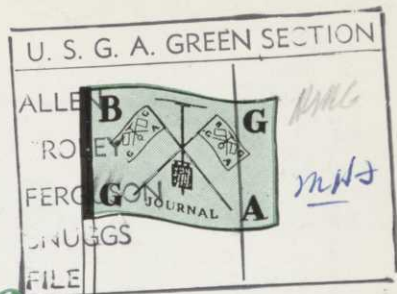


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# TEE SHOTS



by the Editor

**M**ORE and more Southport ladies are joining the Formby Ladies' Golf Club where they can enjoy their own club-house, their own course, grumble at their own Committee, and never have men getting in the way if they don't want them. The sharp division is carried right through the staff on the course where Bert Rimmer and his two assistants (male) retire to a group of tarred huts by the Ladies' 18th tee while Len Partridge and his four enjoy more sheltered accommodation by the men's club-house.

This is not to say that a helping hand is not lent in emergency. But Stan Wilson, whom we met driving a gleaming Massey Ferguson Diesel on Men's No. 6 with venerable but still effective Lloyds gangs in tow, admitted that if he was asked to mow a Ladies' course fairway, he generally had to ask the way.

This was in holiday month but both courses were beautifully turned out and the trim carpets of heather in bloom were a picture. The Ladies' course is a compact 5,292 yards protectively surrounded by the championship course which tops 6,800 and warrants all of its two extra staff. The three green mowers take five each and then converge on the club-house for the nearest three. Last man home, we suspect, gets the 18th which is 19 yards wide and just 56 yards long! By the time the operator has ripped the tops off the few million grass blades contained in this elegant sward he has covered a comfortable mile and a quarter.

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We have always suspected that grass on the red soil of Devon is shades greener. The Torquay Golf Course has finally convinced us. A familiar figure was at work though the spectacles deceived us momentarily. But it was the same George Long behind them running his Verticut tenderly over the 16th green. He confessed that he needs them now after—what?—forty years on Petitor? George followed his father as head man and is 65 next year, so he is not grumbling. By the look of his course—neither are his members!



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## BEEFING ABOUT BUMPS

by John Stobbs

**T**HE Open Championship which Arnold Palmer won at Old Troon in July will go down in the records as one of the most interesting of all time. This, not only for the play itself (and the way Palmer in the end all but wiped out all opposition completely despite Kel Nagle's two sub-par rounds beside him on the final day), but also for the odd state of the course and the conditions which came with it.

The American magazine, Sports Illustrated, in a report of the event, describes Troon as follows: "*A dour, forbidding links . . . one of those eerie, unnerving British golf courses surrounded by evil dunes, vile shrubs and an atmosphere more suited to the Hound of the Baskervilles than to sport . . . The Fairways are narrow, splotched with steep-sided bunkers that look like moon craters and burned brown by one of Scotland's worst droughts . . . the rough is full of those bushes that are as prickly as the Scots conscience: varieties of spiny broom and an impenetrable menace called whin.*" Well, that's how their correspondent saw it! In point of fact, in some ways Troon was rather easier than usual, in that the rough was hardly grown at all and—certainly by traditional standards—the gorse was kept well back and under control.

### Champion's plan

What was true, though, was that the course was as dry as tinder and the fairways hard, fast, and, as a result, bumpy. It was this, more than anything else, which seemed to frighten the foreigners—all except Palmer. Palmer studied it all carefully, decided how best to play each hole, set out to do so, and did so. His four performances at the 11th—where even the U.S.A. Open Champion, Nicklaus was terrified into taking a 10—were models of absolute consistency of aim and pattern. A drive (three times with a 1-iron, twice with a spoon) across the scrub country to exactly the right spot in the fairway, five yards or so short of the aligning gorse: then a long iron banged up towards the railway with a slight hook on it to curve up towards the green and run into the heart of it.

This was not just high golfing intelligence and confidence; it was the absolute courage and mastery of his game.

**Where lesser men beefed and grumbled about good drives bumping into the rough, and consistent scoring being impossible, Palmer ruthlessly proved what nonsense they were talking with his 71, 69, 67, 69: 207.**

### Test of golf

He also proved, incidentally, if one stopped to think about it, that we in these islands have no reason whatsoever to be in any way ashamed or doubtful about our sort of championship golf, played on rolling seaside courses, often fraught with penal hazards, and to greens which have to be seduced a little bit more subtly—or at least craftily—than by the transatlantic-type here-welcome-and-hold-it sort of approach. One can even hang quite proudly on to the notion that it is really the best sort of golf in the world—as I think it is. Who on earth really wants to reduce golf to a laid-on practice ground exercise, which is what a lot of tournaments are over in the States, and are beginning to be on some inland courses in this country! Let the championship links variations through-the-green last for ever, and may they never be less difficult, less puzzling, and less fraught with evil possibilities (particularly in a wind).

There is, after all, only one thing in a course absolutely essential to good golf. It is not, as some people have been trying to tell us, that all the greens should hold a demonstration up-in-the-air pitch shot like glued felt. On the contrary, it is that once the player has got the ball on to the green somehow—anyhow he likes or has the wit to!—then he should be able to feel absolutely secure that the ball will roll true to the putt. He deserves to be sure that it shall not joggle or screw about: and that there shall be no unfairly deceptive variations of pace from one green to the next.



