

News

MIDLAND

By F. Cashmore

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from the Sections

SHEFFIELD

Chairman:
G. HERRINGTON
(Lindrick)

By J. J. Dearlove,
Hon. Secretary:
63 Langsett Avenue,
Sheffield, 6.

A GOLF COMPETITION ORGANISED by the Sheffield Union of Golf Clubs, for Greenkeepers of this Section, was played on the 5th June over the Hillsborough course, in the form of a four ball Stapleford. The scoring was of a very high standard on a lovely day, with the winners, S. Inman and A. Spencers, returning a score of 45 points. Other prize winners, C. Chappell, A. Goldthorpe and G. Herrington, all on 40 points.

It was good to see so many greenkeepers at the same place at the same time, from the youngest to our oldest member, Fred Keys, an Hon. Life Member, whom we were all pleased to see.

The meal afterwards was of the highest order, as were all facilities extended to us by the Hillsborough Club.

Our thanks go out to the Sheffield Union and especially to Mr. Wilkinson—Union Secretary—and his helpers for their hard work in the organisation.

Some healthy discussion took place over the traditional drinks at the 19th on the havoc the past winter has played on golf greens throughout the district, and it was generally agreed that nothing quite like it has been experienced before.

To sum up, an excellent day was had by all. "Keep up the good attendance, lads!"

Journal Postage

I SHOULD LIKE TO REMIND members that the postage for the Journal is now 3s. 6d. That makes the subscription for Head Greenkeepers £1 3s. 6d., Assistants 10s. and Associates 12s. The Treasurer, G. Wilson, c/o 294 Middlemarch Road, Radford, Coventry, will be pleased if members will let him have their subscriptions as soon as possible and will any member who has not got a pass card let him know at the same time, so that he can let them have one with their subscription entered on it, then they will always have proof that they have paid. It is very easy to lose a receipt.

Mr. J. L. Davies, who has been head greenkeeper at the Alfreton Golf Club, Oakerthorpe, Derbyshire, for many years, has had to give up greenkeeping and move to Cheshire owing to the ill health of his wife. We wish him well in his new occupation and hope his wife's health improves.

President's Match

As I am writing these notes the President's Match is only four days away and I am still waiting for replies from eight members to a letter sent them a fortnight ago, enquiring if they would be able to play. I am very angry about it, not for myself, but I think it shows discourtesy towards our President. The amount of time and work he gives for our Association, and the Midland Section in particular, warrants a reply of yes or no, so that I can let him know how many greenkeepers will be coming.

NORTH-EAST

By T. Oliver

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

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

OUR SPRING MEETING WAS PLAYED on the course of Hartlepool Golf Club, by kind permission of the Committee, on Thursday, 16th May. We were favoured by grand weather conditions and the course is in fine trim, particularly the greens. Congratulations to our member, Dick Nicholson.

We were pleased to have with us our President, Mr. Leslie Jones. The President's Putter was won by D. Gray, playing from scratch, with an excellent round of 66. Second was R. Derham (7) 70; third T. Davies (18) 72; T. Nutman (6) 74; T. Green (4) 75; M. Moat (15) 76; T. Kirtley (11) 76; J. Snowdon (10) 81.

Following tea, the Putter was presented by Mr. Jones, who said how pleased he was to see such a good turn-out of members. The

other prizes were presented by Mr. Pallister, Chairman of Hartlepool Golf Club, who made us very welcome and said he hoped we had a good day. Mr. Stoker and Mr. Coyne also hoped that we had enjoyed the day. Our Chairman, J. Simpson, thanked the Club and Mr. Jones thanked the Steward and Stewardess for the very good tea.

We were also pleased to have with us Mr. Vaughan, Representative of Ransomes Sims & Jefferies, and Mr. Mackenzie.

Thanks again to Les Lowery for his good work on the cards. Thirty-two members played, 36 attended.

We have to thank Mr. L. Jones for his keen support towards the Association by advising officials of Golf Clubs to encourage greenkeepers to join. We already have new members and at the end of the year in April we had a membership of 50, of which 48 are fully paid members, plus two Class F.

We also have to thank the Northumberland and Durham Golf Unions for their donations.

Receipts and payments have been examined as per Balance Sheet; we have a balance at the bank of £38 17s. 0d.

