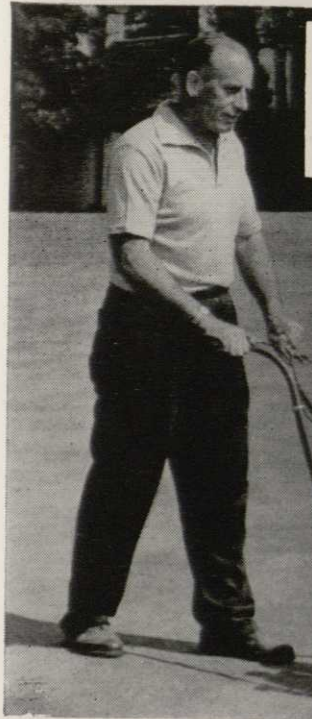


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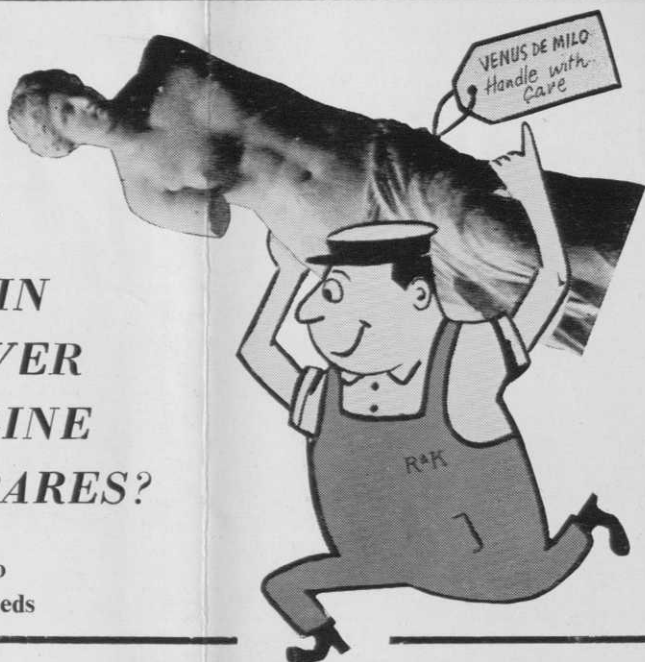


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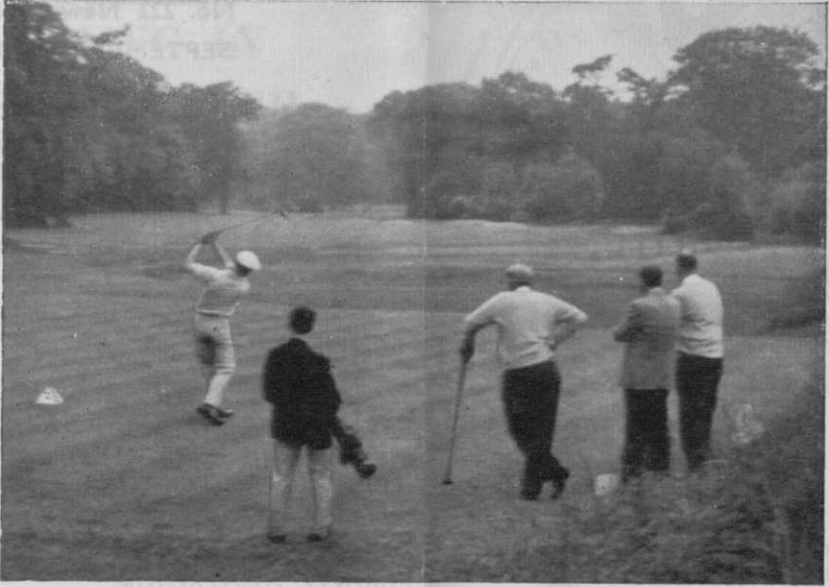
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TEE SHOTS



by the Editor

ROYAL BIRKDALE has plans for the 1965 Open well in hand. Colonel John Rees showed us plans of his tented village and of the new 12th hole, which is to replace No. 17. The short 17th has always given problems for stewards and the new 12th will not only eliminate these but will also open up a new area and leave a tough 5-4-5-5 finish to test staying power.

* * *

It is rare to find seaside undulations on an inland course. This was the second thing that struck us about the Taunton and Pickeridge Golf Club in Somerset. The first was the magnificent outlook over Taunton to the hills beyond, which must be equal in extent to those from Sham Castle at Bath, whence any number of counties are said to be visible. The undulations are due to calamine mining in the past. We are not too sure what calamine is, but if any of its miners are still in the district, they would be invaluable in making a flat course look like Deal. Charlie Bond is Head man on the course and, after 40 years on this windswept plateau, knows each hummock and hollow like his own hand.

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Messrs. Bomford of Evesham are distributing a new Hammer-Knife Mower, which will cut and mulch the grass with its 2,000 r.p.m. rotor. This is a new approach to the mowing problem, which may be of interest to greenkeepers on some types of course. Heights of cut between $\frac{3}{4}$ in. and 3 ins. are possible and the 4 ft. machine costs £300. We hope to publish a picture and more details in our next issue.

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A new nine-hole golf course at Metz will be open for limited play on the 1st September. This is the second new course opened in France this year. Five more are under construction.

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COURSES IN PLAY III

John Stobbs

WHAT some greenkeepers have to put up with!

