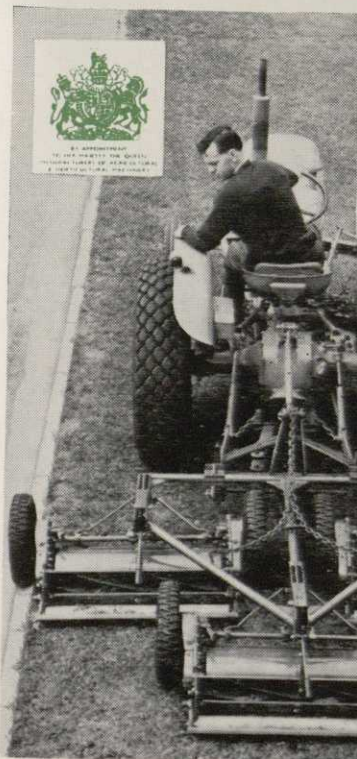
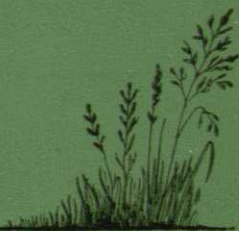


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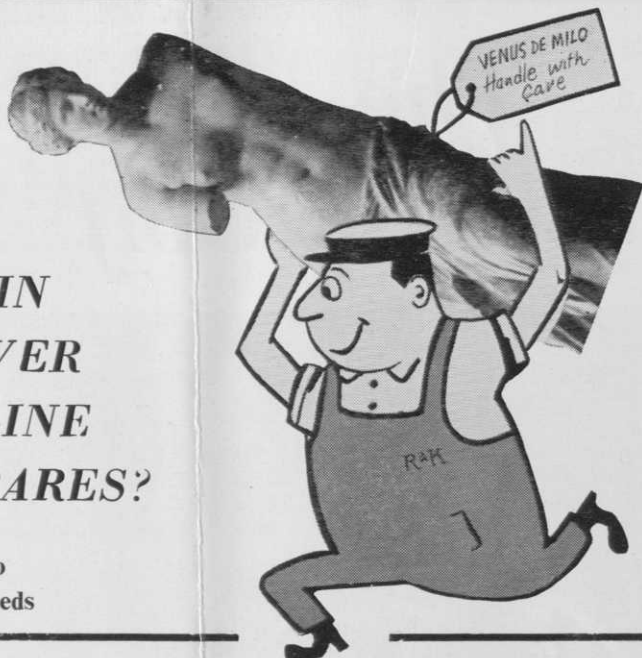
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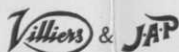
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# TEE SHOTS



by the Editor

We wrote earlier this year about the site we looked at in France where the Belgian frontier would form a very definite "out of bounds". Last month we were on a site in Belgium where just the reverse was true. The ground lies alongside a new canal and about 150 acres have been used to dump the material excavated. Unfortunately, somebody seemed to have forgotten about the top soil.

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Widnes Golf Club has bought itself another six acres alongside the 13th hole and hopes to extend next year. Six acres is not much, but Widnes is so compact that it will bring proportionately big advantages.

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Charlie Moore at Stanmore has stripped 10,000 turves plus at his 7th hole and is re-modelling the green contours. This will give him more space to cut holes. A noted turf specialist, who saw it earlier this year, said that the best thing to do was to put a bomb under it. Mr. Moore is carrying out the alterations equally drastically but more efficiently.

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We walked round Burnham Beeches the other day and met Mr. J. C. Burnham, the Professional and Mr. R. Cox, the Head Greenkeeper for many years. Like most others, he was complaining about the excessive worm activity this autumn, but it was still a joy to play round this lovely Buckinghamshire course. The cottage where Arthur Lacey, one of the original members of this Association, once lived still stands amongst its trees by the 6th green and apart from changes in numbering, the course is still much the same.

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## SIX HUNDREDTHS DO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

says John Stobbs in the fifth of his current series of articles.

THE Ryder Cup result, of 20 points to the United States professionals against only 6 to ours, over the six rounds of foursomes, fourballs and singles, has raised again what seems to be becoming a permanent bogey about the condition of British golf.

The one constant factor in all the reports and opinions, from Press and players alike—as indeed it has been after our last two open championships—was conjecture whether the larger American ball might not be the root cause of the difference in competitive ability between the two teams.

Cynics and statistics-wise men dissent, of course, on the simple suspicion that even if the Americans played all their golf with our ball, and we played all our golf with the American ball, they would still win. This, of course, can be neither proved nor disproved. But every argument of mechanics and play stands against it, and in favour of the theory that we could play that 2% more reliable golf which would match them if all our players were forged, in method and temperament alike, upon the 1.68 in. ball instead of the 1.62 in.

The advocates of a British swing to the larger ball cannot prove their point decisively either. But both analysis and opinion seem to be moving their way all the time.

### Masses against?

The whys and wherefores of the argument do not concern us here. But since the vast mass of British ordinary golfers and clubs are still assumed to be against any change, on the simple theory that the British ball goes farther for them than the U.S.A. one, this might be a good moment to take a look at the issue from the greenkeeper's point of view.