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If any moral comes out of the Championship at Old Troon, it is that no decent golfer need ever beef about the impossibility of the ground between tee or green; for it is the same for everyone and he is at liberty to craft out his way however he likes. If the putting is fair once he gets there—then it's up to him to think, and play: not moan and run away.

### Greenkeepers' problems

Greenkeepers, beset as they so often are by fatuous complaints about the rough being unfair here and there, or one thing and another being wrong, disgraceful, untidy, idiotic, or utterly bad between tee and apron, can hardly be blamed if occasionally—seeking, as we all do, a life without strife and some measure of independence and peace of mind—they tend to explode to themselves that the blighters can't expect us to do everything at once, and if that's all they care about, well then. It must be tempting for many a man to turn a blind eye for the moment to his greens, in an attempt to give his time and attention to keeping the more wretched members quiet. It leads to no peace of mind in the end, though; because if there's

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one topic they'll all start blinding and bellyaching about in no time—if they have the slightest or remotest cause—it's the greens, of course.

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# ENDURANCE TEST

## The Annual Tournament in South Wales

### The wettest for fifty years?

**T**HE Pyle and Kenfig Golf Club offered every hospitality and golf in the classic tradition. Their's is a setting in the old and, many say, the best tradition—common land by the sea, few bunkers, short-cropped turf, a seaward leap into dunes piling on pressure as it goes, and no frills.

One has to be hardy to play this course well in winter. Monday's Stableford round showed this when a blustery wind and grey skies matched the grey stone cottages in the villages. But the greenkeeper can stand an English August as well as anyone and when the first three disappeared over the brow of the first hole at 8-45 a.m., the practice swings of those waiting were as supple as ever. Many stayed supple as far as the 9th where four arrived with the regulation 18 points, G. Woodward (Walsall), D. D. Beaumont (Moor-town), G. Payne (Maidenhead) and D. J. Lord (Swansea Bay). W. J. Kirkpatrick of Dulwich and Sydenham, playing from scratch, had gone one better with 19 points from his one under bogey 36. J. K. Glass on his last day as Chairman and A. Crawford (Whitecraigs) were on 19 with him. But the man of that particular moment was W. J. Kingston (Reading), who had compiled 21 points and was still looking for more.

Then came the seaward half. "No excuses", said Jock Glass, "I just played badly". Kingston, too, dropped away and only gathered a further 12 points. Kirkpatrick, after a useful birdie at No. 11, dropped shots at 14, 15, 16 and 18 for 16 points and a total of 35, but Crawford maintained the same form throughout and came home with one five at No. 11 and eight fours at all the rest for another 19 and 38. New Chairman Lord knew the back nine's snags but though he was level fours till the 16th tee, three fives at the last three only brought him up to 37 points and second place above Kirkpatrick. A steady rearguard action by W. Sumner (Grange Park) added 17 to 17, and a deserved fourth place, but here unfortunately the list closed, so that was that.

#### Convivial atmosphere

The rain was of less consequence in the afternoon as the assembly went into plenary session, and deliberated the affairs of the Association under the Chairmanship of the President. The official record is elsewhere so we need not elaborate the practical outcome of the debates. The atmosphere, as is proper, reflected something of the convivial refreshment which preceded it and was in sharp contrast to the orderly spirit which prevailed at the last gathering in Wales when heavier rain put it forward to the morning. Two members indeed felt obliged to refresh

themselves during the meeting but their attempt to seduce a senior official from the line of duty was not successful. Any ground which they gained over the rest of the attendance however was soon lost when at 5 o'clock informal business was resumed in another place.

#### Conditions worsen

On Tuesday the weather went from bad to worse. The morning was wet, the wind blew hard; the afternoon added torrential downpours and lightning playing round the course.

At lunch-time only four players, understandably, had broken eighty: G. Piggott (Henley), playing off 10, had a nett 75; R. J. Pugh, G. Payne 78; while D. Jones, J. K. Glass, D. J. Lord and D. D. Beaumont were bracketed on 79. The leading match of low-handicap golfers were all in the eighties.

It was a mercy that the cup for players aged 65 and over was decided over the morning round only, but there were many less

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5	280	4	14	380	4
6	147	3	15	230	3
7	337	4	16	400	4
8	333	4	17	440	5
9	489	5	18	379	4
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	3,172	37		3,269	37

advanced in years who jibbed at going out again in wet clothes with only the prospect of a few million volts to put an end to their misery. It was equally a mercy that the Rules of Golf make some provision for such conditions and that the hardier spirits continued the competition.

G. Woodward went round in 79, a miraculous score in the circumstances, and secured the Scratch Prize to the general satisfaction. He was particularly unlucky at Worthing when the weather played similar tricks less continuously, and though he had thirteen years out of greenkeeping and away from golf he has come back to both with skill and distinction.

R. J. Pugh, 157, took the first prize in the Senior Division and D. Jones, 154, the first Junior, also the best nett score of the day. As the results show, there were even enough

players finishing to claim all the rest of the prizes. They should all have been awarded a special citation for outstanding courage in the face of the elements. If this report is silent on their performances at individual holes they, better than anyone, will understand the reason why.

