

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:—

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. 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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