

News



from the Sections

NORTH-EAST

By D. Earsman

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

Hon. Secretary:
Arcot Hall Cottage,
Dudley,
Newcastle-on-Tyne 3.

A.G.M.

OUR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING was held on 20th June at the Carlisle Hotel, Westgate Road, Newcastle-upon-Tyne. There were 15 members present.

The Chairman, Mr. J. Simpson, welcomed the members and thanked them for their support during the past year.

Report on the year's working was given by the Secretary and Treasurer and was considered satisfactory. Members, including President and Vice-Presidents, totalled fifty-nine.

Officers elected for ensuing year:—

President: L. A. Jones.
Vice-Presidents: J. V. Todd, F.R.C.S.,
C. N. Storey, K. B. Hood, A. Harrison.
Chairman: J. Simpson.
Vice-Chairman: R. H. Nicholson.
Committee: T. Nutman, L. Lowery, R. Raine, N. Frazer, T. Kirkley, R. Derham, T. Oliver, W. R. Harker, H. Somerville.

Hon. Auditors: Messrs. Martin, Hilton, Blakey.

Secretary and Treasurer: D. Earsman, Arcot Hall Cottage, Arcot Hall, Dudley, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

The Chairman, on behalf of the Committee and members, thanked Mr. Lowery and the Auditors for their work with the account, sweep tickets and competitions. It was hoped that Mr. Lowery, who had not been in the best of health, would soon be fully recovered.

The Annual Competition will be held (by courtesy of the Committee) at the Northumberland Golf Club during September, date to be fixed.

Tom Oliver, Secretary for many years, has now given up the office. He will be retiring shortly. The Chairman, on behalf of all our members, thanked him for his work on their behalf and wished him all the best for the future.

MIDLAND

By F. Cashmore

Chairman:
G. HART
(Gay Hill)

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

President's Match

WE AGAIN HAD A FINE, WARM evening for our match against the President's team. I expect you already know the result, our Editor called in at Handsworth during the evening and kindly said he would see that the result appeared in the July issue. I was again disappointed at the very poor attendance of members. Two years ago we had a team of twenty-eight, last year twenty, this year seventeen. It is gratifying to know that those who do attend appreciate the great amount of work that our President puts in on behalf of golf and greenkeepers, as expressed in the remarks of Mr. Harley Roberts, Mr. S. E. W. Cooper, the Captain of Handsworth, our Association Chairman, George Geddes, and our Section Chairman, George Hart. They all thanked Mr. Bretherton on our behalf and expressed the hope that they would be able to come for many more years.

Bill Machin

We extend our best wishes to Bill, who has moved to the Southern Section as First Assistant at the Upminster Golf Club, Essex. We wish him every success in his new job.

Counterfoils

Just a reminder if any of you have not returned your counterfoils for the "News of the World" Tournament. Please let me have them at once.

NORTH-WEST

By V. Crabtree

Chairman:
D. PATE
(Royal Birkdale G.C.)

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

Trip to S.T.R.I.

THE SECTION TRIP TO BINGLEY was on 8th July, 1964. We had a good trip, arriving at lunch-time, and were then conducted round the experimental grounds by Mr. H. J. Lidgate, B.Sc., who very efficiently and most effectively explained the various treatments and results of the experiments under observation at S.T.R.I. Great interest

was, of course, shown in the machinery section. The weather was a little showery, but did not detract from the usefulness and general interest always experienced on our visits to Bingley.

Our most sincere thanks to Mr. Lidgate for his personal interest and his patience in answering the numerous questions put to him. Our thanks also to Mrs. Kelly and her staff at Bingley Golf Club for the excellence of both meals provided for us.

Once again only 18 members availed themselves of this wonderful opportunity of a quick refresher course. The main party was joined at Bingley by Mr. Marshall and two friends from St. Annes-on-Sea. Mr. L. Haken and Mr. P. Cappleman, our two oldest members (combined ages approx. 145) showed just as keen an interest in turf culture for the welfare of the game as any member present. A really good day was enjoyed by everyone.

Autumn Tournament

Thanks to the Captain, and Council, our Autumn Tournament will be held at Ashton-and-Lea Golf Club on Tuesday, 15th September, 1964. The closing date for entries will be 9th September. Please try and let me know in good time as it will help so much in organising your day's pleasure. Would members please note that each member is allowed only one visitor. The competition will be over 27 holes, 9 in the morning and 18 in the afternoon. The visitors' competition will be over 18 holes in the afternoon. Play is allowed in the morning for visitors arriving early.

