long

Stan Long, head greenkeeper at the Western Park Municipal Golf Course, and our Section Treasurer since 1958, has been appointed professional in succession to Jack Loach, who retired in April.

Mr. Long, who will also remain head of the greenkeeping staff, was recommended by the Parks Committee for the profession's post and this has now been confirmed. A low handicap golfer who has played for the county second team, he joined the staff of Western Park as head greenkeeper four years ago and the course has made remarkable strides since then.

New Member

We are glad to welcome to our Section Mr. P. McCarron, 28 St. Peter's Road, Leicester, who is a member of the Leicestershire Golf Club staff.

MIDLAND

By F. Cashmore

Chairman:
G. HART
(Gay Hill)

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

THE WEATHER WAS VERY KIND to us this year for our President's Match. It must have been the warmest evening of the year and the greenkeepers had to work hard to keep their end up as the President's team included five or six internationals. We were very pleased to have the Association Chairman, Jock Glass with us for the evening. After a great struggle the greenkeepers were able to keep it all square $7\frac{1}{2}$ matches each, which was a very satisfying result. After the Match, our President again provided a wonderful meal for all present, including a number of notabilities who had not played in the match, chief of them, Sir Ernest Canning, a young man of over eighty.

The President introduced Jock Glass, Chairman of the B.G.G.A., who made some very true remarks about the past, present, and future of the greenkeeping profession, which I am sure had a great effect on the company present. Mr. L. C. Edwards, Captain of the Handsworth Golf Club said how very pleased they were to see such a great gathering. Our Section Chairman, George Hart thanked our President for his kindness in making it possible for us to play against some of the cream of Midland golfers. Our old friend Charlie Stowe had some very amusing things to say about his match and the opposition with which he had to contend. Our President thanked everyone for their

kind remarks, the Handsworth Club for their co-operation in making the evening such a success, and the Steward and his staff for the grand way in which they looked after us. So ended a night that everyone present will remember for many days to come.

The results were as follows:—

PRESIDENT'S TEAM

1. C. Stowe and J. M. Urry	3 & 1, 1
2. H. J. Roberts and J. T. Mitchley	— 0
3. A. W. Holmes and I. Wheeler	— 0
4. E. W. Fiddian and W. Johnston	— 0
5. A. W. Pullar and D. M. G. Sutherland	— 0
6. G. Stubbings and A. H. Clayton	— 0
7. T. R. Hodgetts and R. W. Bailey	— 0
8. E. Moggs-Wright and R. Baldwin	1 up, 1
9. W. H. R. Lloyds and D. J. Davies	8 & 6, 1
10. Dr. E. G. Wilkinson and H. G. Lunt	4 & 3, 1
11. S. A. Dark and J. P. Richards	— 1
12. A. J. Hurst and W. E. R. Cross	— $\frac{1}{2}$
13. C. Gold and T. A. Phillips	4 & 3, 1
14. J. Conlon and G. N. James	7 & 6, 1
15. R. D. Parker and E. Ballinger	3 & 2, 1

$7\frac{1}{2}$

MIDLAND GREENKEEPERS

1. G. Woodward and G. Hart	— 0
2. E. Benbow and H. Gibbs	2 & 1, 1
3. R. Pugh and T. Jones	1 up 1
4. J. Glass and W. Handy	1 up 1
5. V. Smith and W. Barton	3 & 2, 1
6. G. Wilson and S. Christie	3 & 1, 1
7. H. DREWITT and E. Adams	2 & 1, 1
8. A. Hastelow and J. Toy	— 0
9. E. Walford and W. Machin	— 0
10. G. Smith and B. Powell	— 0
11. A. Stephens and E. Mitton	2 & 1, 1
12. G. Barton and E. H. Lumby	— $\frac{1}{2}$
13. W. D. G. Handy and D. Wolton	— 0
14. A. Bevington and B. Baxter	— 0
15. G. Fox and D. Hoynes	— 0

$7\frac{1}{2}$

Handicap Revision

The Committee have made the following revisions to handicaps: A. C. Jones, 10 to 8; W. Machin, 6 to 10; and W. D. J. Handy, 14 to 20.

MR. S. R. GIBBS

We were grieved to learn of the death on Sunday, 3rd June, of Sydney Robertson Gibbs of Gwynne Cottage, Stanwell Road, Bedfont.