The Annual Meeting, election of officials, etc., was held on 13th April and the meeting for April expenses was held on 1st June.

NORTHERN

By J. Parker

Chairman:
S. BAILES

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

Visit to S.T.R.I.

ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE for members of the Section to visit the Sports Turf Research Institute at Bingley, on Tuesday, 16th July. Members of the North-West Section will be visiting the Station on the same day. Members are invited to bring along an official of their club and assemble at the main offices at 1.45 p.m. No further notification of the visit will be sent. Note the date.

Course of Instruction

Two places have been reserved for members of the Section to attend the Autumn Course of Instruction to be held at the S.T.R.I., Bingley, from the 21st to 25th October. Anyone wishing to attend is asked to forward his name to me as soon as possible. The Section will pay for the registration fee, but members will be responsible for their own meals and travelling expenses.

New Members

We welcome to the Section the following new members: P. Bowden, 19 Highfield Terrace, Cullingworth, Bradford (West Bradford G.C.); J. Smith, 20 Escott Street, Burnley (Burnley G.C.); R. F. Waterson, 21 Lyndon Avenue, Garforth, near Leeds (Garforth G.C.).

We have already enrolled eight new members in the new financial year and it is to be hoped that members will do their utmost to get more into the Association—I have plenty of nomination forms.

Annual General Meeting

There was a most disappointing attendance at the A.G.M. held on Thursday, 30th May, at the Market Tavern. Only seventeen members were present, these being mostly the old stalwarts who support the Section on all occasions and money raising efforts! In presenting his annual report, the Secretary reported a rather big drop in the returns of both Headquarters and Section Sweeps and hoped that the ones in the coming year would be better supported. Membership and subscriptions were slightly increased. He thanks the S.T.R.I., members of the trade, Golf Clubs, Mr. Mountain (President) and Mr. A. Nott for their help.

Election of Officers

The following were elected as officials for the coming year: Mr. W. Mountain (President), Mr. S. Bailes (Chairman), Mr. D. Roberts (Vice-Chairman), Messrs. A. Routledge, A. Robertshaw, E. Paley, G. Garnett, G. Mason, K. Chamberlain and A. Tallant (Committee), J. Parker (Hon. Secretary and Treasurer). As a mark of appreciation for his services to the Section and Association, Mr. G. Geddes was elected Hon. Vice-President of the Section.

New Chairman.

On taking over Chairmanship, Mr. Bailes thanked members for thus honouring him and hoped he would be able to serve the Section well. He thanks Mr. Mason, who had been Chairman for the past three years, and had declined nomination, feeling that the honour should go round to other members, for his work during that period.

Several matters were discussed in which most members present took part. The meeting closed with members partaking of liquid refreshments with the President.

EAST MIDLAND

By S. T. McNeice

Chairman:
D. G. WHITEHEAD
(Wollaton Park)

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

Spring Tournament

THE EAST MIDLAND SECTION Annual Spring Tournament was played over the Sinfu Lane, Derby, Golf Course, on Tuesday, 28th May.

The weather was bright and sunny, but a strong drying east wind blowing caused the course to be very fast and made approach shots to the green most difficult to hold.

EAST MIDLAND—continued.

These are the leading scores and prize-winners:—

1st, B. Mott, Kingsthorpe Golf Club, 85—13=72.

2nd, S. T. McNeice, Leicestershire G.C., 84—12=72.

3rd, J. Carrick, Northamptonshire Co. G. C., 83—9=74.

4th, F. Frost, Derby Municipal G.C., 80—6=74.

5th, R. W. Willars, Leicestershire G.C., 97—22=75.

6th, A. Thornton, Chilwell Manor G.C., 98—22=76.

7th, D. G. Whitehead, Wollaton Park G.C., 100—24=76.

Special Prize for 3s—S. Fretter, Kirby Muxlow.

Vice-Presidents.

1st, R. Whitcombe, Chilwell Manor, 90—18=72.

2nd, D. Ezard, Bulwell Hall, 73—scr.=73.

All ties were decided on second 9 holes.