Likely differences between play with the 1.62 in. and the 1.68 in ball come under three headings. *First:* the

amount of wear and tear on the courses. *Second:* the possible effect upon the putting-surface problem. *Third:* the possible effect upon course value.

The wear and tear factor might prove to be very telling. Any man can try this for himself. Procure ten American-size balls (of any age), line them up on any well-worn patch of turf (just about where the majority play their shots to the green from would do well, but the practice ground might be wiser!) First, taking all the time in the world, and playing each stroke as if it was one in a normal game, hit each British-sized ball to a green or target. Take a rest for a bit: then think anew about the shot in terms of the American-sized ball; and then strike all of them to the green as well (taking one club more, if the wind is against, perhaps).

### Not so deep

Experiments already tried suggest that for nearly every ordinary golfer this comparison tells its own story. On examination, the line of divot-marks left where the ten American-size balls were struck will be less deep and damaging to the fairway than the line of ten left where the British balls were struck. This: despite the fact that the player will still have been striking them all with the habits he has devised for coping with the smaller ball.

Once a player gets accustomed to the larger ball, and adjusts his striking method to it, he tends to take out far less turf than he does with the British ball, because the American ball sits a little higher on the turf than the British. Even in a tight lie, there is not the same incentive to "dig" for it. The American ball, moreover, rises up into the air much more readily from the face of the club than the British one: so that—quite irrespective of the height at which it sits on the grass—it demands far less of a digging blow to get it up in the air. On long shots, certainly, it needs much more driving forward, and much less squeezing up.

This may seem to conflict with the fact that so many top American players dig out big divots on short wedge shots. But that, when true, is merely because

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they are playing a particular kind of low-flying push shot which calls for squeezing the ball. For the vast majority of strokes hit by the ordinary middle and long-handicap week-end golfer, the likelihood is that far less turf would be taken, and fairway wear and tear substantially reduced.

The second factor which might come into the greenkeeper's life where the change to be made in this country might be a sudden relief from complaints about the trueness or otherwise of the greens. This would not be because trueness of surface would be in itself any less important to golf. It would remain absolutely paramount. But greens would at once seem truer than before—simply because the larger-sized ball runs more easily over minor irregularities which badly affect the smaller one. The difference in size between a 1.62 in. ball and a 1.68 in. looks small in figures, but in actual effect is quite substantial.

### **Less Bunkers**

The third and perhaps most important effect might prove to be that upon course value: although a really well hit drive will go just about as far with the American ball as with the British ball, a shot hit at only 75% accuracy will go markedly less far with the big ball than the small. So that a thin, cut drive which will still clear an out-of-date bunker on the right and land beyond it on the fairway with the 1.62 in. ball, with a 1.68 in. ball will lose length and drop right into it. The use of the bigger ball by all golfers would cut down the modern demand for extra bunkers to cope with the longer hitters, who carry the ones originally designed for the course.

Anything which lessens the need for extra bunkers—and may even lessen the need for some of the existing ones—is a natural ally to the greenkeeper.

The same factor would operate in course length. There are numbers of courses which today either have already been lengthened to match the modern British ball, or which are on the list for lengthening. With the 1.68 in. ball, the need at once lessens; simply because only the really well-hit shot will go the

sort of length which causes the trouble—and really well-hit shots amongst ordinary golfers are in the minority.

### **Floater?**

This line of thought can be, and has been, taken further: to suggest that part of the answer to the greenkeeping problem is to reduce radically the length the ball will travel, so that 380 yards becomes a full-length two-shotter, and 450 yards a genuine par-5. Henry Longhurst has many times suggested that the simple answer to all question of regulating the performance of golf balls (cutting out all elaborate resilience tests, etc.,) is simply to say that: "A golf ball shall float".

That simple fact would introduce a constant relationship between weight and surface area; giving balls constant ballistic characteristics irrespective of size. Trial and error would produce the best optimum size for play; there might even be room for three or four sizes for current strengths and temperaments of players.

What such a rule would certainly do is to end for good the stretching-out of courses which has been going on for the last forty years; bring back into play bunkering and hazards long left behind, enable clubs to revert to older tees closer to previous greens; and even—perhaps—enable week-end golfers to get round in 2½ hours again instead of 3.

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It would also give the greenkeeper a shorter, simpler course to maintain; with considerably less wear and tear on fairways, since the floater would rise for the ordinary golfer even more easily than the present American-size ball. Nor would the ball be difficult to make. In fact most manufacturers could probably turn it out merely by substituting a light fluid in the core-sac of each ball instead of a heavy one—put in at present simply to bring the ball up to 1.62 oz. weight.

What we probably need is some rich man to start his own public course and club, and make using a floater a condition of playing, having designed the course accordingly. It would, at the very least, be an interesting experiment.