There were only two of us there. The final of the Championship, ding-dong between two men playing between them some quite outstandingly fine golf, had passed on with its large and excited crowd down one line of holes; and was due to play back in a few minutes on to the green in front of us. The moment was peaceful: the air clear as crystal, the view magnificent, from the top of the great hill, down over the river and distant sandhills to the sea.

My companion was oblivious to it. All he was interested in was the green. Unconcernedly he strolled on to it, examining the sward, head to the ground, intently, with a professional eye for texture. Then, finding what he wanted, he settled himself contentedly and began to chew bits out of it!

Reassuring himself that this was what he was after, he munched away enthusiastically, shifting his stance from moment to moment as he spotted another succulent-looking patch. Behind his chin he left a series of nasty serrated patches, with the grass shorn off, the root disturbed and dragged up a bit, and bare soil showing between them.

It was enough to give any greenkeeper apoplexy!

Yet there was nothing whatsoever any greenkeeper could have done about it

—beyond a transitory *Shoo!*—because my companion, the sheep, had complete freedom of the greens, established by tradition, precedent, usage and commoners' rights. He, and large numbers of his fellows, wander free all over the great hill of Southerndown. There is no way of keeping them off the greens; and however closely mown they are, the sheep keep on nibbling them—attracted perhaps by some juicier flavour in the maintained turf, compared to the downland pasture all around them. Maybe the greens make a sort of permanent appetiser to the general main meal.

I was sorry that in the rush of reporting the final of the Welsh Championship through successive editions of a newspaper, I was unable to find the Head Greenkeeper and ask him how he coped with the problem. But how well he does it was amply proved that day by the fact that the winner of the 36-hole final, Iestyn Tucker, went out in 31 strokes that morning—5 under par—and was round in 67, while his opponent, John Povall, managed to do much the same thing in the afternoon—he was six under fours for ten holes and cut Tucker's lunch-time lead of 8 holes to only 2. This is certainly the only time I have ever seen a man cover ten holes in level fours, and lose six of them.

Unpaid Assistants

This is not the place to expand upon the golf. But the quality, indeed the brilliance, of the scoring did seem to me to show how basically true a man can keep his greens, even with the unwelcome efforts of several hundred sheep as unpaid assistant greenkeepers.

On the fairways, of course, the sheep may be a help. A generous scattering of dung seems to help maintain the fine springy turf; and there showed remarkably little cumulative wear and tear round the course from divot holes—one of the perpetual troubles of courses nowadays where the majority of players with modern heavy and sharp-edged irons seem to hack up their shots to the green from much the same area of fairway. Southerndown showed little sign of these sort of "maximum-digging-

density" patches: so maybe the sheep pay some sort of green fee.

Southerndown, running over the shoulder of a huge hill above the sea in South Wales, not far from Bridgend, is another of those examples of the classic, simple, downland course, making its holes out of the lie of the land as the makers of the course found it, and leaving the natural hazards of the terrain to make its challenge. There is some wonderfully disastrous gorse all over it, short and tightgrowing like a—well, I suppose there's nothing quite like a tightgrowing gorse bush! It looks as if the sheep nibble the young shoots of it; trimming each bush to a sort of solid furzy block. Certainly, Southerndown makes a magnificent setting for golf; and one of the most inspiring of courses.

Model Course

After the Welsh Championship, I went on holiday to South Devon (and if anyone going that way wants a route which avoids the now notorious "West-Country Bottlenecks" I can recommend them to write to the A.A., as we did). There we found a course which makes a splendid model for everything which family holiday golf ought to be—Thurlestone. This sort of golf needs three qualities:—

1. Everyone can get round quickly and easily, no matter what standard their golf has reached (I almost wrote "no matter how bad they are").

2. That it should make the best possible use of its land, with the minimum of climbing up and down hill, and the maximum enjoyment of any sea or other views available.

3. That it should still be a good enough test of golf to give the better player something worth while to aim at, in the way of challenge and in the testament of his score for the round.

Thurlestone meets all three of these admirably. The outward holes skirt the edge of the cliffs nearly all the way, with an almost continuous gaining of height hole by hole, but with only one hole which you could call anything of a drag, and that not a long one. You reach the crest of the coastal hill at the 11th fairway, with four of the outward

holes offering you a temporary rest from the gentle climb.

From the peak at the 11th the view is magnificent. In one direction you look back to Thurlestone, with Thurle Stone standing in the bay out at sea, and the course and cliff tops spread out before you. In most conditions you can just see the Eddystone Lighthouse, about 20 miles away to sea. On the other side you look down into the splendid estuary of the Avon, which runs down from Dartmoor, and its great sand beach below you; and then over beyond, Burgh Island, with its tractor-borne bus plying to and fro over the sandbank which connects it to the shore. Inland, it's all hill and farmland.

The holes are so laid out that the strong player can score well: in the 60s, even, if he's putting well; but only if his long irons, judgment of distance, and allowance for the effects of slope, are good. It is certainly not a course without challenge and meat for skill. At the same time, the fairways are so open, grassy and untroubled, and the hazarding so mild to the really bad shot, that the most incompetent hacker can finish the round full of cheer, and complete with the ration of balls he started with.

Fun All the Way

This sort of combination of challenge to the ambitious and benevolence to the modest is often almost indefinable in its exact character; and it is so at Thurlestone. But the fact remains: here is a course to play for fun all the way, yet upon which no man can feel he is wasting his time. For women and children, it's perhaps even more perfectly adapted; since both can stretch their ambitions to the utmost, and still never feel unduly belaboured by fortune for trying a bit more than they can manage!

