

News



from the Sections

MIDLAND

By F. Cashmore

Chairman:
G. HART
(Gay Hill)

Hon. Secretary:
76 Four Oaks Common Road
Sutton Coldfield, Warwickshire.

Spring Tournament

THE WEATHER WAS VERY UNKIND to us at Streetley on 4th April. We had a heavy snow shower in the morning and afternoon. Only six players failed to finish the 36 holes, which was very good considering the weather, but the condition of the course was remarkable in view of the fact that a month before it was under frost and snow. Our entry was down on last year, only 20, and results were as follows:—

Best Nett, Ransome Challenge Cup and Coffee Percolator, T. Jones, 153; Best Gross, Sutton Challenge Cup and Set of Carvers, G. Woodward, 162; 2nd Nett, Golf Umbrella, A. Boraston, 154; 3rd, Kitchen Scales, R. Pugh, 154; 4th, Garden Shears, E. Walford, 156; 5th, Cruet, B. Powell, 158; 6th, Pullover, E. Benbow, 161; 7th, Bread Board and Knife, K. Webb, 162; 8th, Bottle of Whisky, W. J. Handy, 163; 9th, 1 doz. Forsums, A. C. Jones, 164; 10th, Golf Bag, V. Smith, 166; 11th, $\frac{1}{2}$ doz. Sixty-Fives, W. Machin, 171; 12th, Set of Table Mats, D. Haynes, 175; Over fifties prize, Leg of Pork, R. Pugh; Best 9 holes, morning: T. Jones, 35 Nett; 2nd at any hole: B. Powell, G. Woodward, A. Boraston,

2 Sixty-Fives. Visitors, R. Parker, 80 Nett, 4 Sixty-Fives; B. Baxter, 83 Nett, 2 Sixty-Fives.

The prizes were presented by the Captain of the Sutton Coldfield Golf Club, Mr. C. Hope, who was introduced by our President, Mr. Carl Bretherton. The Captain said how pleased they were to have us at Streetley and spoke very highly of Jack Toy, who had been with the club for 48 years. Owing to the absence of our Chairman and Vice-Chairman, I thank the Sutton Coldfield Golf Club for allowing us the courtesy of their course and clubhouse and for the prizes that the Chairman, Captain, Match Captain and Mr. Holt and Mr. Alger, Committee Members, donated, the indoor staff for the splendid meals they gave us and for making us feel welcome, Jack Toy and his lads for the condition of the course after the severe winter, Bill Payne for coming and doing his usual chores, our visitors and trade representatives who came and joined us and the donors of the many prizes, which were: Messrs. Ransomes, Sutton & Sons, W. Hargreaves & Co., Sparbrook Golf Ball Co., Fisons Ltd., Carters Tested Seeds, Mitchel & Butters, Lunevale Products, F. W. Lees & Sons, Cannock Agricultural Co., Hilton Gravel Co., E.T.B. Mower Services, Parker & Ballenger Ltd., Ludor Mower Services, Mr. J. W. R. Robinson, Mr. Len Price, Mr. Carl Bretherton, Mrs. Bretherton, and officials of the Sutton Coldfield Golf Club.

I had a letter from Stewart Christie, who has been at the Dudley Golf Club, to say that he was leaving to take up the job at the St. Pierre Golf Club, Chepstow, on 8th April. He has not been in the Midlands long, but has been a keen supporter of all our activities during that time and we wish him the best of luck in South Wales.

I also had a letter from C. Woodhouse, Head Greenkeeper at the South Staffs Golf Club. He has had an operation on his foot last December and has not yet returned to work. We hope that he will soon be fit again.

SOUTHERN

By W. Mason

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J. K. GLASS
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THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will take place at the Talbot Restaurant on Wednesday, 12th June, at 7-0 p.m.

I was pleased to hear that the dinner on Friday, 29th March, went off very satisfactorily.

May I take this opportunity of thanking all members for their kind remarks and good wishes for my recovery. I am pleased to say that I am going on very nicely.

Thanks to our President, Mr. F. Chambers and his Society of London Golf Captains, we have again received a cheque of fifty-two guineas.