## IN BRIEF

*J. R. Escritt summarizes some impressions of his trip to the United States.*

*Places visited included:—United States Golf Association, New York Office; U.S.G.A. Greens Section, Eastern Region; Hercules Powder Co., Wilmington, Delaware; Hercules Country Club; Merion Cricket Club, Philadelphia; Pennsylvania State University (and its golf course and playing fields); Williams Country Club Weirton (near Pittsburg); Rhode Island University and Turf Experimental Station; Beltsville Experimental Station, Washington (U.S. Department of Agriculture); Pebble Beach Golf Club (south of San Francisco) and others.*

Some points of interest:—

1. There is a great variation of conditions over the United States and it is difficult to find any really comparable with ours.
2. The philosophy of turf management (and everything) is different. This is partly due to the fact that there seems to be plenty of money available.
3. Few playing fields were seen at all. There do not seem to be many playing fields as we know them and I even heard an appeal over the radio for education authorities to provide physical education instruction in the schools.
4. Discussions were held on a fashionable process (i.e. hydroseeding) for sowing grass seeds, particularly on road verges.
5. It is clear that in general much more nitrogen is used on turf than we use in this country. I am not clear as to whether this is necessary although the grasses they use (e.g. creeping bent) tend to be heavier feeders than the grasses we use.
6. Penncross creeping bent grass gives a very good performance particularly in areas with a climate similar to ours but having a very warm summer. (Available as seed though very expensive).
7. Piper bent, a selected strain of velvet bent is apparently not as good as some velvet bent obtained from Yorkshire in 1937.
8. The best known strain of fine fescue—"Pennlawn" is comparable only with "Chewings" fescue, i.e. no great improvement if any.
9. Penn State University. A new set of experiments on physical soil conditioners may prove useful. Like most of the experiments seen, it is sponsored.
10. Construction costs for golf courses are extremely high compared with ours.
11. Everything is geared to the motor car age including the siting of golf courses, driving ranges, etc.
12. I gather that the Americans have not a good answer for clover and knotweed control. They were interested to learn about C.M.P.P. Clover was found on every area of turf seen right across the States. Knotweed was also very common being seen not just in muddy areas as we find it on football fields, but also on tennis courts, golf greens, etc.
13. Tall fescue selections are being worked on as being possibly useful for rough, tough turf such as racecourses.

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£70,000 municipal golf course is planned at Basildon New Town, Essex.

Last week more than 100 women at Barnsley, Yorkshire, Golf Club had signed a petition in protest against a ruling that women must not wear slacks in the club bar. Mr. John Hirst, 59, the Club Secretary said: "I have no objection to women wearing well-tailored slacks, but these tight trews are a bit much".

The Club Captain, Mr. Robert Robson, said: "This summer we had two women playing with bare midriffs. This is a golf club, not a Riviera beach. We must keep certain standards.

Mr. James Leonard left £100 to the Burnham Beeches Golf Club in his will to make a new bunker at the 440 yard 18th hole. Two bunkers on the left were not enough for Mr. Leonard. He wanted one on the right.

# THE N.A.G. HURLINGHAM EXHIBITION

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WE visited the N.A.G. Hurlingham Exhibition on the afternoon of the first day. By that time a car could only go in when another came out and the catalogues for the second day were already being sold. Inside there were more visitors and exhibition tents than ever—the grandest pavilion by far being that of the N.A.G. itself with a considerable staff in proportion to the importance of the occasion.

Indeed every stand appeared as well staffed as it was stocked. Messrs. Relf & Kendall, happily in their usual shaded corner, had at least six representatives

in white coats to conduct the visitor through the mysteries of mower repairs, and to show how far we have come in a generation, one corner of their large stand showed a Triumph horse-drawn mower. Two of these machines side by side could cut 18 fairways in five days and this particular machine was in service up to 1927. One wonders where.

Beyond this stand lies the "Bowling Green" area of the exhibition in its early days. Here were Fisons fertilisers, all Patisson's pleasant and practical equipment, with Greens' mowers next door but one. Sandwiched between, Mr. George of Messrs. Frank Keep Ltd. showed us lovingly the finest sample of Dried Blood he could remember and sniffed approvingly at a dish of Fish Meal. The Dried Blood, by the way, come from Aberdeen, but not the Fish Meal. One wonders why.

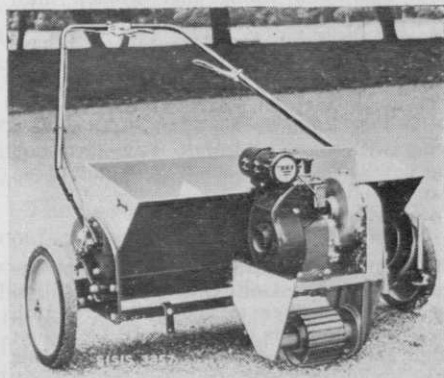
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Continuing the outer circle, we came to the Ransomes display and Mr. P. A. Marshall, well known to many greenkeepers, took us through the intricacies of the new powered quintuples. The cylinders are P.T.O. driven and this eliminates gears on the machines themselves. Back rollers are also absent and the height of cut from  $\frac{3}{8}$  in. to  $2\frac{3}{4}$  in. is adjusted by the angle of two small trailing rubber-tyred wheels. We like especially the layout of the machine with two units cutting just in front of the tractor wheels, thus avoiding tracks.