Mr. Gibbs was Director and Secretary of J. Gibbs Limited at Bedfont, Middlesex and Ripley, Surrey.

The Funeral Service was held at Bedfont Church on Friday, the 8th June, followed by cremation at the South West Middlesex Crematorium, Hanworth.

WELSH

By S. A. Tucker

Chairman:
M. GEDDES
(Royal Porthcawl)

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

OUR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING took place at the Royal Porthcawl Golf Club by kind permission of the Captain and Committee in conjunction with the Secretaries. All members observed a minute of silence in memory of the late Stan Phillips of the Southerndown Golf Club. May I express, on behalf of all members our deepest sympathy to the relatives. Stan was a very fine fellow, always willing to help the Section in any way he could, a very staunch Committee man who never missed a meeting. We shall all miss him very much.

I would like to express our thanks to John O'Gorman our retiring Secretary for all the work he put into the Section in spite of personal worries, and I sincerely hope that I shall be able to carry on the good work.

Our A.G.M., was a very pleasant one and all present were pleased with the position of the Section.

Competition.

We played an 18 Hole Competition Medal Round in very windy weather conditions but there were some very good scores. The John Duncan Cup was won by J. Williams with a score of 88—15=73; 2nd, J. Martin, 80—6=74, and 3rd, J. Rees, 89—9=80. The Birdie Cup was won by B. Jones with a score of 95—15=80; 2nd, H. Fry Snr., 103—22=81, and 3rd, D. Jones, 99—14=85.

D. G. Lord writes,

"It is with deep regret that I have to inform you of the death of Mr. Stan Phillips, Assistant Greenkeeper at the Southerndown Golf Club, who died on the 14th June, in Bridgend Hospital.

Stan commenced his greenkeeping career at the Southerndown Club in 1926 and spent all his working life there. He was an active member of the Welsh Section for the past 27 years, and his staunch support will be sadly missed.

The funeral service was held at St. Bride's Church, nr. Bridgend on the 18th June when Mr. M. Geddes, Chairman, Mr. A. Jury, and Mr. Cox represented the Section, and I attended on behalf of the Association."

NORTHERN

By J. Parker

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

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

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Section was held on the 7th June at the White Swan, Leeds. Twenty-five members, a disappointing number turned up, though it was pleasing to see several young members taking an interest in the Section's affair.

Before calling on the Secretary to read the minutes of the last A.G.M., the Chairman, Mr. G. Mason asked members to stand in silence and pay respect to the two members, Mr. C. Leafield, and Mr. C. Blades, who had passed away since the last meeting.

The Secretary and Treasurer in presenting his report was able to show another satisfactory year's working. Despite increased costs the financial position of the Section remains sound.

Before vacating the chair for the election of Officers, Mr. G. Mason thanked the Committee and all those who had helped to make the year's events successful, Golf Clubs and Members of the Trade for support of the Tournament Prize Funds, Mr. A. Nott for the free use of rooms, and Mr. W. Mountain, President, for his generous gifts of refreshments, etc. Mr. F. G. Smith then took the Chair for the election of Officers. The following were elected:—President: Mr. W. Mountain; Chairman: Mr. G. W. Mason; Vice-Chairman: Mr. J. Scott; Hon. Secretary and Treasurer: Mr. J. Parker. Committee: Messrs. E. Munns, A. Robertshaw, E. Paley, S. Bailes, A. Routledge, B. Holian and A. Cox. Executive Representative: Mr. J. Parker; Hon. Auditors: Messrs. C. Moore and L. Harper. Mr. G. Geddes was elected as the Section's nomination for Vice-Chairman of the Association in the coming year.

Mr. G. Mason then took over the Chair again and thanked Frank for taking over during the election. He also thanked members for again electing him to the office, and hoped that he would be able to serve the Section to the best of his ability.

Several matters were discussed and it was decided to leave them in the hands of the Committee. The meeting closed with Mr. Mountain satisfying the needs of the inner man though NOT with what seemed to be the main topic of conversation on the arrival of the hot dry spell—WATER!

Change of Address

Mr. F. Kenny has now moved to the following address:— Betty's Lodge, St. Ives, Bingley.