

News



from the Sections

NORTH-EAST

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

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

AT A MEETING HELD AT THE Marquis of Blandford, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, it was proposed by T. Nutman and seconded by D. A. Earsman, that we rejoin the British Golf Greenkeepers' Association as the North East Section. All present were in favour and a Committee was elected as follows:—Chairman, J. Simpson, Ponteland Golf Club; Vice-Chairman, D. A. Earsman, Arcott Hall Golf Club; Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, T. Oliver; Committee: Messrs. R. Derham, N. Fraser, T. Kirtley, L. Lowery, R. Raine, H. Sommerville, R. H. Nicholson and T. Auld.

It was proposed by L. Lowery that Mr. L. A. Jones, Deputy President of the English Golf Union be elected President of the North East Section and I am very pleased indeed to say that Mr. Jones has accepted. I must mention here that Mr. Jones has given invaluable help in the reforming of our Section, and I know that nothing would please him more than to see our membership grow to a greater number than before. It was as a direct result of his efforts that we were able to meet the Chairman of the Association, Mr. J. K. Glass, Hon. Secretary, Mr. C. H. Dix, and Mr. F. W. Hawtree together with Mr. Jones at a Meeting in the Clubhouse of the Gosforth Golf Club, when many interesting items were discussed. It was a most enjoyable meeting and our Chairman, J.

Simpson, thanked Mr. Glass, Mr. Dix, and Mr. Hawtree for attending, the Committee of the Gosforth Golf Club, for the use of the Clubhouse, and the Steward and Stewardess, Mr. and Mrs. Powell for preparing snacks.

Spring Meeting

Our Spring Meeting was held at Tynemouth Golf Club on Thursday, 26th April, by kind permission of the Committee. Four Balls, 18 Holes were played and the results were as follows:—H. Sommerville and P. Smith (Alnmouth) 2 up; 2nd, D. Gray (Backworth) and S. Pope (Tyneside) 1 up.

Our President, Mr. L. Jones was present together with Mr. Hood, President of the Northumberland Union of Golf Clubs and Mr. A. Harrison, President of the Durham Union of Golf Clubs. Mr. Jones spoke of the advantage to all greenkeepers in joining the Association and was strongly supported by Mr. Hood and Mr. Harrison.

Our Chairman, J. Simpson, thanked the Committee of the Tynemouth Golf Club for allowing us the courtesy of the course, T. Nutman, for the excellent condition of the course, the Steward and Stewardess for the catering, and Mr. Jones, Mr. Hood and Mr. Harrison for their support.

New Members

We welcome to our Section, Mr. R. H. Nicholson, 1a Amberton Road, West Hartlepool, C. Durham, who was one of the first to join. We hope that Mr. Nicholson will be one of many, and that Greenkeepers will contact others in their own areas and encourage them, in their own interests, to join. With the commencement of the new Apprenticeship scheme, we feel sure more younger men will be attracted to our profession.

EAST MIDLAND

By S. T. McNeice

Chairman:
S. TALBOT
(Wollaton Park)

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

OUR AUTUMN TOURNAMENT WILL be held on Tuesday, 25th September, 1962 at the Willesley Park Golf Club, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Leicestershire by kind permission of the Committee.

Subscriptions

May I again remind members that their subscriptions for 1962-63 are now due. Please do not delay payment until attending some future meeting as this complicates the Treasurer's book-keeping. There are still several unpaid subscriptions for 1961-62. Would members please give this immediate attention. Your Treasurer's address is: Mr. S. C. Long, Municipal Golf Course, Frith Farm, Hinckley Road, Leicester.

MIDLAND

By F. Cashmore

Chairman:
G. HART
(Gay Hill)

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

WE WERE FORTUNATE IN HAVING a delightful day for our Tournament at Tamworth Golf Club on the 1st May. The entry was down to 22 and I feel sure that with a little extra effort many more members could join us for a very enjoyable day.