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Messrs. Gibbs were in the same area. Their display concentrated on Ransomes mowers, hand tools and tractors.

Messrs. R. C. Craig's tent was obviously a greenkeeper's rest centre and a strong contingent of the Southern Section was discussing affairs of state under the chairmanship of Ernest Folkes.

At a distance safe enough to permit their sprinklers to operate, Messrs. BOIL were demonstrating "pop-ups", spray lines and the several devices which ease the greenkeeper's worries in dry weather.

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Lastly to the S.T.R.I. tent, where there was much to learn either from the display itself or from the staff present, which included Mr. Bernard Clayton, the Senior Advisory Officer and Mr. Noel Jackson, the Chemist. Mr. Escritt, the Assistant Director, also looked in on the way between Palma and Paris via Bingley and Tandridge.

There was much more to the exhibition than we have been able to describe. Soil sterilisers, baby tractors, P.J.M. Sprayers. The best advice, if you missed it this year, is to take a day or two off in October, 1964 and make a full inspection in person. There is a great deal to learn there in these days of rising standards and smaller ground staffs.

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# News



from the Sections

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### Annual Competition

ABOUT FORTY PEOPLE PLAYED IN our Annual Competition at the Tyneside Golf Club, Ryton, on Thursday, 19th September, and others like myself who did not play had a walk round. It is always a pleasure to meet old friends on these outings.

Results:—Scratch Prize: Joseph Miller Silver; D. Gray, Scratch: Unattached, 71—74=145. Ransomes, Sims & Jefferies Challenge Cup: 1st nett, J. Hayes (+1) Northumberland, 75—73=148; 2nd nett, T. Nutman (6), Tynemouth, 75—76=151; 3rd nett, J. Simpson (15), Ponteland, 78—74=152; 4th nett, R. Derham (7), South Shields, 80—73=153; 5th nett, T. Green (4), Ravensworth, 79—76=155; 6th nett, M. Gunn (+1), Chester-le-Street, 78—77=155; 7th nett, S. Pope (5), Tyneside, 74—82=156; 8th nett, D. McNeal (17), Chester-le-Street, 79—79=158; 9th nett, H. Somerville (8), Alnmouth, 79—79=158; 10th nett, T. Murphy (12), City, 81—82=163; 11th nett, W. Bleazard (16), Ravensworth, 82—81=163; 12th nett, D. Turpie (9), Whitley Bay, 81—84=165; 13th nett, J. Hudson (10), Tynemouth, 78—87=165; 14th nett, N. Frazer (19), Chester-le-Street, 81—84=165; 15th nett, P. Malia (18), Middlesbro', 84—83=167; 16th nett, D. Morgan (17), Alnmouth Village, 89—82=

171; 17th nett, M. Moat (15), Ponteland, 88—84=172; 18th nett, J. Wroath (18), Ravensworth, 86—86=172.

### Presentation of Prizes

The Chairman, Mr. Jack Simpson welcomed all present and hoped all had a good day. He introduced Mr. Jones, Mr. Baldwin, Captain of the Tyneside Golf Club, Mr. Storey, President, Northumberland Union of Golf Clubs; Mr. T. Jefferies, Captain, Ponteland Golf Club; Mr. Caughey, Secretary, Tyneside Golf Club, and on behalf of the British Golf Greenkeepers Association, congratulated Mr. Jones on his election as President of the English Golf Union. Mr. Jones replied thanking the Association and said he was very pleased with the membership of the North East Section but he was also concerned about the lack of interest shown by many other Greenkeepers throughout the Country, who were not members of the Association. He had mentioned to Golf Club officials the benefits to be had by joining the Association. The Chairman then called on Mr. Baldwin to present the prizes. On behalf of the Club the Captain hoped we had a good day, said they were very pleased to have us, and looked forward to a return visit. The Chairman then thanked the Captain and Committee for the courtesy of the course and congratulated Mr. Doherty and his staff for the grand condition of the course, the greens were ideal. He also thanked Mr. L. Lowery for looking after the cards, etc., and Mr. Vaughan of Ransomes' Sims & Jefferies.

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Our thanks are due to the many Trade firms and Golf Clubs who so generously support our Prize Fund, it was again a pleasure to meet Mr. Pender of Stewarts, Mr. Vaughan of Ransomers, Mr. Mackenzie, Mr. Nicholson of Rickerbys and Representatives from Northern Agricultural, Atco and Taylor & Bain.

The weather was perfect, and I am sure all present had a very enjoyable day. The Steward and Stewardess were on holiday, but the catering staff managed very well although they had a very busy time.

Officials present were very interested to hear from the Chairman who had attended the Annual Meeting of the B.G.G.A. that the Annual Tournament would be played on a course in the North East Section in 1965, also we would be asked to nominate a Vice-Chairman for 1964.