We welcome to our Section two new members:

E. R. Brown, "Iona", Farm Lane, Seer Green, Beaconsfield, Bucks.

D. Crude, 8 Berkeley Avenue, Bexley Heath, Kent.

WELSH

By S. A. Tucker

Chairman:
M. GEDDES
(Royal Porthcawl)

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

OUR SPRING MEETING WAS HELD at the Clyne Golf Club by kind permission of the Captain and Committee on 3rd April, 1963. We were very lucky in having a fine day, with a steady breeze blowing. By playing nine holes before lunch and 18 after, we had a 27 hole aggregate and there were some very good cards returned. Jack Martin took the President's Shield and a Coffee Percolator given by Messrs. Ransomes, Sims & Jefferies, with a score of 110. The second prize, a Cigarette Lighter given by H. Pattison, went to D. P. Robinson with a score of 113.

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There was a tie for third place between G. Brennan, D. H. Jones and D. Jones, all with a score of 114. On the score of the last nine holes, D. Jones won third prize, a shopping bag, and G. Brennan won fourth prize, a parcel of fertiliser given by Shell Chemical. There was a special prize for over 20 handicap of a Silver Pencil given by May & Baker, which was won by J. Davies with a score of 134. Many thanks to the Clyne Golf Club and to all concerned in making our day a very pleasant one.

Summer and Annual General Meeting

I have not yet got the date for the General Meeting, which will be held at Southerdown Golf Club, but I will notify all members as soon as I have it at hand. Please make a special effort to attend this meeting and bring your subs with you, as they will be due, and it will save you and Mac a lot of time in writing and posting.

NORTHERN

By J. Parker

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

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

Subscriptions

MEMBERS ARE REMINDED THAT subscriptions for the year 1963/64 are now due and prompt payment would be much appreciated. Once again members are asked to contribute a further 1/- to meet the increased cost of journal postages.

Sheffield Match

The Annual match versus Sheffield Section will be played over the course of the Fulford Golf Club, York (by kind permission of the Committee) on Tuesday, 17th September, 1963.

March Lecture

The last lecture of the winter session was held on Tuesday, 19th March, at the Old Queen's Head, Bingley. Nearly forty members turned up to hear a most interesting talk by Mr. H. Ledgate, B.Sc., Chemist at the S.T.R.I., on "Recent Developments in Greenkeeping". Mr. Ledgate dealt with the work going on with worm-killers, fertilisers and weed-killers. Following the talk, the speaker ably dealt with questions put to him by members.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. G. Mason, Chairman, and heartily endorsed by members.

New Members

We welcome to the Section the following two new members:

J. M. Hannan, 23 Lingfield Hill, Moortown, Leeds 17 (Moorallerton Golf Club).

S. A. Mayhew, 97 Danebury Drive, Acomb, York (Fulford Golf Club).

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Chairman:
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40 Edward Road,
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Spring Tournament

THE SECTION TOURNAMENT IS being held on Tuesday, 28th May. Will competitors please note that this will be held at the Derby Municipal Sinfen Lane Course.

The Tournament will be over 18 holes, Medal Play, commencing 1.0—1.30 p.m. For those who require them, arrangements are being made for sandwiches to be obtained before play commences. The usual High Tea will be put on after completion of the round.

Will all members wishing to attend this event please let me know not later than Tuesday, 21st May, as I have to contact the club steward re meals.

How to get there

Those going by road from Nottingham, take Ring Road to Normanton Barracks, then to Sinfen Lane.

By public transport—Bus from Derby—No. 88 from the Market Place to Terminus, which is quite near course.

Subscriptions

Will members please note that as from 1st May subscriptions are due for 1963-64. We



THE SCOTTISH GOLF GREENKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION

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71 Kelton Street, Glasgow, E.2

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.

have been paying 2/6d. per member for the postage of your journal. This is less than the cost of the actual postage, so members are asked to contribute an extra 1/- per year. Your dues will now be: Class A—£1 3s. 6d.; Class B—16/-d.; Class C—12/-d.

Owing to subscriptions being so slow in coming in in previous years, your Committee has stipulated that all members competing in the Spring Tournament must pay their subscriptions not later than 21st May. You have been warned—so please send your subs. to the Section's Treasurer, Mr. A. Thornton, 15 Trent Road, Beeston, Notts.

Autumn Tournament

By very kind permission of the Council your Autumn Tournament will be held at Rothley Park Golf Club, Leicester, on Wednesday, 25th September.

New Members

A cordial welcome is extended to the following who have been elected members of our Association and who will take up their membership as from 1st May. Class C.

Mr. D. J. Topley (Birstall Golf Club), 121 Wanlip Lane, Birstall, Leicester.

Mr. A. E. Neal (Birstall Golf Club), Cliffe Road, Birstall, Leicester.

Mr. D. Warrington (Birstall Golf Club), 227 Wanlip Lane, Birstall, Leicester.