The prize winners were as follows:—A. C. Jones (Little Aston), Nett 143, Ransome's Cup and Electric Blanket; G. Woodward (Walsall), Gross 154, Sutton's Cup and Carving Set; R. Pugh (Sandwell Park), Nett 147, Camera from Messrs. Fison's Ltd., and Cannock Agricultural Co.; A. Boraston (Little Aston) Nett 149, Biscuit Barrel from Messrs. W. Hargreaves & Co.; A. Stephens (Moor Hall), Nett 149, Canvas Chair from Messrs. Parker & Ballenger Ltd.; E. Adams (unattached) Nett 150, Pyrex Dish from Lunevale Products and Hilton Gravel Co.; V. Smith (Handsworth), Nett 151, $\frac{1}{2}$ doz. 65's from Mr. G. N. James; E. Walford (Olton), Nett 153, 1 doz. Forsums from the Sparkbrook Golf Ball Co.; G. Hart (Gay Hill), Nett 154, Holdall from Messrs. Carters Tested Seeds and F. W. Lees & Son.; E. Benbow (Handsworth), Nett 154, Bottle of Sherry from Messrs. Mitchels & Butlers Ltd. Over 50's:

A. C. Jones, Leg of Pork from Mr. J. W. R. Robinson. Players with 2's on cards, R. Pugh, T. Jones, W. Barton and A. Boraston won golf balls which were given by Mr. Carl Bretherton. The prizes for our visitors were won by R. Hill, Tamworth G.C., 72 Nett and E. Ballinger, Tamworth G.C., 74 Nett.

The Captain of Tamworth Golf Club presented the prizes and said how pleased they were to see us, and that they would be glad to welcome us again at a future date. Our Chairman, George Hart, thanked Mr. Hill for presenting the prizes, the Council of Tamworth Golf Club for granting us the courtesy of their course and clubhouse, the Steward and Stewardess for excellent meals, Andy Dishington for the use of caddy cars and the fine condition of the course, the donors of the prizes, and our friends from Messrs. Ransomes, W. Payne and R. Stanley for the great help they gave us in issuing cards and recording the scores.

Members will be pleased to hear that we had a short visit from Albert Oakley who was brought along by Mr. Carr. Albert is still very weak and is going to the R.A.F. Convalescent Home, which we hope will help him to regain his strength. He has the best wishes of all of us.

Annual General Meeting

We are trying to arrange the A.G.M. for the last week in June. I will let you know when it is fixed and hope all members will endeavour to attend. If members cannot

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manage in the afternoon to play for the Parker Challenge Cup, please try to attend the meeting in the evening. In the last few years we have had a very poor attendance, so please do make an effort this year.

Congratulations

At the Annual General Meeting of the Sutton Coldfield Golf Club, Jack Toy was elected an Honorary Life Member in recognition of his 47 years' service with the club—37 of them as Head Greenkeeper. We offer him our heartiest congratulations.

New Members

We welcome two new members, D. J. Walton, 175 Ralph Road, Shirley, Solihull, Warwickshire, who is assistant at Shirley Park Golf Club, and S. Christie, 25 Terry Street, off St. John's Road, Dudley Wors., who has joined us from the Scottish Greenkeepers' Association as Head Greenkeeper at Dudley Golf Club.

NORTH-WEST

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

By B. Ellis
Hon. Secretary:
Romiley G.C.

OUR SPRING TOURNAMENT WAS held on 2nd May at the Bramhall Golf Club by kind permission of the Council. We were favoured with a fine day and 40 players took part in the Competition. In the afternoon, 13 players took out cards to play for the President's Prize presented by Mr. W. Kinsey. This Competition is confined to Visitors and Hon. Associate Members, and was won by Mr. F. Fagan with a nett score of 67 from a handicap of 4. His round was the best of the day.

Mr. J. G. Brown, Vice-President, took the Chair and after apologising for the absence of our President, went on to thank the Captain and Council of the Bramhall Golf Club for granting us the courtesy of their course and club house. Sincere thanks were also given to the Donors of the Prizes, to the Steward and Stewardess for excellent meals, and to Mr. Jones and his staff for the splendid condition of the course.

The Chairman then introduced the Captain, Mr. Eastwood, to present the prizes, and after which, he closed the meeting, saying how very pleased they were to have us at Bramhall.

The Prize Winners at Bramhall were as follows: Visitors Prizes: 1st nett, F. Fagan, 67, Bottle of Whisky; 2nd Nett, J. Loman, 70 (on last nine holes), Bottle of Sherry. Greenkeepers: 1st Nett, E. Macavoy, 103, John Fitton Trophy and Holdall; Best Gross,

E. Walsh, 107, Pullover; 2nd Nett, J. Metcalfe, 106, Golf Umbrella; 3rd Nett, E. Walsh, 107, Clock; 4th Nett, R. Crabtree, 108, Pyrex dish; 5th Nett, O. P. Jones, 109 (on last nine holes), Bottle of Whisky; 6th Nett, W. Brady, 109 (on last nine holes), Windcheater; 7th Nett, R. Johnson, 109½, Clubhead covers; 8th Nett, G. Davey, 110½, Silver Pencil.