It could be that, with golf growing in popularity as it is, and the main unsatisfied demand being that from beginners and public-course golfers, we could do with a lot more courses of the Thurlestone type dotted around our coasts and hills, wherever the land might allow it.



SEPTEMBER	
17th	Sheffield Section v. Northern Section at Fulford G.C., York.
17th	North West Section Annual Tournament, Ormskirk Golf Club.
17th	Northern Section v. Sheffield Section Match, Fulford Golf Club.
18th	Welsh Section Annual Tournament, Cardiff Golf Club.
19th	North East Section Annual Competition, Tyneside Golf Club, Ryton.
24th	Scottish Section Autumn Meeting, Lochgreen G.C., Troon.
25th	East Midland Section Autumn Tournament, Rothley Park Golf Club, Leicester.
26th	Midland Section Autumn Tournament, Handsworth Golf Club.
OCTOBER	
9th	Southern Section Lecture, Talbot Restaurant.
17th	Northern Section Autumn Tournament, West Bowling Golf Club, Bradford.
17th	S.G.G.A. East Section, Annual General Meeting, Torphine Golf Club.
23rd	East Midland Section, Annual General Meeting, Central Tavern, Huntingdon Street, Nottingham.



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THE ASSOCIATION VISITS ROYAL BIRKDALE

Local Greenkeepers gain Top Awards

The North West Section set out to show the others how to play Royal Birkdale when the Association gathered there on Monday, 12th August, for its three-day Tournament and Annual General Meeting. J. Gillett (St. Anne's Old Links) set the fashion with 36

points in the Monday morning Stableford competition and collected the S.T.R.I. Cup and a handsome canteen of cutlery.

Even in the afternoon at the Annual General Meeting, the North West Section resolution produced a most fruitful discussion on wages, though certain representatives from other parts



The Royal Birkdale Club-house and Eighteenth Green.

J. Gillett (St. Anne's Old Links) winner of the S.T.R.I. Cup in the Monday morning competition.



Southern Section Prizewinners with some of their admirers.

had a great deal to say about everything in general.

On Tuesday, it was E. Macavoy from next door Hillside and D. Pate, playing on his home ground, who kept up the pressure. They took the 36-hole scratch and junior division with 156 gross and 148 net respectively. However, R. H. Plain from Beaconsfield managed to get a wedge in to take the senior division medal with 152 net.

The Wednesday competition is generally a more light-hearted affair and the North West Section rested on its laurels and J. Williams from Royal Porthcawl took the "Allan Taylor" Cup and the dinner service with a net 72. The full results and scores are printed elsewhere.



The same prizewinners with another group of admirers.



J. Noakes and R. Craig were both among the prize-winners, the latter in the Vice-President's Competition on Wednesday.

Mr. Brian Park, an ex-Captain of Royal Birkdale, gave away the prizes on Wednesday afternoon. He said how proud the club was to have the Greenkeepers' Association with them, a Tournament which they prized above many others. He thought that it was about time that the greenkeeping profession found a new name for itself to keep pace with the specialist position which they now hold as key men in the life of many golf clubs.

When D. Pate received his prize, he was not allowed to depart without a speech, which he managed in eight words, "a little local knowledge goes a long way".

Thanks to the Council of Royal Birkdale Golf Club and to Colonel John Rees, their Secretary, for all the kindness and hospitality which made this a memorable Tournament.



(Above) G. T. Geddes was elected Chairman of the Association at the Annual General Meeting. Behind him is C. H. Dix (Hon. Secretary) and on the right H. G. Dixon, a past Chairman.



(Left) W. E. Moore (Second from left) who provided all these pictures, with Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Battams on his left and J. Gillett on his right.

BRITISH GOLF GREENKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL REPORT 1963

Administration

We congratulate our Chairman, Mr. D. G. Lord, on a most successful year of Office. Our congratulations are also extended to Mr. G. T. Geddes of the Northern Section, who succeeds him.

Messrs. Stoy Hayward & Co. were not prepared to continue with the Audit of our accounts and the Hon. Secretary has been successful in obtaining the services of Messrs. Smallfield Rawlins & Co. These accounts will be presented at the Annual General Meeting at Royal Birkdale. We would like to record our sincere appreciation of many years of willing and helpful service rendered by Messrs. Stoy Hayward & Co.

The Annual Draw for 1962 was again very successful. The financial result showed a further improvement on last year. We congratulate all concerned with the sale of tickets and the administrative arrangements.

Annual Tournament

The 45th Annual Tournament was held at Pyle & Kenfig Golf Club, Porthcawl, last August. Only about 40 members took part. The arrangements offered by the Club were in every way most generous and kind and it

was a disappointment to the Committee that the attendance was so low. The weather, also, was very unkind, but in spite of a great deal of wind and rain, the golf and the occasion was enjoyed by all those taking part. The Committee would express their appreciation to the Welsh Section for providing the prizes for the Wednesday competition, which, with the other generous donations received, enabled the Prize list to maintain its usual high standard.

Sections

Section activities throughout the year were well in evidence, with Tournaments, Lectures, social functions and visits of interest to firms and organisations. Our thanks are again due to the latter for their continued help and interest in our affairs; also to the Officers in Sections for the hard work they do for their members.

We extend our congratulations to Mr. Leslie Jones, President of the North East Section, who has this year been elected President of the English Golf Union.

Our congratulations are also offered to Mr. G. T. Geddes, our Vice-Chairman, who has been granted an Honorary Membership of his Club and to other members who have been similarly honoured.



