

# 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.

### "The British Golf Greenkeeper"

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.

B.G.G.A., England: Mr. F. W. Hawtree (Chairman).

B.G.G.A., England: Mr. John Parker.

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

S.G.G.A.: Mr. D. L. Macdiarmid.

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

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

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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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