New Members

We welcome to the Section the following new members: A. B. Scott, J. G. Cottrill, A. J. Cundall, S. Beavan.

SOUTHERN

By W. Mason

Chairman:
J. K. GLASS
(Thorpe Hall)

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

THE SECTION AUTUMN TOURNAMENT already published in the special occasions will take place on Tuesday, 15th September, at the Denham Golf Club. As in previous years we look forward to a good entry. For the benefit of new members who have not taken part before, it will be a four-ball better ball competition and you can invite the Captain or a member of your club as a partner. Will members, when sending along their entries, please give the name and handicap of their partner, together with their own handicap and name of club. The closing date for entries is Monday, 31st August, and the draw will take place on Tuesday, 1st September, after which starting sheets will be sent to all greenkeepers.



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New Members

My Committee were very pleased to confirm the election of the following new members with a special welcome: T. Craham, A. Silver, W. H. Talmage, D. J. Roulins, R. McCracken, R. D. Hollington, B. J. Hawkins, G. Driscoll, K. S. Ward.

Mr. J. Cryer has written to say he has taken the appointment of Head Greenkeeper at Ellesborough Golf Club. He was previously Head Greenkeeper at Lincoln Golf Club. We welcome him to our Section.

P. Bramley

I have been informed that Mr. Bramley, of Addington Court, has taken up an appointment at Knole Park Golf Club. We wish him luck.

MISCELLANEOUS

PROFESSIONALS AND GREENKEEPERS having stocks of used golf balls contact Sparkbrook Golf Ball Co., 295 Highgate Road, Stoney Lane, Birmingham, with a view to filling export orders.

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WELSH

By S. A. Tucker

Chairman:
M. GEDDES
(Royal Porthcawl)

Hon. Secretary:
36 Clase Road,
Morriston,
Swansea, Glam.

Autumn Meeting

WE WILL BE HOLDING OUR AUTUMN Meeting at the Llantrisant Golf Club on Wednesday, 23rd September. If you are coming, please let me know by the 15th September, so that I may arrange the catering, etc.

Weston-super-Mare

I hope the weather will treat all members kindly and that it will be a very successful meeting. Good luck to all competitors and may the best man win.

NORTHERN

Chairman:
S. BAILES

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

Autumn Tournament

THE ANNUAL TOURNAMENT OF the Section will be played over the course of the Halifax Golf Club, Ogden, near Halifax, on Thursday, 22nd October, 1964 (by kind permission of the committee).

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Employment

I occasionally receive enquiries from Golf Clubs requiring Greenkeepers. If any member of the Section wishes to receive notice of them will they send their name to me and I will get in touch with them when an enquiry is made.

Autumn Course

There is still one vacancy available for any member of the Section wishing to attend the Autumn Course at the Sports Turf Research Institute from 19th to 23rd October. The Section will pay the registration fee but the person attending will be required to pay other expenses—hotel, travel, etc.

SITUATIONS VACANT

FIRST ASSISTANT GREENKEEPER required. Wages according to experience. Apply: Bush Hill Park Golf Club, London, N.21.

WANTED. ASSISTANT GREENKEEPER, Willingdon (Eastbourne) Golf Club. Wages according to experience. Regret no accommodation. Apply: Secretary.

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BRENTWOOD URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL — APPOINTMENT OF GREENKEEPER. Applications are invited for the above post from persons with suitable experience to assist in the construction and take charge of the maintenance of a 9-hole municipal golf course, at a wage of £15 per 42 hour week. Further details obtainable from: The Engineer and Surveyor, Council Offices, Brentwood, Essex.

Clement Booth, Clerk of the Council.

DARK OATHS

At Mineola, N.Y., golfers' cursing has caused residents of homes overlooking the Salisbury Park course in nearby East Meadow to tee off against plans for night golfing. "It will extend the cursing hours", wrote 40 residents in a letter to Nassau County executive, Eugene H. Nickerson. They protested the planned installation of lights on the course. "Homes put up with the golfers and their choice language all day long and we feel that, come evening, we are due a little tranquility."

(New York Herald Tribune, 9th July, 1964.)