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Membership

The numerical strength of our Association has now reached the 600 mark. This is partly due to the special efforts of the North East Section, but it is gratifying to note a general increase in numbers all round.

F. G. Hawtree Memorial Fund

Once again we are able to report a continued interest among our younger members for instruction under the F. G. Hawtree Memorial Scheme. Four assistant greenkeepers were sent again this year to the Sports Turf Research Institute at Bingley and there are already enquiries in hand for 1964. The benefits of the Fund cannot be over-emphasised, but it is hoped that Golf Clubs taking advantage of this fund will continue to render as much financial assistance as possible towards the expenses of these Courses.

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Our grateful thanks are again due to the Hon. Editor of our Journal for his continued efforts in maintaining the high standard of our publication. We also congratulate Section secretaries on their full and comprehensive news, which gives so much added interest to our readers.

Apprenticeship Scheme

A Joint Council for Golf Greenkeeper Apprenticeship has now been formed and the first meeting was held at Bingley on Monday, 8th April, 1963. Present were: Messrs. F. W. Hawtree, J. Parker, H. Fry, Wm. Bradford, D. L. Macdiarmid, W. A. W. Sivewright, L. Peckover Burrill (substituting for G. Breen-Turner), R. B. Dawson, J. R. Escritt and B. M. Wood.

Mr. F. W. Hawtree was appointed first Chairman of the Joint Council and Mr. B. M. Wood, Secretary.

The constitution was approved as follows:—

English Golf Union: Mr. G. Mills.

Scottish Golf Union: Mr. W. A. W. Sivewright.

Welsh Golfing Union: Mr. G. Breen-Turner.

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B.G.G.A., Wales: Mr. H. Fry.

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S.G.G.A.: Mr. Wm. Bradford.

S.T.R.I.: Mr. R. B. Dawson.

S.T.R.I.: Mr. J. R. Escritt.

Secretary: Mr. B. M. Wood.

The draft scheme, with certain amendments, was approved and a syllabus for Practical Training is being prepared with other documents.

The next meeting was arranged for Monday, 7th October, 1963, when it was hoped it would be possible to start the scheme.

Sports Turf Research Institute

Once again the Committee wishes to emphasise the value to members of the service available to them from the Sports Turf Research Institute in return for a small proportion of their annual subscription.

In Memoriam

We record with sorrow the death of the following members, announced in the British Golf Greenkeeper since our last report., Sir Robert Webber, J.P., D.L., Mr. J. Williamson, Mr. Ted Calam, Mr. Hugh MacLean, Mr. S. Downes and Major A. Whitley Laverack.

By order of the Executive Committee.

Chairman: D. G. LORD.

Hon. Secretary: C. H. DIX.

B.G.G.A. Annual Tournament, 1963 Prize Winners

The S.T.R.I. Cup. 18 Holes, Stableford.

1st Prize (Canteen of Cutlery), J. Gillett, 36 points.

2nd Prize (Clock), D. Roberts, 34 points.

3rd Prize (Towels), G. J. Woodward, 33 points.

4th Prize (Fruit Set), R. Barnes, 32 points.

"News of the World" Cup. 36 Holes Scratch.

1st Prize (3 Piece Silver Plated Tea Set and Salver), E. Macavoy, 156 gross.

The Artisan Medal. 18 Holes Medal.

R. J. Pugh.

Jubilee Cup. Inter-Section. 36 Holes Medal. (3 Tankards), Northern Section.

"Coming of Age" Cup. 18 Holes Medal (60 years and over).

1st Prize (Travel Clock), E. H. Benbow, 77.

2nd Prize (Travel Bag), G. Dunkley, 78.

Senior Division. 36 Holes Medal. ('plus' to 11).

1st Prize (Ransomes Cup and Gold Watch), R. H. Plain, 152.

2nd Prize ("Golf Illustrated" Cup and Electric Toaster), K. Driver, 154.

3rd Prize ("Universal" Cup and Replica and 3-piece Cosy Tea Set and Tray), F. Corner, 154.

4th Prize ("Hargreaves" Cup and Steak Knives and Forks), J. L. C. Noakes, 154.

5th Prize (Sheets), J. Williams, 155.

6th Prize (Canteen of Cutlery), R. J. Pugh, 156.

7th Prize (Travel Rug), E. Hall, 157.

8th Prize (Cigarette Box), D. Jones, 157.

9th Prize (Blanket), J. W. Kirkpatrick, 159.

10th Prize (Wallet), G. J. Woodward, 159.

Junior Division (12 to 24).

1st Prize ("Patisson" Trophy and Gold

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from the Sections

EAST MIDLAND

By S. T. McNeice

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Autumn Tournament

WEDNESDAY, 25TH SEPTEMBER IS the date for the Section's Annual Autumn Tournament at Rothley Park Golf Club, Leicester. Play will commence at approx. 1-0 p.m. This will be an 18-hole Bogey Competition.

I hope as many members as possible will support this event. We shall be pleased to see our Vice-Presidents who are always welcome.

In order to assist with catering arrangements will all who will be in attendance please let me know not later than Monday, 16th September. My address can be found at the heading of these notes.

Annual General Meeting

The Section's Annual General Meeting will be held at The Central Tavern, Huntingdon Street, Nottingham, Wednesday, 23rd October, 1963, commencing 7-0 p.m.

Subscriptions

Many subscriptions are still outstanding. In a letter from your Hon. Treasurer, Mr. A. Thornton, dated 1st August, he informs me we still have 5 Head Greenkeepers, 3 1st Assistants and 1 Associate member whose subscriptions are still outstanding for 1963. Please help to keep the Section going, we need your subscription.