Once again, our thanks are due to Mr. Payne, Mr. Williams of Messrs. Ransomes, and Mr. Greaves of Messrs. Ellis Rees, who always come along to issue and check the cards.

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New Members

We welcome the following new members: Mr. F. Corbett, 130 Wellington Road North, Heaton Norris, Stockport (Marple Golf Club); Mr. W. Harling, 7 Best Street, Sunny Bank, Kirkham, Lancs. (Fairhaven Golf Club); also the following new Hon. Associate Members: Mr. R. Watkinson, 36 West End, Penwortham, Preston (Chairman of the Greens, Ashton and Lea Golf Club), and Mr. R. Mills, 331 Market Street, Whitworth, Nr. Rochdale (Chairman of Greens, Lobden Golf Club).

EIRE (IRISH)

By J. G. Bryan
Chairman:
FRANK MERRIMAN
Hon. Treasurer:
(Edmondstown G.C.)

AT OUR ANNUAL GENERAL Meeting Mr. P. McGuinness resigned his appointment as Hon. Secretary. We take this opportunity of thanking Mr. McGuinness for all his work on behalf of the Section.

Laurence Kelly of Grange Golf Club, Rathfarnham, Dublin, 14, and Victor Bruce, Dunmurry Golf Club, Belfast, N.I., were appointed Joint Hon. Secretaries.

Spring Competition

Our Spring Competition for the President's Prize and Shanks Cup was played at the Dundalk Golf Club on the 14th May in dry, if somewhat stormy weather conditions. The results were as follows:—1st, P. Caul (Island), 72—3=69; 2nd, L. Kelly (Grange), 76—6=70; 3rd, R. Wightman (Helen's Bay), 81—9=72 (on 2nd 9); 4th, J. G. Bryan (Edmondstown), 84—12=72. Best Gross, V. Bruce (Dunmurry) 77. 5th, H. Pettigrew (Royal Belfast), 86—12=74. 6th, S. Allen (Warrenpoint), 83—7=76. 7th, D. McDonnell (Grange), 81—4=77.

NORTHERN

By J. Parker

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

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

THE ANNUAL SPRING TOURNAMENT was played at Otley Golf Club on the 26th April, by kind permission of the Committee. Forty members took part in what must be regarded as a most successful day. Weather conditions were ideal for golf and some good scores were returned—the handicapped committee will have some work to do.

Results: Scratch Prize—P. Geddes, (Clitheroe) 70—76=146. 1st Division, 1st, S. Smith, 68—70=138; 2nd, J. Scott (Belle Vue), 67—71=138; 3rd, D. Beaumont (Moor-town), 68—71=139; 4th, M. Henderson (Ganton), 73—69=142; 5th K. Driver (Bacup), 72—72=144; 2nd Division: 1st, D. Storey (West Bowling), 63—62=125; 2nd, G. Geddes (Moor Allerton), 71—75=146; 3rd, M. Tucker (Headingley), 74—73=147; 4th, C. Moore (Northcliffe), 73—78=151; 5th G. Bension (Otley), 75—77=152. Veteran's Prize: G. Gomersall (Headingley), 65 (one round only). Pro-Greenkeeper, D. Cooper (unattached). Vice-Presidents: 1st, F. Walker (Clitheroe) 69—73=142; 2nd W. Hanley (Ogden), 74—72=146. Special Prize for Highest Score: P. Williams (Northcliffe), 86—82=168.

Before calling on Mr. C. Barritt (Captain, Otley Golf Club), Mr. G. Mason (Chairman), thanked all who had helped to make a most enjoyable day. This was without doubt due to the Officials and all members of the staff of the Club, to whom nothing had been too much trouble. He especially thanked the Stewardess for first class meals, and Adrien Robertshaw, Greenkeeper, for his hard work in getting the course into such excellent condition for the Tournament.

In a short speech, Mr. Barritt welcomed members to the club, and expressed their pleasure in allowing us the courtesy of the course for the occasion. He went on to say that the work and skill of the greenkeepers was beginning to be more appreciated by Golf Clubs.

A vote of thanks proposed by Mr. J. Scott was heartily endorsed.

