

News



from the Sections

EAST MIDLAND

By S. T. McNeice

Chairman:
D. G. WHITEHEAD
(Wollaton Park)

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

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,

Chairman:
G. HERRINGTON
(Lindrick)

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

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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By S. A. Tucker

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36 Clase Road,
Morriston,
Swansea, Glam.

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)

Hon. Secretary:
18 Albert Road, Hendon, N.W.4.
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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.

SITUATIONS VACANT

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