## SOUTHERN

By W. Mason

Chairman:  
J. K. GLASS  
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### Lecture

MR. WILLIAM FINCH, CHIEF TECHNICAL representative of International Toxin Products Ltd., will give us a lecture on Wednesday, 13th November, at the Talbot Restaurant, London Wall, Moorgate, E.C. Time, 6-30 p.m. His chosen subject is "Science of Turfculture", which I feel sure will be most interesting. It is hoped all members will come along and give him a welcome.

### Subscriptions

There are still a few members who have not paid their subscription; will they please kindly do so without further delay.

### New Members

We welcome to the Section the following new members:—D. B. Batrick, Blackmoor Golf Club; H. F. Emery, Chipstead Golf Club; H. W. A. James, Stoke Poges Golf Club; R. H. Merton, Bishops Stortford Golf Club; E. Wooler, Royal Eastbourne Golf Club.

## SHEFFIELD

By J. J. Dearlove,

Chairman:  
G. HERRINGTON  
(Lindrick)

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

### Annual Match

TWENTY OF OUR MEMBERS WENT by coach to Fulford Golf Club, York, for the annual match against the Northern Section on the 17th September.

The course was in perfect condition with faultless greens and extra large tees. The

weather permitted shirt sleeve order and I am still puzzled as to why so few members took advantage of this excellent day out.

The match resulted in a draw and our section being holders retain the Slater trophy for another year.

Mr. Slater, the donor of the trophy, was there to help things along and I feel sure it was the kind of day out he had in mind when he donated the cup.

We thank Mr. John Parker for his first class arrangements, and to quote one of our members: "If this is a Greenkeepers' day out, roll on the next".

## NORTH-WEST

By V. Crabtree

Chairman:  
T. BRENNAN  
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223 Market Street  
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### Autumn Tournament

WE THANK THE COUNCIL AND THE Captain of the Ormskirk Golf Club, for extending to us the facilities of their course and clubhouse for our Autumn Tournament on 17th September. In this beautiful corner of South-West Lancashire, on a day, that if it had been ordered could not have been more perfect, with a light breeze and glorious sunshine. The course itself was in wonderful condition thanks to Mr. Albert Fyles and his staff. Not to be outdone by the conditions outside, Mrs. Howard and her staff provided

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We are indebted to the prize donors, for an array of prizes which I feel sure has never been excelled or exceeded:

Thank you, Mr. R. H. K. Fair, Captain; The Lady Captain and her Committee; The Green Committee, R. B. Crook, Esq.; C. O. Hesford, Esq.; N. Daish, Esq.; L. Kennedy, Esq.; A. W. Kirby, Esq.; D. G. Riding, Esq.; Messrs. W. Hargreaves & Co. (Sisis), Messrs. Thomas Green & Sons Ltd., Messrs. T. Ockleshaw & Son Ltd., Messrs. Pattison & Co. Ltd., Messrs. May & Baker Ltd., Messrs. W. Burrows Ltd. (late Ellis Rees), Messrs. Wilcock of Preston and Messrs. Ransomes, Sims & Jefferies Ltd., for such presents as: Two Clocks, a Watch, two Windcheaters, a Pull-over, Holdall, three bottles of Sherry, two Sports Shirts, one dozen Dunlop "65" Golf Balls, Ransome Lighter, Wallet, Bottle Whisky, Cigarette Lighter and Electric Coffee Percolator, it is indeed gratifying to realise that our efforts are so much appreciated.

The Scratch Prize and Hunter Cup was won by W. Bridges with a gross 117 for 27 holes. The best nett by T. Brennan, 107 (over 27 holes) for the Ransome Cup and Coffee Percolator. The other prizewinners were G. Davey, 111½; H. Smith, 112½; W. Bridges, 115½; W. Brady, 116; A. Warhurst, 116½ (on last 9 holes); J. Metcalf, 116½; V. Crabtree, 118; J. Gillett, 120½ (last 9 holes); D. Pate, 120½; E. Macavoy, 123½ (last 9 holes); R. Crabtree, 123½; F. Halstead, 127; A. E. Fyles, 127½; W. Sumner, 130; T. Walsh, 130½; N. Ormerod, 131; R. Janovishs, 133. The coming of age Cup by T. Brennan.

The visitors played 18 holes in the afternoon, it was pleasing to find so many supporting our cause.

The winner was Mr. R. Mills, nett 74, 1 dozen "65's"; Second, Mr. L. Lomax, nett 77, 1 bottle of Sherry. These prizes presented by the Section.

A really wonderful day closed with Mr. R. H. K. Fair, Captain of Ormskirk Golf Club, presenting the prizes.

### New Appointment

Congratulations and Best Wishes to Harold Anderson on his new appointment with the Bampton Golf Club, Nr. Carlisle.

### New Members

We welcome to the Section, three new members and hope they will enjoy their association with us: Maurice Ormerod, David Tewkesbury and Kenneth Smith.