We are indebted to the following, who have kindly contributed to our prize fund—Messrs. Ransomes, Sims & Jefferies Ltd., Mr. R. C. Ainscow, The Derby Golf Club, Messrs. H. Pattison & Co. Ltd., Messrs. Leicester Horticultural Eng. Co., Messrs. Thomas Green & Son Ltd., Mr. J. C. Harrison, Mr. S. C. Long.

New Members

We welcome to the Section Roger Frederick Buchanan, 12 Aston Drive, Bulwell Hall Est., Nottingham.

SOUTHERN

By W. Mason

Chairman:
J. K. GLASS
(Thorpe Hall)

Hon. Secretary:
18 Albert Road, Hendon, N.W.4.
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IN SPITE OF THE THREAT OF RAIL strike, we had quite a good entry for our Spring Tournament, a total of forty-one.

The winners were as follows:

Scratch prize—J. Kirkpatrick, 158.

Handicapped players—1st, J. Noakes, 155; 2nd, G. Darby, 156; 3rd, G. Hitchcock, 156; 4th, J. Corner, 156; 5th, J. Glass, 157; 6th, D. Major, 158; 7th, D. Kirkpatrick, 159; 8th, J. Ness, 160; 9th, F. Hayter, 161; 10th, J. Stobbs, 161; 11th, S. Freeman, 162; 12th, S. Dennis, 164; 13th, E. Folkes, 164; 14th, G. West, 164.

Our thanks go to all those firms who kindly contributed towards our prize list and also to Thorndon Park Golf Club for their great welcome.

Will members please not that subscriptions are now overdue.

New Members

We welcome to the Section the following new member: P. W. Robinson, 11 Council Houses, Shephall, Stevenage.

NORTH-WEST

By V. Crabtree

Chairman:
T. BRENNAN
(Wilmslow G.C.)

Hon. Secretary:
223 Market Street
Whitworth, Nr. Rochdale

GREETING TO THE MEMBERS OF the North-West Section.

This is the first edition of my notes and reminders to you since I was elected your Secretary. I hope most sincerely that I can maintain the high standard of efficiency shown by my predecessors and that your confidence in my appointment has not been misplaced. I will try to give satisfactory service and with your full co-operation and support lift the North-West Section to even greater heights.

If you have any news, let me have it for publication.

If you know any greenkeepers who are not members, let me know or send for a membership form.

Have you paid your subscriptions? Please note Class A is now £1 3s. 6d., Class B 16s., Class C 12s. This increase is due to the cost and postage of the journal. Please send your subscriptions to the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. E. Macavoy, 21 White Meadows Drive, Thornton, Liverpool, except in the case of new members, when they should be sent to me. No new member will be placed on the membership roll until the first subscription and entrance fee of 2s. 6d. is paid.

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Mr. B. Ellis

We were all very sorry to learn, at our Annual General Meeting, that Ben was adamant about his decision to resign as Secretary. His resignation was accepted with real regret, his wishes to be a back-bencher were acknowledged. He joined the Golf Greenkeepers' Association 36 years ago, the knowledge and experience gained over so many years cannot but leave a place that requires a lot of filling.

He has served on the staff at Romily Golf Club for 32 years, which shows a steadiness and consistency to be admired. In 1946 he was approached by Mr. Hawtree regarding the re-formation of this branch, so along with Mr. T. Bridges and Mr. T. Morton and a bank balance of 7s. 4d. he was appointed Hon. Secretary. Mr. W. Hargreaves, who was then President, was contacted and the circumstances made known to him. He promptly wrote out a cheque for £10 to help start. Ben continued in this office for six years until 1952, he was then Vice-Chairman and Chairman in 1953-54. Again he stepped into the breach for two years as Secretary in 1961-62.

This sounds a bit like "This is Your Life", and perhaps it is, but it is a record without which The North Western Section would have been much the poorer.

From us all, "Thank you, Ben, for a good job of work".

The meeting then acknowledged Mr. Ellis' services by making him a Life Member, and a tankard is to be purchased, suitably inscribed, and presented to him.