#### Visit of Mr. T. S. Morris

One of the few bright spots in the day was the visit of Mr. T. S. Morris, J.P., President of the Welsh Golfing Union. We were most grateful to him for coming to see us and for his kind gesture in contributing to the Prize List as well.

Wednesday began as bleakly as the other two days but suddenly, about 11 a.m., patches of blue sky appeared and the sun shone. This enabled the competitor who had saturated three outfits in turn and had none left, to put on each in turn and dry them out. The 18 hole medal round was windy but warmer and F. W. Ford (Hampstead), playing off 16, had soon returned a 73 nett. S. A. Tucker came in with 85—11, 74. Then D. Jones (Pyle and Kenfig) returned another 73, but Ford's last nine holes were better so he remained the winner.

The final ceremony followed after lunch when Mr. L. Williams, the Captain of Pyle and Kenfig Golf Club, presented the prizes to the worthy winners, all of whom, in spite of their ordeal, stepped up in sprightly fashion as if it was all in the day's work, as indeed it often is. J. J. O'Gorman's charming daughter, Marion, presented a bouquet to Mrs. Bretherton, and Mr. Dix thanked the Club for their hospitality, their fine course, and the welcome comfort which their catering had so constantly and promptly provided. Whatever the trials of play or the problems of the A.G.M., there is a wonderful atmosphere of bonhomie in these concluding moments which makes all the work worthwhile. And the work put in by Mr. Dix, the Hon. Secretary, with the able and willing help of Mr. Southgate and Mr. Payne of Messrs. Ransomes, Sims & Jefferies who were joined

on Tuesday by Mr. Soutar and Mr. Wilson from the Ipswich headquarters, was continuous, devoted and precise. We are very grateful to all these gentlemen for their cheerful running of the office side of the Tournament and to all those who turned up and turned out to make it a success.

One final word. This was, let us be frank, a badly attended Tournament. Forty odd competitors, thirty odd at the A.G.M.—these are silly numbers for an Association with over five hundred members. Some even question the morality of asking our many kind friends for prizes if the turn-out is only to be about 8% of the membership. All sorts of reasons can be advanced and, depending on the persuasiveness of the speaker, will gain more or less support. The usual statements are—Too far! Too long! Wrong time of year! Clubs won't help with time off or expenses! Interferes with holidays! Can't leave course at that time! Things aren't what they used to be!

#### Future decisions

All cogent points no doubt, but who is to say if they are right? Only those directly concerned, namely as many of the members as possible! Therefore we shall ask you next month to send us back a questionnaire which is being prepared. Your answers are the only useful basis for future decisions. If there are factors which prevent members attending a tournament in August, the Committee want to know what they are and whether anything can be done to overcome them. This is a changing world and if the old pattern does not fit modern requirements, then the pattern must change. The future pattern may depend on your answers. Be sure to give them next month. It will involve putting a few ticks on a piece of paper and sending it back to Head Office. Then the facts will be known and the right decisions can be taken. Of course, the small entry may have been due to the smallpox scare in the district earlier in the year. If so your answers will reveal this factor. The matter lies in your hands.

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## MIDLAND

By F. Cashmore

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I MUST APOLOGISE TO MEMBERS for my failure to send notes for the August journal. I was on holiday and let it go by. Sorry.

### Annual General Meeting

We had quite a fair attendance at the Annual General Meeting at the Robin Hood Golf Club on 25th June.

Our President, Mr. Carl Bretherton was in the Chair and a number of our Vice-Presidents attended.

E. Benbow presented his last Balance Sheet which was adopted. There were many expressions of thanks for the sterling work he had done as Treasurer ever since the Section was reorganised after the war.

Mr. Bretherton was unanimously re-elected as President and we were very glad he accepted the office.

The Vice-Presidents were re-elected en bloc with the addition of Messrs. H. G. Lunt, Edgbaston G.C. and C. F. N. Boulton from Stourbridge.

The following Officers were re-elected:—Chairman: G. Hart; Vice-Chairman: W. Mason; Secretary: F. Cashmore, and on the proposal of E. Benbow, seconded by W. Barton, G. Wilson was elected as Treasurer; E. Benbow was re-elected as our representative on the Executive Council.

G. Hart expressed the thanks of the Section to our Honorary Auditors, Messrs. E.

Ballenger and K. Sargeson who were re-elected.

On his retirement from greenkeeping, our old friend, Harry Drewitt was elected an Honorary Life Member and we wish him many more years amongst us. Mr. R. Stanley of Messrs. Ransomes was elected an Honorary Member of the Section. The President asked members to stand for a moment in respect for Charles Fletcher who had passed away during the year.

### Parker Challenge Cup

During the afternoon 14 members played for the Parker Challenge Cup. Result: 1st, A. Mitton, Fenham Park, 86—14=72, Challenge Cup and Tankard; 2nd, T. Jones, Warley, 79—5=74; 3rd, A. Stephens, Moor Hall, 94—20=74.

### New Members

We welcome M. H. Williams, 53 Brackenfield Road, Great Barr, Birmingham, 22, who is on the staff of the Handsworth Golf Club and congratulate Bob Goodwin, Shirley Golf Club on his appointment as Head Greenkeeper at Whittington Barracks Golf Club. His address is 167 Birmingham Road, Lichfield, Staffs.