### Winter Lectures

On Monday, 25th November, Mr. H. J. Lidgate, B.Sc., Chemist to S.T.R.I., will give the first of our Winter Lectures, his subject being "Fertilisers". This will take place at the Garrich Hotel, Fountain Street, Manchester (situated in the street behind Lewis's) at 7-30 p.m. Please be punctual and support him by having as many present as possible.

## WELSH

By S. A. Tucker

Chairman:  
M. GEDDES  
(Royal Porthcawl)

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

### Autumn Meeting

OUR AUTUMN MEETING WAS HELD on the 18th September, at the Cardiff Golf Club by kind permission of the Captain and Committee. The course was in wonderful condition thanks to Head Greenkeeper Mr. Sharrett and his staff. Many good scores were returned in weather which was very good for the time of the year. We held a 9 hole Stableford before lunch and an 18 hole Medal after lunch, with the following results:—

9 Hole Stableford, won by J. R. Williams with 17 points; 2nd, D. H. Jones with 16 points

J. R. Williams' prize was a chicken given by B. D. Jones of Pyle and Kenfig Golf Club; D. H. Jones' Prize was one third of Sweep.

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The 18 Hole Medal was also won by J. R. Williams with a score of nett 66, he won the Cardiff Cup and a companion set; 2nd, D. G. Lord with a nett score of 69, canteen of cutlery; 3rd, G. Phillips with nett score of 70, a pair of waterproof trousers given by the Cardiff Golf Club; 4th, G. O'Gorman with a nett score of 71, two pairs of socks, also given by Cardiff Golf Club.

We had a very good attendance and I would like to say a word of thanks to the Head Greenkeeper and his staff, and the inside staff for the way they all looked after us and made our day a great success, also thanks to Mr. Ramsey of Ransomes, Sims & Jefferies for the work he put in, helping with the cards, etc.

#### Spring Meeting

Our Spring meeting will be held sometime in April if possible, the Club and date has not been arranged yet. We will have a committee meeting to decide this in the near future, I hope to have it all arranged by the Christmas Journal.

I was very pleased to meet Mr. Stewart Christie from the St. Pierre Golf Club, Chesham and I hope he will be able to come to more of our meetings.

We have been very lucky in signing some new members and I think that in time we will have a much stronger section, keep it up lads, we can't get too strong.

## EAST MIDLAND

By S. T. McNeice

Chairman:  
D. G. WHITEHEAD  
(Wollaton Park)

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

#### Autumn Tournament

THE EAST MIDLAND SECTION KEPT up its tradition by choosing a sunny day to hold their Annual Autumn Tournament which was held at Rothley Park, Leicester, on 25th September. There was a small entry and only 16 competed for the Autumn Trophy.

Results as follows:—1st, S. T. McNeice, Leicestershire, 1 Down; 2nd, F. Frost, Derby Municipal, 2 Down; 3rd, E. A. Clarkson, Leicestershire, 3 Down; 4th, P. McCarron, Leicestershire, 4 Down; 5th, B. F. Mott, Kingsthorpe, 4 Down; 6th, J. Carrick, Church Brampton, 4 Down; 7th, S. Fretter, Kirby Muxloe, 5 Down; 8th, R. Willars, Leicestershire, 6 Down; 9th, D. Bull, Bulwell Forest, 7 Down; 10th, F. Oliver, Nottingham City, 7 Down; Best First 9 Holes, F. Frost, 1 Up; Highest Score, R. Buchcannon, 17 Down. All ties decided on last 9 holes. Vice-Presidents, 1st, E. G. Ramsey.

The prizes were presented by the Captain of Rothley Park, Mr. D. H. Herbert, who was introduced by the Section Chairman, Mr. D. G. Whitehead.

The Captain said how pleased he was to be able to welcome for the first time, members of the Greenkeepers' Association and spoke



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highly of the work greenkeepers and their staff carried out to enable golfers all over the country to enjoy their game of golf on a carpet of green grass. Mr. D. G. Whitehead in reply, thanked the officials of the Rothley Park Golf Club for allowing us the courtesy of the course and Clubhouse. He thanked Mr. Herbert for presenting the prizes, the indoor staff for an enjoyable meal and congratulated the outdoor staff for the splendid condition of the course, all these remarks being heartily endorsed by our members.

We were very pleased to have our old friend Eric Ramsey with us to deputise for Mr. Cook, who was unavoidably unable to attend. I should like to take this opportunity to thank Eric for his help in checking the cards, etc., and sincerely hope we shall have the pleasure of his company in the near future.

We are indebted to the following who have kindly contributed to our Prize Fund, Messrs. Sutton & Sons Ltd., H. Pattison & Co. Ltd., W. Hargreaves & Co. Ltd., Carters Tested Seeds Ltd., Lunevale Products Ltd., May & Baker Ltd., Mr. S. C. Long, Mr. A. J. E. Cook, Mr. A. G. Beck, Mr. O. Peake and Mr. D. G. Whitehead.