Trip to Research Station, Bingley

A visit has been arranged to the Turf Research Station, Bingley, for Tuesday, 16th July, 1963. Would members wishing to go please let me have their names by 1st July, so catering arrangements can be finalised. The party will travel by coach, picking up times as listed below: Queen Hotel, Bradbury, Bents Lane, at 8-0 a.m.; Cherry Tree Hotel, Romiley, 8-5 a.m.; Navigation Hotel, Marple, 8-15 a.m.; Goyt Mill, Marple, 8-15 a.m.; Blossoms Hotel, Stockport, 8-25 a.m.; Queen's Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester, 8-45 a.m.; Victoria Station, Manchester, 9-15 a.m.; Rochdale Town Hall, 10-0 a.m.

Spring Tournament

Our Spring Meeting was held at Sale Golf Club on Monday, 13th May, 1963. Thanks to the Captain and Council, with the co-operation of the inside and outside staff, an excellent day's golf was enjoyed. We played 18 holes in the morning and 9 holes in the afternoon, followed in the evening with the Annual General Meeting.

A wonderful array of prizes were displayed to spur us on to greater things. The John

Fitton Rose Bowl and camera, coffee percolator, electric clock, holdall, tankard, two bottles of whiskey, crystal bowl, canteen of cutlery, golf balls, fruit set, a golf umbrella. These were presented by Mrs. B. Ellis, Mrs. L. Haken, Mr. L. Haken, Mr. O. P. Jones, Mr. W. H. Payen and the President, Mr. W. Kinsey. Messrs. W. E. Sowerbuttes & Co., Messrs. T. Burrows (late Ellis Rees and Co. Ltd.), Messrs. Lunevale, Messrs. Barthers Ltd., Messrs. Suttons Ltd., Messrs. Rigby Taylors. Thank you, prize donors, and Mr. Captain, Sale Golf Club, for a donation to branch funds.

The prizes were played for over the 27 holes and won by W. Brady, 121 gross; H. Smith, 109 nett; A. Warhurst, 111½; G. Davey, 112½; T. Cooper, 116 (on first 9 holes); A. M. Shaw, 116; R. Mayer 117; W. Brady, 118; D. Pate, 119½; A. M. Shaw, on first 6 holes; A. Curran, the highest score; and the visitor's prize by Mr. V. Howard, 69 nett.

Tournament Accommodation—Note to All Sections

Would any members who have to travel long distances to reach Royal Birkdale for the Autumn Tournament, having any difficulty fixing accommodation, please let me know and we will do our best to find suitable hotel or boarding house in Ainsdale or Southport. Please reply as early as possible, as this period as at peak holiday times.



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SOUTH-WEST

Chairman:
G. GILBERT,
(Warminster G.C.)

By A. Cockfield
Hon. Secretary:
(Shamcastle G.C.)

OUR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING was held at Knowle Golf Club by kind permission of the Captain, on Monday, 6th May.

The meeting was opened by our Chairman, Mr. Gilbert. The Hon. Secretary gave a brief report on the activities of the Section during the past year.

The accounts showed an improvement and after a detailed report these were approved and carried. The meeting was concluded after a vote of thanks was given to the Club.

Annual Tournament

It was decided to approach the Committee of the Bristol and Clifton Golf Club for permission to hold our Annual Tournament there in July.

They have very kindly offered us Tuesday, 23rd July, for this event. In order to assist catering arrangements, the closing date for entries will be Tuesday, 16th July. Will all those competing please forward their entries together with a fee of 10s. (towards lunches, etc.) not later than the above date.

WELSH

Chairman:
M. GEDDES
(Royal Porthcawl)

By S. A. Tucker

Hon. Secretary:
36 Clase Road,
Morrison,
Swansea, Glam.

OUR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING was held at the Southerdown Golf Club, by kind permission of the Captain and Committee, on the 28th May. As usual, it was run in conjunction with the Secretaries, who invited us to supper. We played 18 holes before lunch and held our Annual Meeting in the afternoon, which was well attended. There was some very good golf played, as you will see from the results.

The first prize went to J. Davies with a score of 99—24=66. His prize was a putter given by J. C. Clay, Esq. Second was D. Jones with 79—12=67. His prize, a holdall, was given by I. G. Nicholls, Es., our President. Third was J. R. Williams, 81—11=70, who won a clock, and fourth J. Rees, 78—7=71, whose prize was a salad-bowl and servers.

The First Year Competition was won by W. Hooper — 99 gross. Our President presented the prizes after supper to finish off a splendid day, which everyone enjoyed.