### Autumn Tournament

By kind permission of the South Staffs. Golf Club, our Autumn Tournament will be held on their course on Wednesday, 26th September. Will members who wish to play please let me have their entries by 15th September so that I may make arrangements for catering.

### Annual Dinner

The Annual Dinner will be held at the King's Head Hotel, Bearwood, on Friday, 14th December. More details next month, but please make a note of the date as we wish it to be as successful as last year.

## NORTHERN

By J. Parker

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AT THE TIME OF WRITING THESE notes our well-known friend, Ted Calam, of Ganton Golf Club, was seriously ill in Scarborough Hospital. I have written to Mrs. Calam expressing, what I am sure is the wish of all members, for his quick and full recovery to Good Health.

### Mr. Bill Hannam

As a result of an accident at work Mr. W. Hannam of Bradford Golf Club, has had a long spell in Bradford Royal Infirmary. He has had to have an operation on his hip and is now learning to walk again. I am sure we all wish his long lay-up will soon be at an end.

### Change of Addresses

Mr. Doug. Cooper has taken up an appointment with Barnsley Municipal Golf Club. His new address is:—20 Wakefield Road, Staincross, Barnsley.

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THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE SECTION has now reached 42. This includes a few who have not been able to attend a Meeting but have promised to join.

We thank the Executive Committee of the Northumberland Union of Golf Clubs for a donation of £10 towards the Funds.

We are very grateful to our President, Mr. Leslie Jones for his interest and good work on our behalf. He has been a great help in giving the Section a successful and most encouraging start. Thanks, also, to our Vice-Presidents, Mr. K. B. Hood (President, Northumberland Union of Golf Clubs) and Mr. A. Harrison (President, Durham Union of Golf Clubs).

### Sweep

We thank Mr. J. L. Lowery, Assistant Secretary of the Section, for dealing with the Sweep and congratulate him on a good job well done. We hope all tickets are returned in good time.

At a meeting held on 4th August, Mr. Lowery gave all the Greenkeepers an invitation, on behalf of the Ravensworth Golf Club Committee, to play with their Members on Sunday, 23rd September, as they are giving Mr. T. A. Lud a testimonial. He has been at Ravensworth for more than 40 years, and was also our Chairman for about 14 years. Since his illness he has not been able to continue his work. We all look forward to meeting him and thank the Members of Ravensworth Golf Club for giving us the opportunity.

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## Annual Competition

Our Annual Competition will be played at the Gosforth Golf Club (Bridle Path) on 4th October.

## SHEFFIELD

*Chairman:*  
G. HERRINGTON  
(Lindrick)

*By R. Whitehead*  
*Hon. Secretary:*  
8 Clifton Lane,  
Hansworth, Sheffield, 9.

THE ANNUAL SECTION TOURNAMENT was held at the Sherwood Forest Golf Club on Monday, 23rd July by kind permission of the Club Captain and Committee.

25 members took part in the competition over 36 holes.

Prize-winners Scratch Cup: A. Spencer, 165 gross.

Handicap Prizes (Nett scores): 1st, F. Crookes, 145; 2nd, S. Inman, 151; 3rd, J. Baxby, 154; 4th, A. Spencer, 155; 5th, B. Crookes, 157; 6th, C. Chappell, 158; 7th, H. Tanfield, 158; 8th, P. Booker, 159; 9th, R. Whitehead, 159; 10th, O. Spencer, 160; 11th, A. Goldthorpe, 160; 12th, G. Herrington, 161; 13th, T. Stringer, 162.

The Prizes were presented by the Club Captain, Mr. W. G. Smith, who also welcomed our members to the club.

Our Chairman, Mr. G. Herrington thanked the Sherwood Forest Golf Club for granting us the use of the course, Mr. W. G. Smith, the Club Captain for presenting the Prizes, and the Steward and Stewardess for the very good meals.

Once again I should like to thank, on behalf of the section, Mr. Vaughan and Mr. Mountain for their help and the following members of the Trade for their continued support: W. Mountain and Son Ltd., H. Patisson and Co. Ltd., W. Hargreaves and Co. Ltd., Rotherham Sand and Gravel Co. Ltd., Ransomes, Sims, and Jefferies Ltd., May and Baker Ltd., Carters Tested Seeds Ltd., Rigby Taylor Ltd., Lunevale Products Ltd., Fisons Horticulture Ltd., Sutton and Sons Ltd., Stewart and Co. Ltd., Atco Service Branch (Sheffield), and T. Green and Son Ltd.

## NORTH-WEST

*Chairman*  
T. Brennan  
(Wilmslow G.C.)

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

OUR AUTUMN TOURNAMENT WILL be held at the Bolton Golf Club, Lostock Park, Bolton, on Thursday, the 27th September and I look forward to seeing as many as can possibly attend. Entries should be sent in to me by the 20th September but the earlier they come, the better.

Charlie Pennington informs me that he has now retired as Head Greenkeeper to the Prest-

bury Golf Club after 41 years' service. We wish him a long and happy retirement and look forward to seeing him whenever he can get to our meetings.