SHEFFIELD

By J. J. Dearlove,

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TWENTY-FOUR PLAYERS TEED OFF for our President's Prize over the Hallows course on the 5th of July.

The competition was played on the Stableford points system and the leading scorers were, A. Spencer 36 points, F. Crookes 36 points, J. Scott 35 points, C. Chappel 35 points.

The course left nothing to be desired and was a great credit to Jack Baxby and his staff. We were honoured by the presence of Mr. Carstrung, the President of Hallows Golf Club and we thank his Committee for allowing us to play over their course.

The prizes and the meal were provided by our President, Mr. A. Shardlow who, unfortunately, was unable to be with us, owing to a long-standing appointment. Our Chairman, George Herrington, spoke of the hospitality always afforded to Greenkeepers by the Hallows Club and this visit was no exception.

Annual Tournament

This was played on my own course, Hillsborough, on the 24th July by kind permission of the Committee. Again we had a good

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turn-out and special praise must go to John Clark for his exceptionally good golf. The morning round had to be played in atrocious conditions.

1st Prize, J. Clark, 133 nett; 2nd, W. Williamson, 143 nett; 3rd, R. Oakes, 146; 4th, P. Shaw, 146; 5th, A. Goldthorpe, 153; 6th, R. Whitehead, 154; 7th, J. Baxby, 154; 8th, C. Chappell, 155; 9th, S. Inman, 156; 10th, F. Crookes, 157; 11th, J. Lomas, 158; 12th, G. Herrington, 160.

Our thanks go out to Mr. Glyn Vaughan of Ransomes, Sims & Jefferies who acted as the recorder and organised arrangements in general. We also thank the following firms who donated the prizes:—

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We were delighted to see Mr. Forbes of Stewarts of Edinburgh, who spoke of his connections with the Scottish Greenkeepers' Association and how the Apprenticeship Scheme is going well North of the Border.

Other speakers were Mr. Shardlow, our President, Mr. Barker and Mr. Gill, the Captain and President of Hillsborough Golf Club.

They stressed the importance of the liaison between club management and their staff and also the importance of encouraging younger greenkeepers to play golf and take part in our activities.

New Members

We welcome to our Section, Henry Gillespie and Jack Hague, of Stocksbridge Golf Club and hope we will see them at our meetings.

NORTHERN

By J. Parker

Chairman:
S. BAILES

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

THIRTY MEMBERS TOGETHER with a party from the North West Section, visited the Sports Turf Research Institute at Bingley on Tuesday, 16th July. It was pleasing to see some members who had travelled long distances and officials of clubs with their Greenkeepers. Members were able to see the new work going on since the last visit. These included trials with new worm-killers, selective weed-killers, and fertilizers including the Urea-formaldhyne types and new varieties of different grasses.

The visit finished with a look round the Implement Exhibition. Our thanks are due

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to Mr. Dawson and his staff for giving a most interesting afternoon leaving us with plenty to think about.

New Member

We welcome to the Section Mr. D. Collins, 4 Arundel Place, Featherstone, assistant greenkeeper at Pontefract Golf Club.

Mr. Syd Jolly

Members will be sorry to hear of the illness of Syd Jolly, of Fixby Golf Club, a longtime staunch supporter and former official of the Section. I am sure all members will join with me in wishing him a full and speedy recovery.

NORTH-EAST

By T. Oliver

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

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

OUR ANNUAL COMPETITION WILL be held on the course of the Tyneside Golf Club, Ryton, by kind permission of the Committee, on Thursday, 19th September. A meeting will be held on Saturday, 7th September at the Marquis of Blandford, Westgate Road, Newcastle, for arrangements, at 7-0 p.m. Members who intend to play, please attend.

NORTH-WEST

By V. Crabtree

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

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

OWING TO CIRCUMSTANCES beyond my control, it was impossible for me to join the section on their visit to S.T.R.I. on 16th July, the response was somewhat disappointing, only 20 of our members took the opportunity to further their knowledge and enjoy a pleasant day out, however, we look forward to seeing more of you at the lectures, during the winter period. The report on the visit to Bingley was compiled, thanks to our Chairman, Tom Brennan. . .

Once again the weather proved propitious for the visit of the N.W. Section to the S.T.R.I. at Bingley on 16th July. Going over the Moors the pungent moorland air and the equally pungent Jones wit combined to make the journey an exhilarating affair!

We duly arrived at St. Ives with a splendid appetite, but, due to a slight misunderstanding, lunch had not been ordered. This contretemps, however, was quickly disposed of by Mr. Wood, the Secretary of the Institute, who promptly arranged for us to lunch in Bingley.

Many thanks Mr. Wood for your kind and prompt attention in this instance. On our return from lunch we were met in the

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Forecourt by the Director, Mr. Dawson accompanied by our Mentors for the afternoon, Mr. Sidgate, Mr. Jackson and Mr. Bartle. Also assembled were our colleagues from the Northern Section, including needless to say Messrs. F. Smith, G. Geddes and J. Parker. George Herrington also from the Sheffield Section.

All very pleasant to meet each other once in a while, isn't it?

Eventually we toured the Experimental Grounds in three groups under the aforementioned Advisory Officers.

You know, the more I visit the Research Institute the more I marvel at the unending detail and intricacy of the work involved, and never fail to come away with a wealth of valuable information.