As you all know, our subscriptions are due and I would ask those few who did not square up with the Treasurer at our last meeting, to please send theirs to Mr. M. Geddes, 23 Fenton Place, Porthcawl, Glam., without delay, so that Mac can close that section of the books.

As you have all heard from Mr. Lord how much money is needed to maintain our Association, I hope you will do your best to sell out all raffle tickets in the parcel which you will have received from me before you read these notes. Thank you all for your support in anticipation of a good year.

The Autumn Meeting will be held by kind permission of the Captain and Committee of the Cardiff Golf Club, Cyn-Coed, Cardiff, on Wednesday, 18th September. Please let me know how many will be coming from each club, so that I can arrange the catering with the steward.



THE SCOTTISH GOLF GREENKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION

Chairman:
D. L. MACDIARMID,
Royal Burgess Golfing Society,
Barnton, Edinburgh 4.

General Secretary:
R. B. MOFFATT,
71 Kelton Street, Glasgow, E.2

Annual Tournament

OUR ANNUAL COMPETITION WAS held on the Old Course, St. Andrews, by kind permission of the Joint Kinks Committee. It was a grand day and the course was in excellent condition, thanks to Mr. J. K. Campbell, and his staff.

The results were as follows: 1st, Mr. J. Moffat, St. Andrews, 71; 2nd, Mr. I. Simpson, Blairgowrie G.C., 72; 3rd, Mr. W. Falconer, Panmure G.C., 74; 4th, Mr. J. K. Campbell, St. Andrews, 76; 5th, Mr. W. Donnachie, Deeside G.C., 77; 6th, Mr. J. A. Riddell, Deeside G.C., 77; 7th, Mr. J. Falconer, Panmure G.C., 79.

Mr. J. K. Campbell, our Chairman, thanked the Committee for the courtesy of the course, the New Club for their excellent hospitality and Mr. and Mrs. G. Mearns for the nice meals. We are also indebted to Col. Brown of the R. & A. for presenting the prizes and conducting us through the R. & A. Club with all the historic trophies and relics of the home of Golf.

ROYAL BIRKDALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Forty-sixth Annual General Meeting of the British Golf Greenkeepers' Association will be held at the Royal Birkdale Golf Club, Southport, on Monday, 12th August, 1963, commencing at 3-0 p.m.

Notice of Resolutions must be sent in writing to the Honorary Secretary TWENTY-ONE DAYS before the date of the meeting. Under Rule 29, Proxies may be voted at all General Meetings. A Form of Proxy may be obtained from the Honorary Secretary and returned not later than FIRST post on Wednesday, 7th August.

The Annual Tournament

THE FORTY-SIXTH ANNUAL GOLF Tournament will be held at the Royal Birkdale Golf Club, Southport, on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, 12th, 13th and 14th August, 1963. Entry Forms appeared in the June issue of the Journal.

Programme

Monday, 12th August.

Morning—18 Holes Stableford.

Afternoon—Annual General Meeting, 3-0 p.m.

Tuesday, 13th August.

36 Holes.

"News of the World" Cup (Scratch).

Senior Division (Plus to 11).

Junior Division (12 to 24).

The Artisan Medal.

The Jubilee Cup (Team Prize off Handicap).

The Coming of Age Cup.

Wednesday, 14th August.

Morning—18 Holes Medal Competition.

Afternoon—Prize Distribution at 3-0 p.m. (approximately).

Members requiring accommodation should look under Mr. Crabtree's North West Section Notes, where he kindly offers to assist.

HON. SECRETARY'S NOTES



Handicaps

Section Secretaries will be asked to verify the handicaps of all competitors from their records before the Tournament. All Handicaps and revisions must be based on the National Golf Unions' handicapping system.

A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE Committee will be held at the Royal Birkdale Golf Club, Southport, on SUNDAY, 11th AUGUST, 1963, at approximately 5 0 p.m.

May I remind holders of trophies from last year's Tournament, who are not taking part this year, to ensure that these are returned to Royal Birkdale Golf Club, Southport, prior to this year's meeting.

Annual Draw

May I remind members that all counterfoils and monies should be returned to their own Section Secretary and NOT to me.

C. H. DIX,

Hon. Secretary.

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