We welcome the following new Members:—

### Class A

W. McGregor, Brookdale G.C., Medlock Road, Woodhouses, Failsworth. M/C.

J. Rutherford, Golf House, Ashton-in-Makerfield G.C., Nr. Wigan.

W. Schofield, Walmersley G.C., Garrets Close, Walmersley, Nr. Bury.

### Class C

R. Jenkinson, 6 Central Avenue, Birkdale, Southport. Royal Birkdale G.C.

## EAST MIDLAND

*By S. T. McNeice*

*Chairman:*  
S. TALBOT  
(Wollaton Park)

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

OUR AUTUMN TOURNAMENT, TO be played at Willesley Park on Tuesday, 25th September, will be a 18-Hole Bogey Competition. This arrangement was passed at the Section's Annual General Meeting.

Will all those who wish to compete, this includes visitors, please notify me not later than Monday, 17th September. The Wellesley Club insisted on knowing how many meals will be wanted at least one week before the Tournament.

### Coach

I have not, at the time of making these notes, received any enquiries re. Coach for Wellesley. It has now been decided that there is no call for this transport, and it has been cancelled. We will now try and fix lifts for those who need it.

### Subscriptions

We still have a number of Members who have not, as yet, paid their subscriptions for this year.

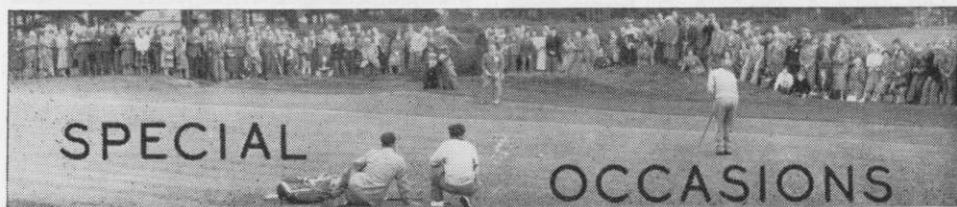
## THE SCOTTISH GOLF GREENKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION EAST SECTION

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (East Section) will be held at Longniddry Golf Club on Thursday, 4th October at 6-30 p.m. A competition for Prizes will be played during the afternoon starting at 1-0 p.m., followed by high tea at 5-0 p.m. "All in" charge 10/-. Will members who intend to be present please let me know before the 28th September.

A. HUIISH,  
*Secretary.*

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 26th Welsh Section, Cardiff Cup, Glamorganshire Golf Club.  
 26th Midland Section, Autumn Tournament, South Staffordshire Golf Club.  
 27th North West Section, Autumn Tournament, Bolton Golf Club, Lostock Park.

**OCTOBER**

- 18th Northern Section, Autumn Tournament, Headingley Golf Club.

**NOVEMBER**

- 28th Midland Section visit to Messrs. Massey Ferguson.

**DECEMBER**

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## BRITISH GOLF GREENKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION

### MINUTES OF THE 45th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

held at the Club-house, Pyle and Kenfig Golf Club, Porthcawl, Glamorgan, on Monday, 13th August, 1962, at 3-0 p.m.

The President, Mr. Carl Bretherton, took the Chair for the Meeting. There were 32 members present.

The Chairman asked all present to stand and pay silent tribute to those who had died during the year.

Apologies for absence were expressed by the Hon. Secretary on behalf of Mr. S. T. McNeice and Mr. R. Pugh.

The minutes of the last Annual General Meeting were read, confirmed and signed.

#### Annual Report

This was read by the Hon. Secretary, and its adoption was proposed by Mr. O. P. Jones, seconded by Mr. S. Smith, and carried.

#### Executive Committee Report

The Tournament Committee had been elected to consist of Mr. D. G. Lord, Mr. G. T. Geddes, Mr. E. H. Benbow and Mr. G. Herrington. It had been agreed to accept the lost entry of Mr. G. Hitchcock, and the late entry of Mr. J. Rees.

#### Financial Statement

The Hon. Treasurer reported a satisfactory state of affairs, but drew attention to the fact that of the £280 shown as surplus on the Balance Sheet, £227 was due to the *British Golf Greenkeeper*. He also advised that the increase in travelling expenses was mainly accounted for by the special journey made by himself and the Chairman to Newcastle to meet the Officers of the Northumberland and Durham Association. The adoption of the Accounts as presented was proposed by Mr. J. K. Glass, seconded by Mr. C. Moore, and carried.

#### Election of Officers

President:

It was proposed by Mr. J. K. Glass and seconded by Mr. D. G. Lord that Mr. Carl Bretherton be re-elected President of the Association. Carried unanimously. Mr. Bretherton thanked the proposer for his kind remarks, and said he would be pleased to continue in office, as that appeared to be the wishes of the meeting.

Vice-Presidents:

It was proposed by Mr. W. Kingston and seconded by Mr. F. Cashmore that the Vice-Presidents as listed in the Journal should be re-elected. Carried.