We all warmly thank the Director and his Officers for imparting their information so freely and answering so many questions with patience and practicability. This leads me to another problem, why—Oh why, do comparatively so few come along for this occasion? There was, roughly, about a quarter of our membership on this day. Do Golf Clubs discourage their staff in this respect? Do Golf Clubs encourage them to attend by paying expenses? Do Greenkeepers enlighten their clubs on this subject?

Whatever the answers it is certain that Golf clubs cannot afford to be without the benefits accruing from the knowledge and experience gained by Greenkeepers during a visit to the Research Institute.

Are some of our younger colleagues indifferent? They might well emulate one of our oldest working members—Peter Campbell! Peter is nearer 80 than 70 and still learning. He attends most winter lectures, never misses a visit to Bingley.

His club, the Stockport Golf Club staged the Cheshire Championship a couple of weeks ago. After the most disastrous winter and spring ever in Golf, Peter had his course in impeccable condition for this event which speaks volumes for his hard work, knowledge and application thereof!

Congratulations Peter—and long may 'jo lum reek'.

Autumn Tournament

Our Autumn Tournament at Ormskirk G.C. will be held on the 17th September (Tuesday). Transport arrangements have been made from the station to the Clubhouse, between 9-30 a.m. and 10-30 a.m. if you have not already sent your entry, please let me know immediately if you would like to come.

New Member

Welcome to Mr. J. R. Buckle, 121 Chester Avenue, Dukinfield, Cheshire, hoping your membership will be long and interesting.

SOUTH-WEST

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

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

OUR ANNUAL TOURNAMENT WAS held over the Bristol and Clifton course and once again the weather conditions were kind to us. With the course in first class condition, and the ball running well, we all looked forward to a day of easy scoring. But this was not to be, good figures were hard to come by when the odd shots began to stray off line.

Leading scores were as follows:

Nett figures. Greenkeepers: 1st Prize, Coffee Perculator by Ransomes and Lister Cup, F. A. Meeker, 153; 2nd, H. Sheppard, 162; 3rd, G. Gilbert, 167; 4th, A. A. Cockfield, 169. Assistant Greenkeepers: 1st Prize, Tea Service and Assistants' Cup, B. Reeves, 142; 2nd, I. Scoones, 148; 3rd, W. Light, 153; 4th, F. Baber, 154. Best Gross: G. Morgan, 152.

Mr. Clark, Captain of the Bristol and Clifton G.C., very kindly came along to present the prizes and on behalf of the club expressed their pleasure in allowing us the courtesy of the course and club house for the occasion.

Our Chairman, G. Gilbert, replied thanking Mr. Clark, also wishing him to convey to the committee our grateful thanks for the generous hospitality. Not forgetting the Stewardess for her excellent catering and the ground staff for getting the course in such fine order.

Unfortunately, owing to a previous engagement our President, Mr. Southgate, was unable to attend. But as is always the case Messrs. Ransomes came to the rescue by arranging for Mr. Ramsey to travel up from Oxford and do all the spade work by checking score cards, collecting sweep monies, etc. For this fine gesture we are very grateful.

Our thanks are also due to the many trade firms and Golf Clubs who continually support our Prize Fund.

This Tournament was particularly successful in so much that we old stagers met quite a number of new faces. One or two we had met before, others were quite new and I would like to add how pleasing and encouraging it is to see the strength of the Section growing; especially the younger chaps deciding to take up the Greenkeeping profession. May we see a lot more of them all.

New Members

We welcome to the Section Messrs. D. Cheetham, C. Ball, T. Moore, A. Commerford and C. King.

Winter Programme

In order that we can arrange a Winter Programme a meeting will be held at the King's Arms Hotel, Brislington, on 26th September, at 7-30 p.m. Please make a note of the date and let us have a full attendance.



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I WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL THE members for a wonderful effort in selling so many books for the Annual Draw. I am sure that the General Committee will be pleased to know that we sold 547 out of 600 and I hope that all the other sections have done as well. I would like to mention 3 members, Mr. T. A. Lloyd 139, Mr. John O'Gorman 100, Mr. D. Lord 60, a great effort!

Autumn Meeting

If not already done, please send entries of all members of your Club for 18th September at Cardiff Golf Club. Also will any member who has not paid his sub. please pay Mr. Geddes before you start the competition.

SOUTHERN

By W. Mason

Chairman:
J. K. GLASS
(Thorpe Hall)

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I HAVE RECEIVED A LETTER FROM the Talbot Restaurant to say that after 67 years they have sold their business to the Express Dairy Co. I have since written and asked if we can continue holding our lectures as before, and am pleased to say that they have agreed to this. Starting in October the first lecture will take place on Wednesday, the 9th, and from then on they will be held on the second Wednesday of each month, other dates being 13th November, 11th December and 8th January, 1964. Will members please make a note of these dates. In my August notes I omitted to say that at the A.G.M. two new Vice-Presidents were elected. They are Mr. J. Field, of Messrs. Frank Keep Ltd. and Mr. K. J. Hemmingway of Messrs. Pattisons, we welcome them to our Section.

MIDLAND

By F. Cashmore

Chairman:
G. HART
(Gay Hill)

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

THE AUTUMN TOURNAMENT WILL be held at Handsworth Golf Club on Thursday, 26th September, will members please send in their entries by 14th September. We would like to start as near 9-0 a.m. as possible to enable us to play 36 holes. Any Vice-Presidents or Club officials who care to join us will be very welcome to play 18 holes in the afternoon.

Annual Dinner

The Annual Dinner and concert will be held on 1st November, at the King's Head, Bearwood, will you please make a note of the date and try to make it a record gathering. More details in next months journal.