We were pleased to have with us Mr. R. B. Dawson, O.B.E., (Director of the S.T.R.I.) and two old stalwarts of the Section, Frank Smith and Gilbert Kendall.

Our thanks are due to the following who so kindly supported our Prize Fund:—Messrs. Ransomes, Sims Jefferies, H. Pattison & Co., Pressure Jet Markers Ltd., Anderton-Richardson, ATCO Mowers, Woodhead's Seeds, S. Toulson & Sons, W. Hargreaves & Co., Rigby-Taylor, T. Green & Son, Lunevale Products, Jepson's Ltd., Grosvenor Engineering Co., W. Mountain & Sons, Mr. D. Harradine and the Otley Golf Club.

New Members

We welcome to the Section the following new members: A. Christie, 6 Spring Close, Gilstead, Bingley, T. Pritchard, 2 Heaton Royd, Bingley and W. Wilkinson, 2 Beckfoot Cottage, Bingley, all of Shipley (Beckfoot Golf Club), also T. W. A. Harrison, Serlby Park Golf Lodge, Bawtry, Doncaster.

Transfers

Messrs. T. Kirtley (Brancepeth), D. A. Earsman (Arcot Hall), T. Nutman (Tynemouth) and L. Lowery (Ravensworth) have rejoined the reformed North East Section and are members of the new Committee. We thank them for their past support and wish them good luck.

SOUTHERN

By W. Mason

Chairman:
J. K. GLASS
(Thorpe Hall)

Hon. Secretary:
18 Albert Road, Hendon, N.W.4.
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THE SECTION AUTUMN TOURNAMENT will be played at Sunningdale on Thursday, 30th August. Will members please make a note of this date in their diaries. Full details will be given in the July Journal.

New Member

We welcome to the Section the following new member: Mr. A. P. Gowers, 36 Farr Road, Enfield, Middlesex.

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WELSH

By J. O'Gorman

Chairman:
M. GEDDES
(Royal Porthcawl)

Hon. Secretary:
12, Cornerswell Road,
Penarth, Glam.

THE SPRING COMPETITION FOR THE President's Shield took place at the Pennard Golf Club on 3rd April under ideal weather conditions. We had a good entry of 24 members. The Pennard course is a good test of golf and it came out best in this Competition. Our praise is due to Jack Martin for the great improvement to this fine course in the past few years. We are grateful to everyone who subscribed to the Prizes, and to our faithful followers, also F. V. Southgate who travels from Bristol to do all the spade work at every meeting.

The Captain, Dr. O'Kayne presented the prizes and welcomed the greenkeepers to Pennard.

T. S. Morris, Chairman, Welsh Golf Union, praised the work done by greenkeepers.

Mr. I. G. Nicholls, our President, spent part of the day with us, but owing to a prior engagement had to make an early return to Cardiff.

Mr. M. Geddes, Section Chairman, replied on behalf of the Greenkeepers, thanking the club for their kindness, the Steward, the Professional, and all the Staff for making the day a great success.

The Prizewinners at Pennard were as follows: 27 Holes—S. A. Tucker (unattached), 130—11=119; D. G. Lord (Swansea Bay), 126—7=119; D. Jones (Pyle & Kenfig), 135—14=121; B. D. Jones (Pyle & Kenfig), 139—15=124; A. Price (Carmarthen), 137—11=126; J. Rees (Pyle & Kenfig), 136—9=127. Handicap 24—M. Young (Whitchurch), 149—24=125. First Year—W. J. Cox (Southerndown).

New Members

I wish to welcome the following new members to our Section: J. Tahy, 41 Blackweir Terrace, Cardiff (Glamorganshire G.C.);

M. J. Thomas, 37 Lewis Avenue, Blackwood, Monmouthshire (Blackwood G.C.); D. Dunn, 107 Connought Road, Cardiff (Glamorganshire G.C.) and W. J. Cox, Belle Vue, St. Brides Major, Nr. Bridgend, Glamorgan (Southerndown G.C.).

Dates

Please make a note of the following dates and let us have a good entry for these events. 19th June, Annual General Meeting, Royal Porthcawl Golf Club, 11-30 a.m., followed by a Competition in the afternoon, 18 holes for the Duncan and Birdie Cups. 13th, 14th and 15th August, B.G.G.A. Annual Tournament at Pyle & Kenfig Golf Club, and 26th September, Cardiff Cup at Glamorganshire Golf Club, Penarth.

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