Chairman:

On the proposal of Mr. J. O'Gorman, seconded by Mr. H. Drewitt, the Vice-Chairman, Mr. D. G. Lord, accepted the office of Chairman, with expressions of thanks for the

members' confidence in him. His first duty was to present a suitably inscribed Tankard to Mr. J. K. Glass in appreciation of his sterling efforts for the Association during his year of office. Mr. Glass thanked the members and said he felt he had had a satisfactory year, in particular with the return to the Association of the North East members, and also the progress being made for the introduction of the Apprenticeship Scheme.

Vice-Chairman:

Mr. J. K. Glass proposed and J. Davies seconded that Mr. G. T. Geddes of the Northern Section be elected Vice-Chairman. Carried unanimously. Mr. Geddes responded with thanks and assured members he would do his best to maintain the standards set by his predecessors.

Hon. Secretary and Treasurer:

It was proposed by Mr. G. Woodward and seconded by Mr. E. H. Benbow that Mr. C. H. Dix be re-elected as Secretary and Treasurer. Carried. Mr. Dix thanked the members and said he would be pleased to continue in office.

Executive Committee:

To be elected as nominated by Sections. Proposed by Mr. W. J. Kingston and seconded by Mr. F. Cashmore and carried.

Hon. Auditors:

The Hon. Secretary reported that he was still hopeful that Messrs. Stoy, Haywood & Co. might be persuaded to continue to carry out the Audit for the Association at an increased fee, and it was proposed by Mr. D. G. Lord and seconded by Mr. H. Drewitt that the Hon. Secretary should make further enquiries in this direction and report to the Executive Committee as soon as possible.

Hon. Solicitor:

It was proposed by Mr. O. P. Jones and seconded by Mr. F. Cashmore that Mr. R. A. Beck be re-elected Hon. Solicitor for the ensuing year.

#### Proposition from Northern Section

A proposition from the Northern Section that a competition should be run at the Annual Tournament for Vice-Presidents of Sections and Head Office, with prizes furnished from the Association fund, was put before the meeting. After discussion it was proposed by Mr. J. K. Glass and seconded that this proposition should be accepted providing there were a minimum of 4 Vice-Presidents attending, in which case Trade representatives who were also at the meeting would be invited to compete.

#### British Golf Greenkeepers' Association Journal

The Hon. Editor reported a satisfactory position, similar in fact to last year. Advertising costs were increased by 7½% at the beginning of the year, but he was glad to say that the advertising revenue was up and there was a profit of over £200 for the year. He then made a further appeal for articles from members, and thanked the Section

Secretaries for their notes and members lists, etc. It had been suggested by the Executive Committee that where possible in the Sections a Journal Secretary should be appointed with the object of boosting and developing Section Notes. A hearty vote of thanks to Mr. F. W. Hawtree for his work was proposed by Mr. O. P. Jones and seconded by Mr. S. Smith.

#### Apprenticeship Scheme

Mr. F. W. Hawtree informed the meeting that he had produced a proposal for an Apprenticeship Scheme which had been sent out to all the golfing Unions and Associations, Sections and important personnel. It had been very well received and would be considered by the Council of Golf Unions in September, where he hoped it would receive the necessary approval to enable it to come into being.

#### North East Section

The Hon. Secretary was pleased to report the reforming of the North East Section of the British Golf Greenkeepers' Association from the Northumberland and Durham Association. He understood the membership was already over 40, with every possibility of more to come.

#### Journal Postages

Owing to the increase in postal charges, it was agreed that a proposition should come before the next meeting to increase members' postal charges for the Journal from 2/6 to

3/6. In the meantime it was hoped that Sections would assist as much as possible in obtaining this increase for the current year.

#### 1963 Tournament

This tournament would be in the North West Area in 1963, and the Hon. Secretary said that he had written to the Secretary of the Royal Birkdale Golf Club at Southport to enquire if it would be possible to play there. He had not yet received a reply, but would advise the Executive as soon as he had any definite information.

There being no further business the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Chair by the Association Chairman.

#### SITUATIONS VACANT

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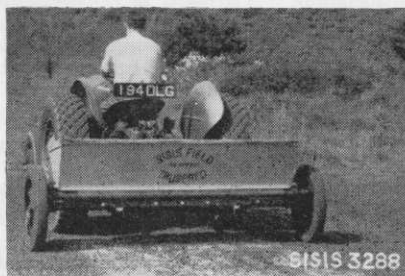
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# BRITISH GOLF GREENKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION

## ANNUAL REPORT 1962

### Annual Tournament, Lectures

The Forty-fourth Annual Tournament was held at Bridlington, Yorkshire last August, with between 50 and 60 Members taking part. The golf was good, the weather kind, and our thanks must be extended to everybody at Bridlington for their kindness in making our visit so enjoyable.

Sections held their Spring and Autumn Tournaments, thanks to the efforts of their Officers, and there were several visits to firms and organisations. Our thanks are due to all those who made these visits possible.

Several lectures with photographic illustrations on golf course construction were given by Mr. F. W. Hawtree to Sections. These were also attended by officials from local clubs and interesting discussions took place.

A full programme of lectures and winter events was carried through by most Sections and the Committee emphasise the importance of regular meetings and functions in maintaining and expanding both the educational and social side of the Association.

### Membership

The numerical strength of the Association has been maintained, and Section figures give a total of 530 members, with a further nine not paid at the end of April. This is a satisfactory position, but the Executive Committee hope that members will still make every endeavour to bring in more new blood.

