

# News



from the Sections

## NORTH-WEST

By V. Crabtree

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

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

### Lectures

ON 17th FEBRUARY WE HAD A visit from Mr. D. B. Hargreaves, Managing Director of Wm. Hargreaves & Co. Ltd., Sisis. He spoke on "Modern Turf Management Equipment" and illustrated it with numerous slides. Many questions were asked and a good discussion followed; thanks were expressed by the Chairman, Mr. T. Brennan.

The last of our Winter Lectures was held at the Brunswick Hotel on 9th March, when Mr. J. D. Joss, D.H., of S.T.R.I. gave a general talk on "Turf Topics, What do you Know?". Anyone familiar with previous talks given by him will know his style and standard, once again they would not have been disappointed. The explanations of the slides shown, the questions asked and the answers given were lucid and to the point. Our Chairman once again officiated, thanking the Speaker for coming and expressing once again his apologies for the sparse attendance of our members.

### Spring Tournament and A.G.M.

As announced in the last issue of the Journal our Spring Tournament will be held at the Romiley Golf Club on Tuesday, 19th May. The Competition will be over 27 holes, 9 in the morning, 18 after lunch. To assist in making sure of your comfort and that catering arrangements are adequate, would you please send your entries to me by first post, Tuesday, 12th May.

The A.G.M. will be held in the clubhouse after tea, when apart from general section business our appreciation of the service to our section by Mr. B. Ellis will be expressed

and an inscribed tankard presented. Please make a special effort to stay for this meeting, we shall be pleased to see everyone, come see how your section is run, learn of the Apprenticeship Scheme and of the Burie wages structure, just two items of vital interest to our craft.

### Louis Lowcock

It was with a deep feeling of loss that we learned of the death of Louis Lowcock, of the Royal Liverpool Golf Club, his devotion to this club and the standard of greenkeeping he maintained leaves a void that will be felt for some long time to come.

## SHEFFIELD

By J. J. Dearlove,

*Chairman:*  
G. HERRINGTON  
(Lindrick)

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

### Lecture

IN THESE DAYS OF DIMINISHING support for most things when people have to give up their own time, it is my pleasure to report a near full house for the visit of Mr. Howes, of Messrs. Hargreaves & Co. Ltd., at the Brunswick Hotel, Sheffield, on the 27th February.

A very lively discussion took place on the subject of 'Spiking', this one word opened up a wide field for debate raising many points concerning aeration, root pruning, removing fibre mat, compaction, surface drainage, soil change and many other interesting factors. This should prove to be good training for our younger members and it was good to see such a keen attendance.

A very important point was raised by our Chairman, George Herrington—greenkeepers are expected to do a first class job and this can only be achieved with the help of the very best equipment.

We thank Mr. Howes for the very able way he dealt with our many questions, and the most welcome liquid refreshments provided.

### Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of this section will be held at the Brunswick Hotel, on Thursday, 30th April, at 7-30 p.m.

The success of our section depends largely on each member and any ideas for a future programme will be most welcome.

## SOUTHERN

By W. Mason

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### Spring Tournament

AS ALREADY MENTIONED IN OUR February journal, the Section Spring Tournament will be held, by kind permission of the Committee, at the Croham Hurst Golf Club, Croydon, on Tuesday, 12th May. Members wishing to compete please send in their

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entries to me as soon as possible, stating the name of their club and their handicap. The closing date for entries will be Monday, 27th April, no entries will be accepted after that date, the draw will be made on Tuesday, 28th.

#### Lecture

We had a very good attendance on the 12th February, at the lecture given by Mr. H. J. Lidgate, B.Sc. It went off very well with a number of questions being asked and answered. A vote of thanks was proposed by our Chairman, J. K. Glass, and carried with enthusiasm.

#### Mr. J. T. Craven

Mr. J. T. Craven writes to say he has moved to Birmingham to work for the Birmingham Education Department as a resident groundsman, which includes a new house. He wishes to be transferred to the Groundsmen's Association. He has been a member of our Association since 1951 and we all wish him every success in his new appointment.

**NORTHERN**

**Chairman:**  
S. BAILES

**By J. Parker**  
*Hon. Secretary:*  
8 Goit Stock Terr., Harden,  
Bingley, Yorks.

#### Louis Lowcock

MEMBERS WILL HAVE READ WITH deep regret, in the March issue of the Journal, of the sudden and untimely death of Lou Lowcock. Though he had moved out

of the Section area he still remained a Section member. Following a service at St. Paul's Church, Leeds, on Thursday, 27th February, he was buried at Lawnswood Cemetery, Leeds. Members of the Section who attended the funeral included: Mr. G. T. Geddes (Chairman of the Association), Mr. S. Bailes (Section Chairman), Messrs. G. Smith, T. Hullah, F. G. Smith, J. Parker, R. Barnes, J. Downes, and the Ground Staff of Moortown Golf Club.