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By F. Cashmore

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### Autumn Tournament

THE WEATHER EARLY ON 26th September did not seem very promising for our Tournament, but the rain cleared later in the morning, the wind got up and for a while in the afternoon it was quite a gale, which made the two rounds of Ernie Benbow all the more praiseworthy, 73 and 75 nett, also the best gross scores, 160. The entry was very poor—only 16 members playing. Surely we can do better than that, after the work involved in arranging this match. The magnificent response to our appeal for prizes, and the kindness of the Handsworth Golf Club in giving us the courtesy of their course and club house, makes it disgraceful that we only had 16 players out of a membership of over 50.

The prize list was as follows:—

- Best nett, Clayton Cup and Tea Set—E. Benbow, 148 nett.
- Best gross, Travelling Clock—G. Woodward, 164 gross.
- 2nd nett, Pair Lotus Shoes—E. Walford, 150 nett.
- 3rd nett, Putter—A. Stephens, 154 nett.
- 4th nett, Swallow Overtrousers—A. Hastilow, 155 nett.
- 5th nett, Shirt—V. Smith, 156 nett.
- 6th nett, Hearth Set—W. Barton, 157 nett.
- 7th nett, Ronson Lighter—R. Pugh, 159 nett.
- 8th nett, Bottle of Whisky—H. Drewitt, 159 nett.
- 9th nett, Half Dozen Golf Balls—T. Jones, 160 nett.
- 10th nett, Half Dozen Golf Balls—A. Boraston, 161 nett.
- 11th nett, Bar Set—W. Machin, 162 nett.
- 12th nett, Silver Pencil—B. Powell, 166 nett.
- 13th nett, Bottle Opener—R. Smith, 170 nett.

The Leg of Pork given by Mr. J. W. R. Robinson for the best score by player over 55 years, was won by E. Benbow.

We had twelve visitors playing in our invitation match in the afternoon, which was won by Norman Horner, 78 nett, and Eric Ballinger, 80 nett.

The prizes were presented by our President, Mr. Carl Bretherton, who is also President of the Handsworth Golf Club. He said that although we visited the Handsworth Club each year, it had been quite a long time since we played one of our tournaments there, and on behalf of the Handsworth Club said they hoped we should not be so long before we visited them again.

Our Chairman, George Hart, thanked Mr. Bretherton for presenting the prizes, the Handsworth Golf Club for their kindness in having us, their generosity in subsidising the cost of the meals for our members, Ernie

Benbow and his staff for the wonderful condition of the course, and the indoor staff for the way they had made us welcome and supplied all our needs. He thanked Bill Payne for coming and doing his usual job of work, to which I add my personal thanks, also all our visitors for coming and joining us, and last but not least the donors of our prizes, which were:—Thomas Clayton and Sons; Lotus Shoes Ltd.; British Steel Golf Shafts Ltd.; Swallow Raincoats Ltd.; C. H. Pugh Ltd.; Rigby Taylor Ltd.; H. Pattison & Co Ltd.; Tudor Mower Services Ltd.; May & Baker Ltd.; Woodheads, Leeds; J. P. Harvey & Co.; Carl Bretherton, Esq.; J. W. Jackson, Esq.; C. C. Moore, Esq.; W. F. Payne, Esq.; J. W. R. Robinson, Esq.

## NORTHERN

By J. Parker

Chairman:  
S. BAILES

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

### Sheffield Match

THE ANNUAL MATCH VERSUS Sheffield Section was played over the course of the Fulford Golf Club, York, on Tuesday, 17th September (by kind permission of the Committee).

On an ideal day for golf and a course in first class condition, the match for the "Slater Trophy" ended for the third year in succession in a tie. Sheffield, as holders, retaining the trophy.

Results:—R. Barnes and S. Bailes, 1 down to A. Spencer and J. Hickling; L. Sharp and D. Storey halved G. Herrington and A. Oakes; E. Foulds and P. Williams, 1 up to A. Shardlow and E. Peat; D. Roberts and F. Cox lost 2 and 1 to J. Scott and D. Spencer; H. Childs and J. Readhead won 5 and 4 to H. Herrington and J. Beaumont; C. Moore and R. Slater halved J. Lomas and S. Inman.

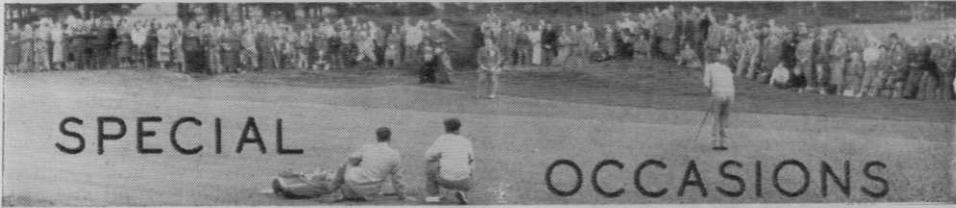
Following an excellent tea Mr. W. Mountain introduced the Captain of Fulford Golf Club, who presented the Trophy to Mr. A. Shardlow, President of Sheffield Section.

