

News



from the Sections

NORTHERN

By J. Parker

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

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

Spring Tournament

UNDER IDEAL GOLFING CONDITIONS the Annual Spring Tournament of the Section was played over the course of the Woodsome Hall Golf Club, Huddersfield, on Tuesday, 7th May (by kind permission of the Committee).

This is the first time the Section has visited this course and the 30 members taking part in the competition were agreeably surprised by the lovely setting and lay-out of the course—a stiff test of golf and, as the scores returned show, good figures were hard to come by.

Results

Scratch Prize: R. Barnes (Hazel Grove) 152. First Division: 1st, L. Sharp (Woodhall Hills) 148; 2nd, D. Roberts (West Bowling) 150; 3rd, M. Henderson (Ganton) 153. Second Division: 1st, D. Storey (West Bowling) 134; 2nd, P. Williams (Northcliffe) 150; 3rd, C. Shinwell (Howley Hall) 152. Veteran's Prize: S. Smith (Alwoodley) and D. Scott (Scarborough North Cliff) tied 73. Vice-President's Prize: A. Brophy (Moor Allerton) 149; Pro-Greenkeeper, P. Geddes (Clitheroe) 133.

The prizes were presented by the past Captain of the Woodsome Hall Golf Club, Mr. L. Chambers, who was introduced by our President, Mr. W. Mountain. The speaker said

how pleased he was to welcome members of the Association to the course and spoke highly of the work done by their own greenkeeper, Mr. T. Brook. He realised under what trying circumstances greenkeepers had sometimes to work. In a vote of thanks, Mr. G. Mason, Chairman, thanked the officials of the Club present for the most generous way they had entertained members with coffee and biscuits and presented a voucher for the prize fund.

He also thanked Mr. C. Hughes, professional, for the kind loan of caddy cars and the stewardess, Mrs. Williams, for the splendid meals and service. Finally, congratulations went to Tom Brooks and his two staff for the splendid condition of the course under what has been a most trying spring. The vote of thanks was seconded by Mr. J. Scott and heartily endorsed by members.

We were pleased to have with us Mr. R. B. Dawson, Director of S.T.R.I., accompanied by Frank Smith. Other old stalwarts present were Tommy Hallah and Syd Jolly and members of the trade.

Our thanks are due to the following who so kindly contributed to our Prize Fund:—

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Mr. G. Geddes

Members will be pleased to hear that Mr. George Geddes, Vice-Chairman of the Association, and Head Greenkeeper to Moor Allerton Golf Club for the past 32 years, has been made an Honorary Life Member of the Club in appreciation of his service to the Club.

New Members

We welcome to the Section the following new members:—

Mr. J. H. Fitzgerald, 260 Sissons Road, Leeds 10 (Cobble Hall Golf Club).

Mr. G. Hollingworth, 20 Stainbeck Street, Meanwood, Leeds 7, (Moor-Allerton Golf Club).

Mr. E. Garlick, 8 Dean's Wood Drive, Leeds 17 (Moor-Allerton Golf Club).

Mr. A. Christon, 2a Tynwald Hill, Moor-town, Leeds 17 (Moor-Allerton Golf Club).

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NORTH-WEST

By B. Ellis

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

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(Romiley G.C.)

WE ARE TO PAY A VISIT TO THE Research Station on Tuesday, 16th July. Members wishing to make the trip, please let me know as soon as possible. Details of times and places of pick-up will be published in the July issue.

New Members

We welcome two new members to the Section:—

H. Thompson, 124 Broadway, Davyhulme, Manchester (Davyhulme Park Golf Club).

W. Cryer, 301 Willows Lane, Bolton (BRIGHTMET Golf Club).

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HON. SECRETARY'S NOTES



Annual Draw

The Annual Draw for 1963 will again be run on the "News of the World" P.G.A. Match Play Championship to be held at Turnberry Golf Club, Ayrshire from 2nd to 7th September, 1963.

Prizes will again be to the value of £100 as last year and tickets will be 6d. each in books of five. These should be in the hands of Section Secretaries during this month.

It is hoped that members will make every effort to maintain the splendid response of last year, but I shall be disappointed if the sale of tickets cannot still be increased. This draw is a very important factor in our financial affairs.

Mr. G. T. Geddes

It is with the greatest pleasure that I have to advise members that our Vice-Chairman, Mr. G. T. Geddes, has been elected an Honorary Member of his Club, at Moor Allerton, in appreciation of his very long, conscientious, and valued services.

I am sure all members would like to join me in expressing our very sincere congratulations.

SITUATIONS VACANT

Head Greenkeeper required for Hallamshire Golf Club. Must be fully experienced—rent-free house, etc. Applications, stating age, full details of experience, when able to commence, with copies of testimonials, to Secretary, Hallamshire Golf Club, Ltd., Sandygate, Sheffield 10.

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SOUTHERN

By W. Mason

Chairman:
J. K. GLASS
(Thorpe Hall)

Hon. Secretary:
18 Albert Road, Hendon, N.W.4.
Tel.: SUNnyhill 0245

THE SECTION AUTUMN TOURNAMENT will take place at the Walton Heath Golf Course on Wednesday, 4th September. May I please remind members that when sending along their subscriptions to remember that owing to the increased cost of journal postage, it was decided to add an extra shilling to pay for this. Class "A", 23/6d.; Class "B", 16/-; Class "C", 11/-.

Any member wishing to compete for the Artisan Gold Medal at Birkdale in August should pay an extra shilling, thus making them an Association Artisan Member.

Visit to Messrs. Suttons on Wednesday, 26th June

There are still a few vacant seats on the coach. Will anyone wishing to go, please let me know right away, as we are limited to forty.