### "The British Golf Greenkeeper"

Once again we express our grateful thanks to the Hon. Editor for his efficient handling of our Journal, its regular improvements, and the many interesting articles he finds for our members. Section Secretaries are also to be congratulated on Section News, a very important feature of our Journal.

### F. G. Hawtree Memorial Fund

It is encouraging to note that there is a steady request by young members for instruction in greenkeeping. All the available places

paid for by the Fund were taken up last year and a further two are already booked for this coming Autumn. The Trustees are very appreciative of the financial assistance which certain Clubs give for their young greenkeepers to attend this intensive Course at the Sports Turf Research Institute.

### Administration

We congratulate our Chairman, Mr. J. K. Glass, on a most successful year of office. This is the second time he has held this important position and his experience and wide connections have enabled him to press the Association's cause in many ways. Our congratulations are also extended to Mr. D. G. Lord of the Welsh Section who succeeds him.

The Accounts for the year ending 30th April, 1962, will be circulated at the Annual General Meeting at Porthcawl.

The Annual Draw for 1961 showed an appreciable increase in the sale of tickets, and it is hoped that the Draw this year, which is being run on the News of the World Match Play Championship, will bring forth a still larger return.

A very important development during the year has been the request of the Northumberland and Durham Association to rejoin the British Golf Greenkeepers' Association. A meeting of the Chairman, Hon. Secretary and Mr. F. W. Hawtree with Mr. Leslie Jones and the Officers and Members of the Northumberland and Durham Association was arranged, the outcome of which was a resolution to re-form the North East Section of the British Golf Greenkeepers' Association as from the 1st May, 1962. We are glad to have North-Eastern greenkeepers with us and hope they will find help and pleasure in their membership in spite of the distance separating them from many other Sections.

### Apprenticeship Scheme

A detailed scheme was prepared for the Executive Committee by Mr. F. W. Hawtree in April and sent to all interested golfing organisations, Sections, and to many individuals. The scheme will be considered by the Council of National Golf Unions at its

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meeting in September and we sincerely hope that the co-operation of all the Golf Unions will enable a scheme to be set up shortly.

### The Sports Turf Research Institute

Advisory Service—The Committee continues to urge on Members the wisdom of frequent contact with the Institute to which a part of their Annual Subscription entitles them.

(a) Greenkeepers attached to Clubs who subscribe to the Research Fund are entitled to the following:—

1. Journal free to their home address.
2. Identification of grasses, weeds, etc., by direct private correspondence with the Research Institute.
3. Report on soil; but not expensive analysis.
4. All services to which Club is entitled, including detailed advice on treatment of Greens and Fairways; elimination of pests, etc.

(b) Greenkeepers attached to non-subscribing Clubs will be entitled to the following:—

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3. Report on soil; but not expensive analysis.
4. Advice on treatment of Greens and Fairways; elimination of pests, etc. at the discretion of the Director of Research.

Members are requested to make every use of the Research Institute Lending Library.

### In Memoriam

We record with sorrow the death of the following members announced in the British Golf Greenkeeper since our last report: Mr. C. G. Leafield, Mr. J. Ellis, Mr. C. Fletcher, Mr. S. Phillips and Mr. A. Mould.

By order of the Executive Committee.

Chairman: J. K. GLASS.

Hon. Secretary: C. H. DIX.

### B.G.G.A. Annual Tournament, 1962 Prize Winners

The S.T.R.I. Cup. 18 Holes, Stableford.

1st Prize (Suit Case), A. Crawford, 38 points.

2nd Prize (Sheets), D. G. Lord, 37 points.

3rd Prize (Pyrex Coffee Jug), J. W. Kirkpatrick, 35 points.

4th Prize (Fruit Set), W. Sumner, 34 points.

"News of the World" Cup. 36 Holes Scratch.

1st Prize (Canteen of Cutlery), G. Woodward, 167 gross.

The Artisan Medal. 18 Holes Medal.

G. Piggott, 75.

Jubilee Cup. Inter-Section. 36 Holes Medal.

(3 Tankards), Midland Section, 488.

"Coming of Age" Cup. 18 Holes Medal (60 Years and Over).

1st Prize (Smoker's Stand), G. Piggott, 75.

2nd Prize (Shaving Mirror), E. H. Benbow, 83.

Senior Division ("plus" to 11). 36 Holes Medal.

1st Prize (Ransomes Cup and Gold Watch), R. J. Pugh, 157.

2nd Prize ("Golf Illustrated" Cup and Clock), J. K. Glass, 158.

3rd Prize ("Universal" Cup and Replica, and Fish Knives and Forks), J. O'Gorman, 161 (Last 9).

4th Prize ("Hargreaves" Cup and Canteen of Cutlery), D. Beaumont, 161.

5th Prize (Camera), G. Payne, 162.

6th Prize (Holdall), D. G. Lord, 165.

7th Prize (Blanket), S. W. Light, 167 (Last 9).

8th Prize (Casseroles, Pyrex), E. W. Folkes, 167.

Junior Division (12 to 24).

1st Prize ("Pattison" Trophy and Gold Watch), D. Jones, 154 (Last 9).

