

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.