New Member

We welcome J. S. Danks, 375 City Road, Birmingham 17 from the Warley Golf Club.

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Open Championship Draw

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3rd Prize—£5, Mrs. J. McGregor, 30
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1st Scottish Pro.: J. Orsborn, 3 Pinkie
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1st Amateur: W. Donnachie (Jun.), Dee-
side G.C., Aberdeen—£2.

Best Championship Score: H. Gallacher,
Oxgangs Ave., Edinburgh—£2.

The Prize for the best score, 1st day was
a tie, going to L. Kerr, Brownlea, Carbury
Rd., Leven and A. Sim, 80 Holmbyrs Rd.,
Glasgow, S.5. Each received £1.

EAST SECTION

Hon. Sec.: A. HUIISH,

11, Hamilton Road, Gullane, East Lothian

The Annual General Meeting will be held
at Torphine Golf Club on Thursday, 17th
October, at 6-0 p.m. A Competition for
prizes will be played in the afternoon, com-
mencing at 1-0 p.m., followed by a meal at
5-0 p.m. Prizes won at Dunbar will be pre-
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BRITISH GOLF GREENKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF THE 46th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

held at the Club House, Royal Birkdale Golf Club, Southport, Lancashire, on Monday, 12th August, 1963, at 3-0 p.m.

The President, Mr. Carl Bretherton, took the Chair for the Meeting. There were 60 members present.

The Chairman asked all present to stand and pay silent tribute to those who had died during the year.

The Hon. Secretary expressed apologies for absence on behalf of Messrs. Bridges, Thornton and Crawford.

The minutes of the last Annual General Meeting were read, confirmed and signed.

Annual Report

This was read by the Hon. Secretary and its adoption was proposed by Mr. Crabtree and seconded by Mr. C. A. Moore.

Financial Statement

The Hon. Treasurer presented the accounts, which he stated again showed a sound position. The Annual Draw had shown an increased profit on last year, but that on the Journal was only £137 this year against £198 last year. Contributions were also up, thanks to a substantial increase in membership. He again emphasised the need for earlier return of Section accounts to enable him to complete the books for Audit in reasonable time. The adoption of the accounts was proposed by Mr. Lord and seconded by Mr. W. E. Moore, and carried.

The British Golf Greenkeepers' Journal

The Hon. Editor thanked members for the increased postage which had been requested at the last Annual General Meeting. The profit was down on the year by about £60, mainly through increasing costs. He was sure that if forthcoming proposals for increased funds were accepted, they would allow for more original articles and pictures, and all round progress. The Hon. Editor assured sections that if any item of news from Sections could not be forwarded by the due date, he would do his best to include urgent items. He also regretted some occasional delay in publication, due entirely to staff changes. A sincere vote of thanks to Mr. Hawtree was given from the Chair and generously approved.

Apprenticeship Scheme

Mr. Hawtree informed members that a Joint Council for Golf Greenkeeper Apprenticeship had now been formed, with representatives for the English, Welsh and Scottish Golf Unions, the British Golf Greenkeepers' Association and the Sports Turf Research Institute. The next stage, now in preparation, was to prepare a guide to Golf

Clubs on how to run the scheme, and a draft of a booklet for Youth Employment Officers. Further thanks and appreciation were again expressed to Mr. Hawtree.

Executive Committee Report

The Tournament Committee had been elected to consist of Messrs. Geddes, Lord, Benbow and G. Herrington. Following the questionnaire sent out last year concerning the Annual Tournament, the main question arising from the replies sent in was that of changing the date from mid-August to early September. After discussion a proposition was given by Mr. C. A. Moore and seconded by Mr. Drewitt that no change be made, and that the Tournament should continue to take place in August. Carried by 41 to 3. It had been agreed that the Tournament for 1964 should be in the S.W. Section, and they had also been asked to nominate a Vice-Chairman for 1963/4. It was also agreed that the 1965 Tournament should be in the N.E. Section, and they would also be asked to nominate a Vice-Chairman for 1964/5.

Election of Officers

President:

It was proposed by Mr. Lord and seconded by Mr. Geddes that Mr. Carl Bretherton be re-elected President of the Association. Carried unanimously. Mr. Bretherton expressed his thanks for the generous approval of the proposition, and was very happy to continue in office for as long as they needed him.

Vice-Presidents:

It was proposed by Mr. Cashmore and seconded by Mr. Cockfield that the Vice-Presidents as listed in the Journal should be re-elected.

Chairman:

It was proposed by Mr. Lord and seconded by Mr. Sumner that the Vice-Chairman, Mr. G. T. Geddes, be elected Chairman for the ensuing year. Carried unanimously. Mr. Geddes thanked the meeting for the honour they had bestowed on him, and sincerely trusted he would be able to justify their choice. He then proceeded to present a silver Tankard to Mr. Lord as a token of thanks for his efforts during his year of office. Mr. Lord replied expressing appreciation of the loyal support he had received from officers and members alike.

Vice-Chairman:

No nomination was yet to hand, but the South West Section would forward one as soon as possible for publication in the Journal.

Hon. Secretary and Treasurer:

It was proposed by Mr. Brennan and seconded by Mr. O. P. Jones that Mr. C. H. Dix be re-elected as Secretary and Treasurer. Carried. Mr. Dix thanked the members and said he would be very pleased to continue in office.

Executive Committee:

It was proposed by Mr. Cashmore and seconded by Mr. Kingston that the Executive Committee should be elected as nominated by Sections. Carried.