On behalf of the Section, I have written to Mrs. Lowcock expressing deep sympathy, which I am sure is the feeling of all members.

#### February Lecture

Despite it being the worst evening of the winter, thirty members turned up at The Market Tavern, Bradford, on Tuesday, 18th February, for this lecture. The speaker on this occasion was Mr. Ian Forbes, of Stewart & Co., Edinburgh, who took for his subject, "Weeds and Weedkillers". The talk, which was illustrated with slides, proved to be most interesting and educational. Questions were ably dealt with by Mr. Forbes. A vote of thanks was proposed by the Chairman, Mr. S. Bailes and seconded by D. Roberts (Vice-Chairman).

#### Spring Tournament

Members are reminded that the closing date for entries for the Spring Tournament, to be played over the course of the Horsforth Golf Club, on Tuesday, 12th May, is Saturday, 2nd May.

#### Handicaps

The following adjustments of handicaps have been made:—D. Storey, 9; R. Barnes, 5; D. Roberts, 12; M. Henderson, 8; M. Tucker, 16; C. Garnett, 22 and G. T. Geddes, 22.

#### New Members

We welcome to the Section the following new members: D. Spurden and D. Firth, both of Otley Golf Club.

**MIDLAND**

**By F. Cashmore**

**Chairman:**  
G. HART  
(Gay Hill)

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

#### Amendment

WILL MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE THAT I have made a mistake in the date for the President's match, at Handsworth. For Friday, 26th June, read Thursday, 25th June. Please make a note in your diaries that Thursday is the day.

#### Visit to Atco Mowers

Messrs. C. H. Pugh have invited us to visit their works in the Autumn, when the date has been arranged I will publish it. Will members let me know if they are interested to enable me to give them some

idea how many to expect. We shall arrive after lunch, tour the works and have a cup of tea, it should make an interesting afternoon.

### Spring Tournament

Will members please let me have their entries for our Tournament, at Little Aston Golf Club, on Tuesday, 5th May, by the 27th April, so that catering arrangements can be made.

## NORTH-EAST

By T. Oliver

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

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

ON THURSDAY, 20th FEBRUARY, the section Dinner was held at the Gosforth Golf Club, and owing to weather conditions I was greatly concerned for those members who had to travel some distance. Snow having fallen during the week made the roads a bit risky and as was expected we had a few cancellations. We were very happy with the attendance of thirty-three, a very good result.

We were sorry that our President, Mr. L. A. Jones, also President of the English Golf Union, could not attend owing to illness, we hope he is out and about again. He was very disappointed for I know he was looking forward to meeting us.

Mr. C. N. Storey, President, Northumberland Union of Golf Clubs paid a tribute to

Greenkeepers and their skilled job today.

Mr. Crighton, from the Durham Union of Golf Clubs, and Mr. Jack Veitch, Captain of the Gosforth Golf Club, made us all very welcome.

The Chairman, Mr. Jack Simpson mentioned that Mr. J. V. Todd, F.R.C.S., President of Durham Union Golf Clubs, owing to other engagements was sorry he could not attend and thanked Mr. Storey, Mr. Crighton and Mr. Veitch, and the Committee of the Gosforth Golf Club for the use of the clubhouse. A vote of thanks was made by the Secretary to the Chairman for the most able way he has carried out his duties, appreciated by all.

Mr. Vaughan, of Ransomes, Sims and Jefferies, was on his way to join us at the Dinner but rang up to say he couldn't make it owing to car trouble on the road, we were sorry to hear.

All our thanks to the Steward and Stewardess, Mr. and Mrs. D. Powell, for the wonderful meal they provided, and later we all enjoyed the lounge and bar, where I am sure there was never a dull moment.

### Louis Lowcock

It is with great regret we hear of the death of Louis Lowcock. Many of our members knew Lou. when he was a member of our Association before the war and was with Durham City Golf Club.

All our members wish to extend their deep sympathy to Mrs. Lowcock and her daughter.

## EAST MIDLAND

By S. T. McNeice

Chairman:  
F. FROST  
(Derby, G.C.)

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

### Spring Tournament

THE EAST MIDLAND SECTION Annual Spring Tournament, arranged for Wednesday, 13th May, at Bulwell Hall, Nottingham, will be an 18-hole Medal Competition, starting at about 1-0 p.m.

A hearty invitation is extended to our Vice-Presidents to join us.

As catering arrangements have to be made in advance, I once more appeal to those who wish to attend to please let me know not later than Friday, 8th May. I do insist on knowing by this date. A mixed grill will be served for tea.

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