Our thanks are due to all those who contributed to making the day out a most enjoyable one—Fulford Golf Club for the warm welcome they extended to us. The Steward and Stewardess for their catering, D. Melville, Professional, for free loan of caddy cars. Finally, F. Cox and his staff are to be congratulated on the condition of the course. Any bad scores were due to bad play.

### November Lecture

Arrangements have now been made for this to be held in the White Swan, Call Lane, Leeds, on Tuesday, 12th November, at 7-30 p.m. The Speaker will be Mr. J. R. Escritt, M.Sc., of S.T.R.I., who will give a talk on his visit to research establishments and well-known golf courses in America. Your Committee look for a full turn up of members.





SPECIAL

OCCASIONS

NOVEMBER.	
1st	Midland Section Dinner and Concert, King's Head Hotel, Hagley Road.
12th	Northern Section Lecture, White Swan, Call Lane, Leeds, 7-30 p.m.
13th	Southern Section Lecture, Talbot Restaurant, London Wall, Moor-gate, E.C., 6-30 p.m.
13th	Scottish A.G.M., 2-30 p.m., Free Gardeners' Institute, Piccardy Place, Edinburgh.
25th	North-West Section Lecture, Garrick Hotel, Fountain Street, Manchester.
DECEMBER.	
10th	S.G.G.A. Winter Meeting, Glasgow—Christian Institute, Bothwell Street, 7-0 p.m.
11th	Northern Section Film Show and Christmas Social, The Market Tavern, Godwin Street, Bradford, 7-0 p.m.
11th	S.G.G.A. Winter Meeting, Dundee—Nicoll & Smithbert, Nether-gate, 7-0 p.m.
12th	S.G.G.A. Winter Meeting, Edinburgh—The Free Gardeners Institute, Piccardy Place, 7-0 p.m.

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**NORTHERN**

**December Film Show**

Mr. G. Vaughan, of Messrs. Ransomes, Sims & Jefferies will show the firm's latest films at "The Market Tavern", Godwin Street, Bradford, on Wednesday, 11th December, at 7-30 p.m. It is hoped to combine with this a Christmas Social.

**Mr. A. Nott**

Mr. Abe Nott, "mine host" at the Old Queen's Head, Bingley, and an Hon. Vice-President of the Section retired last month. For nearly twenty years the Queens has been looked upon as a kind of Headquarters. Abe granted us, free of charge, rooms for committee meetings and lectures and always making us welcome. Many committee men will recall turning up on a cold winter's night to find a most cheerful and warming fire in the little back room.

At the last committee meeting, Abe was presented with a small travelling alarm clock as a mark of appreciation for his help. In expressing his thanks Abe said it had given him much pleasure to see us and he had made many friends with northern green-keepers.

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IT WAS WITH MUCH REGRET WE learned of the death of Mr. H. Anderson, Drumpelie Golf Club. Also the wife of Mr. R. Dishington, Cathkin Breas Golf Club.

**A.G.M.**

The 17th A.G.M. of the Association will take place on Wednesday, 13th November, at 2-30 p.m. in the Free Gardeners Institute, Piccadilly Place, Edinburgh. A good attendance will be appreciated.

**Winter Meeting**

The first of the winter meetings will take place on 10th, 11th and 12th December, at 7-0 p.m.

Glasgow—Christian Institute, Bothwell Street.

Dundee—Nicholl & Smithbert, Nethergate.

Edinburgh—Free Gardeners Institute, Piccadilly Place.

Mr. William Bradford will speak on this occasion and a large support is expected especially of younger members. Lectures are also being arranged for the second week of January, February and March.

**WEST SECTION**

*Hon. Secretary:* B. MOIR,

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**Autumn Tournament**

THE AUTUMN TOURNAMENT OF the West Section was held over the Lochgreen course, Troon, on Tuesday, 24th September. Although the weather was poor there was a reasonable turn out of members.

The course was in excellent condition, and a number of good scores were returned:—

Scratch Prize—J. Ferguson, 75.

First Class—B. Moir (4), 75; M. Travers (2), 77; D. Paterson (7), 78.

Second Class—W. Millar (14), 67; C. Thomson (15), 68; T. Wemyss (14), 70.

Third Class—R. Paterson (18), 67; H. Riggans (24), 71; A. McIver (24), 72.  
New Members—E. Ainsworth, 83.  
Veterans—J. McKeller (18), 70.  
Foursomes—H. Morris, W. McLardie (34½); A. McLean, H. Boyd (35½).

**WINTER LECTURES**

The following lectures have been arranged for the interest of all Members old and new. The Committee hope there will be a large attendance.

December, 1963:

10th December—Glasgow.

11th December—Dundee.

12th December—Edinburgh.

Wm. Bradford, "Golf Course Maintenance".

January, 1964:

14th January—Glasgow.

15th January—Dundee.

16th January—Edinburgh.

Mr. Hawtree, "Golf Course Construction".

February, 1964:

18th February—Glasgow.

19th February—Dundee.

20th February—Edinburgh.

Dr. N. Jackson, "Grass Identification".

The meetings will take place at 7-0 p.m. at the following places:—

Glasgow—Christian Institute, Bothwell Street.

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