Hon. Auditors:

It was proposed by Mr. Kingston and seconded by Mr. Dixon that Messrs. Smallfield, Rawlins & Co. should be appointed Auditors under the same conditions as this year. Carried.

Hon. Solicitor:

It was proposed by Mr. W. E. Moore and seconded by Mr. O. P. Jones that Mr. R. A. Beck be re-appointed Hon. Solicitor for the ensuing year.

Journal Postage

It was proposed by Mr. Ford and seconded by Mr. C. A. Moore that last year's resolution to increase Journal postage from 2/6 to 3/6 be confirmed. Carried.

Alteration to Rule 7

Proposition from the Executive Committee:

That, having regard to the resolution of last year's Annual General Meeting increasing the contribution of Journal postage to 3/6, the need to develop the Journal to the fullest extent possible, and in order to assist Section finances, Members' subscriptions be increased as follows:—

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6/6 to Section Fund.	8/6 to Section Fund.
3/6 to S.T.R.I.	13/- to Central Fund.
5/- to Journal.	3/6 to S.T.R.I.
	5/- to Journal.

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After considerable discussion it was proposed by Mr. Brennan and seconded by Mr. Kingston, that with the alteration to Class 'E' allocation to read £1 17s. 0d. to Sections and 5/- to Journal, the new rate of subscriptions should come into effect from 1st May, 1964. Carried by a large majority.

The Hon. Secretary informed the meeting that the increase in the allocation to Headquarters Funds was considered necessary in view of the increased charges for Audit, from £10 to a possible 50 guineas. With an approximate Class 'A' membership of 300,

this would bring in £45 to H.Q. funds, which would offset this increase.

Proposition from the North West Section

"That all Golf Clubs be circularised as to the rates of pay recommended according to the grade of Golf Greenkeepers."

Agreement was reached that steps should be taken in an attempt to arrive at a recommended scale of wages in some form, but it was also agreed the question was too involved for any immediate action. After considerable discussion Mr. Crabtree proposed and Mr. Brennan seconded that the Executive Committee should act as a Sub-Committee on this matter, with its members obtaining local information in their Sections for consideration at the next Executive Meeting. Carried.

Proposition from the Southern Section

"That, if possible, Members' Passes should be recognised as a free entry to all Golf Tournaments."

The Hon. Secretary replied to this proposition to the effect that this Association was not in a position to say "Yes" or "No". He had been in communication with the Secretary of the P.G.A. and had confirmed that the only people who could give this authority were the Promoters and Clubs concerned with the Tournament. If it was the wish of the Meeting, he would communicate again with the Secretary of the P.G.A., who had very kindly offered to approach the Tournament Promoters with a view to obtaining this permission, but this could not happen until next year.

The Hon. Secretary was asked to put forward this request.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Chair by the Association Chairman.

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Viewpoint

SERLBY PARK GOLF CLUB

Field House,
Barnby Moor,
Retford, Notts.
12th August, 1963.

Dear Mr. Hawtree,

We have now been able to fix ourselves up with a first-class Greenkeeper. He is coming from the Bacup Club, in Lancashire.

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CHAS. H. COLLINSON,
Hon. Sec.

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Lyle, W. B.	03795	MacDonald, W. S.	22439	McAlister, J.	13064
Robb, G.	24271	Lee, P.	00134	Branch, W. J.	05511
Lynch, N. C.	05388	Riddell, W.	23716	Boobyer, F. S.	04242
Jones, P.	09520	Fox, A. M.	07781	Arber, H.	17409
Simmonds, A. B.	08835	Lund, H.	22349	Higgins, P. T. L.	05785
Snell, D.	01045	Large, E.	23409	Birkett, M.	15141
Hunt, G. M.	10527	Moir, M. J.	21688	Maharaj, S.	15886
More, J. S.	20329	Platts, L.	04271	Weetman, H.	15352
Kemp, R. H. (Jnr.)	23253	Verwey, R. F.	08637	Caygill, G. A.	22125
Findlay, C.	01043	Huggett, B. G. C.	16420	Muscroft, H. W.	09032
Bridge, A. S.	09645	Bamford, J. B.	13322	Allen, B. H.	12049
Thomas, D. C.	21630	Thomson, C. B.	02066	Cogle, E.	17485
Wolstenholme, G. B.	17000	Miller, W.	17105	Talbot, D.	09010
Mace, R.	22798	Taylor, L.	01373	Jamieson, R. S.	00369
Nash, D. A.	06529	Leighton, P. J.	04082	Hastings, W. M.	12811
Rennie, F.	03413	Bousfield, K.	00130	Large, W.	22216
Weston, G. F.	06285	Hunt, B. J.	00975	Coles, N. C.	03486
Cole, M. E.	23201	Burns, J. R.	14719	Peel, M.	14899
Coop, A. B.	22135	Marchbank, I.	07126	Hunt, S. A.	16924
Wright, I.	15342	Lees, W.	22987	Miller, D.	16735
Broadbent, P.	22389	Little, J. A.	12802	Grubb, A. G.	09955
Whitehead, E. R.	03972	Walker, R. T.	06465	McIntosh, G. W.	23056
Lewis, H.	13601	Wetbrook, T. E.	23763	Henderson, W. J.	01389
MacDonald, I.	09251	Morrison, A. K.	16733	MacDonald, J. A.	00434
Common, J.	09769	The Field (Marker)	07418	Kinsella, J.	22937
McHardy, W.	06470	Young, A. J. M.	14882	Whitfield, K.	22536
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