2nd Prize (President's Cup and 3-Piece E.P.N.S. Tea Set), D. H. Jones, 162.

3rd Prize ("May's" Cup and Barometer), J. Davies, 165.

4th Prize ("Verdone" Cup and Linen), J. Williams, 166.

5th Prize (Golf Bag), F. W. Ford, 167.

6th Prize (Blanket), G. E. Brennan, 170 (Last 9).

7th Prize (Table Cloth and Napkins), C. A. Moore, 170.

8th Prize (Silver Pencil), O. P. Jones, 171.

The "Allan Taylor" Cup. 18 Holes Medal.

1st Prize (Electric Blanket), F. W. Ford, 73 (Last 9).

2nd Prize (Electric Toaster), D. Jones, 73.

3rd Prize (Electric Kettle), S. A. Tucker, 74.

4th Prize (Electric Razor), E. H. Benbow, 75 (Last 9).

5th Prize (Voucher), J. O'Gorman, 75 (Last 9).

6th Prize (Voucher), B. Jones, 75 (Last 9).

*We are indebted to the following who have kindly contributed to our Prize Fund:—*

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B.G.G.A. ANNUAL DRAW, 1962—RESULT SHEET

"NEWS OF THE WORLD" MATCH PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP, WALTON HEATH  
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<i>Player</i>	<i>Ticket No.</i>	<i>Player</i>	<i>Ticket No.</i>	<i>Player</i>	<i>Ticket No.</i>
Fairbairn, T. H. T.	05841	Charle, R. J.	02240	Howard, G.	02508
Little, J. A.	18017	Jacobs, J. R. M.	11887	Hector, W.	19044
MacDonald, K. A.	00213	Green, J. M.	17581	Lewis, H.	05991
Rees, A.	18312	Riddell, W.	10544	Caines, M. M.	05110
Brown, R. A.	02241	Muscroft, H. W.	05998	Duncan, I. B.	02061
Higgins, P. T. L.	11215	Johnson, J. W.	13976	Weetman, H.	06402
Moffitt, R. L.	17505	Bailey, D.	05576	Lees, A.	08104
Sewell, D. N.	00195	Melville, D. L.	02636	Lee, T.	17717
Roberts, E. P.	00730	Thomas, D. C.	01134	Bell, J.	02126
Amos, J. R.	01834	Wilkes, B. B. S.	02937	Hunt, G. M.	12339
Leeder, M. T.	07815	Middleton, H.	04862	MacDonald, J. A.	13540
Sharkey, J.	06246	Shaw, J. S.	19434	McHardy, W.	14852
Coles, N. C.	14841	Knight, R. A.	01295	Thomson, C. B.	12294
Bradshaw, H.	10959	Gillies, A. C.	11019	Whitcombe, E. E.	01406
Jones, E. T.	04547	Lanyon, W. R.	07723	Scott, S. S.	15800
Maisey, G. R. (Jnr.)	09554	White, C. R.	06168	Smith, R. A.	01057
Paton, A. W. M.	07554	Thomson, P. W.	05550	Huggett, G. W.	18918
Henderson, K. W.	02694	Huggett, B. G. C.	01472	Allen, B. H.	06068
Cotton, T. H.	11393	Levermore, A. B.	13223	Jowle, F.	03114
Bousfield, K.	17630	Partner,	06117	Law, V. R.	01495
Roesink, M. H.	10135	Craik, D. C.	18934	Evans, W. W.	19529
McKenzie, A.	08667	Cotton, G. A.	11568	Panton, J.	19340
Drew, N.	10274	Mandeville, R. M.	03185	Daly, F.	02404
Adwick, K. W. C.	07189	Nash, D. A.	11330	Allen, W.	01426
Smith, I.	06209	Pennington, C. G.	13252	Henderson, J.	17716
Scanlon, D. P.	07733	Fogarty, S.	15452	Verwey, R.	14051
Place, D. A.	19052	Snell, D.	04707	Peel, M.	07981
Loxley, P. E.	19436	Low, G. W.	00393	McCondichie, W.	17937
Ayton, L. B.	08079	Gledhill, G.	12786	Hockey, J. R.	08332
Sutton, N.	10774	Frew, J.	09287	King, C. C. S.	14856
Mercer, K. S.	11280	Carter, J. E.	04698	Adams, J.	14843
Chalkley, R. A.	01103	Harman, A. J.	04070	Faulkner, M.	08027
Ward, E. W.	03123	Taggart, S.	18987	Thomson, I. G.	01695
Fidler, R. S.	02825	Topping, L.	12316	Bayliss, J. F.	08399
Stickley, A. F.	10924	Boobyer, F. S.	04500	Smith, R. M.	00680
Lester, E. G.	17531	Foreman, R. J.	13856	Wilkshire, J. W.	02502
Begbie, R. G.	04165	McGhee, J. A.	01526	Martin, I.	09727
Boyd, L. H. T.	10355	Beattie, R. A.	09451	Mountford, T.	10918
Will, G.	11325	Stirling, J.	12121	Allen, T. W.	04741
Coop, A. B.	04133	Moir, M. J.	02378	Beard, D. M. P.	05872
Redford, K.	09946	Whyte, P. G.	06226	Butler, P. J.	18845
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