

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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