NORTH-EAST

By T. Oliver

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

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

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Section was held on the 13th April at the Marquis of Blandford, Newcastle-on-Tyne. 18 members were present. Our President, Mr. L. A. Jones attended and with him was Mr. Bookless, Captain of the Northumberland County Team. Mr. Jones took the chair, welcomed the members and said how very pleased he was with the result of the Section's first year. Mr. Jones then invited Mr. J. Simpson into the chair, who welcomed Mr. Jones and Mr. Bookless.

The Secretary and Treasurer, in presenting his report, was able to show a satisfactory year's working, with 48 fully paid members.

The election of officers was as follows:— President, L. A. Jones; Vice-Presidents, K. B. Hood and A. Harrison; Chairman, J. Simpson; Vice-Chairman, D. A. Earsman; Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, T. Oliver; Committee: T. Nutman, L. Lowery, R. Raine, N. Fraser, T. Kirtley, R. Derham, R. H. Nicholson, H. Somerville, W. K. Harker; Executive Representative, Mr. J. Simpson; Hon. Auditors, Messrs. Martin, Hilton and Blakey.

Several other matters of importance were discussed and it was decided to leave them in the hands of the Committee. Mr. Jones mentioned that there were a number of Clubs in Northumberland and Durham where the Greenkeepers were not yet members and an

effort was to be made to contact them and invite them to join.

Mr. Jones also very kindly presented the Section with a prize for a Competition, "The President's Putter", to be played for as the Committee decides. Our Chairman, Mr. J. Simpson, thanked him for his generosity and said it was an honour to the Section coming from the President of the English Golf Union.

This meeting was held earlier than usual owing to my having to attend infirmary for treatment, but I am pleased to say that I am now much better.

I would also like to record our grateful thanks to our Hon. Auditors, Messrs. Martin, Hilton and Blakey.

Outing to S.T.R.I.

We had a very pleasant and interesting day at the Sports Turf Research Institute, Bingley, on Tuesday, 23rd April. Our party of 40 was met by Mr. Wood, the Secretary, who made us very welcome. After lunch we were shown around the plots and nothing was too much trouble for the officials, whose names, unfortunately, I did not get. It was a pleasure to meet Frank Smith, Mr. Parker and Mr. Bartle. We had two good meals from Mr. and Mrs. Kelly, it was a grand, sunny day and we all enjoyed it.

New Members

We welcome to our section three new members:—

Mr. P. Malia, Ryehill Cottage, Brass Castle Lane, Middlesbro' (Middlesbrough Golf Club).

Mr. J. Davison, 30 Grayson Road, Middlestone Moor, Co. Durham (Bishop Auckland Golf Club).

Mr. D. Storey, 6 Low Hall Terrace, Bishop Auckland, Co. Durham (Bishop Auckland Golf Club).

SHEFFIELD

By J. J. Dearlove,

Chairman:
G. HERRINGTON
(Lindrick)

Hon. Secretary:
63 Langsett Avenue,
Sheffield, 6.

OUR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING was held in the Brunswick Hotel, Sheffield, when our President, Mr. A. Shardlow, took the chair. Events for the season were arranged as follows:—

Greenkeepers v. Sheffield Union of Golf Clubs at Hillsborough on the 5th June.

President Prize, to be played at Hollows Golf Club on the 17th June.

Annual Tournament

We are hoping to pay a visit to the S.T.R.I., Bingley and hope for a good turnout, especially of our younger members.

All will be notified when the date is fixed.

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Tournament

Here are the results of a competition played at Baltray Golf Club on the 13th May:

1st, H. McWha, Helens Bay, 90—18=72; 2nd, H. Pettigrew, Royal Belfast, 87—13=74; 3rd, J. G. Bryan, Edmondstown, 86—12=74; 4th, P. Cullen, Milltown, 81—6=75; 5th, J. Bridges, Malone, 81—5=76; 6th, S. Allen, Warrenpoint, 84—7=77; 7th, R. Wightman, Helens Bay, 87—9=78. Best Gross: D. McDonnell, Grange, 79.

Grateful Thanks

The prizes were contributed by:—Irish Dunlop Company, Golf Ball Developments Ltd., Dairy Engineering Company of Ireland, Dubtex Manufacturers and Mr. Black of Belfast.



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

Reminder

(This notice first appeared last month.)

THE ANNUAL GOLF OUTING WILL be held on Thursday, 27th June, over the Prestonfield Golf Course, Edinburgh, by courtesy of the Prestonfield Committee. We hope to have a large attendance of old and new members on this date.

WEST SECTION

Hon. Secretary: B. Moir,

11 Helen's Terrace, Kilwinning, Ayrshire.

THE WINNERS OF OUR SPRING Meeting held over Erskine Golf Course on 18th April, were as follows:—

H. Diamond—Scratch 73. 1st Class—1st, R. Dugan, 75—3=72; 2nd, J. Ferguson, 75—2=73; 3rd, L. Millar, 79—5=74. 2nd Class—1st, K. McNiven, 82—15=67; 2nd, D. McNicol, 81—14=67; 3rd, R. Scott, 80—10=70. 3rd Class—1st, J. Robb, 89—21=68; 2nd, R. Baird, 89—18=71; 3rd, R. Fitzpatrick, 91—19=72. Veterans Class—1st, J. McKellar, 90—19=71; 2nd, A. Pringle, 91—15=76. Foursomes over 9 Holes—1st, K. McNiven & R. Fitzpatrick, 33½; 2nd, P. Innes and T. Wemyss, 33½.

(We regret that the date of this tournament made it just too late for inclusion in May.—Editor.)