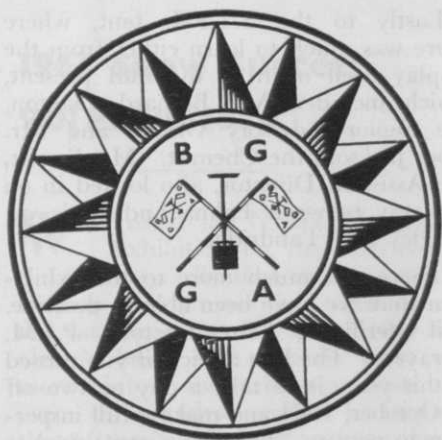


News



from the Sections

NORTH-EAST

By T. Oliver

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

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

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
(Thorpe Hall)

Hon. Secretary:
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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
(Wilmslow G.C.)

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

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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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, Chepstow 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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Hon. Secretary:
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Sutton Coldfield, Warwickshire.

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.

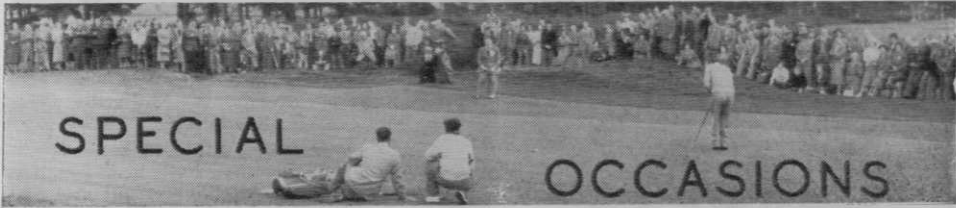
Results:—R. Barnes and S. Bailes, 1 down to A. Spencer and J. Hickling; L. Sharp and D. Storey halved G. Herrington and A. Oakes; E. Foulds and P. Williams, 1 up to A. Shardlow and E. Peat; D. Roberts and F. Cox lost 2 and 1 to J. Scott and D. Spencer; H. Childs and J. Readhead won 5 and 4 to H. Herrington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

Section Notes Cont'd

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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