

# News



from the Sections

## Greetings

### From the President:

*To all members of the British Golf Greenkeepers' Association I send very best wishes for Christmas and the New Year; may your work for a larger membership and for golf courses meet every success in 1965*

CARL BRETHERTON.

### From the Chairman:

*To all members of the British Golf Greenkeepers' Association and all readers of the Journal I would like to wish a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.*

H. G. SHEPPARD.

### From the Hon. Secretary:

*To every member of the Association I would like to send my best wishes for a Happy Christmas and Prosperous New Year.*

C. H. DIX.

## NORTH-EAST

By D. Earsman

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

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

### Annual Dinner

OUR ANNUAL DINNER WILL BE held on Thursday, 10th December, at Chester-le-Street Golf Club, by kind permission of their Committee. A good attendance is expected.

### Lecture and Film Show

A lecture and film show was held on the 5th November in conjunction with the National Association of Groundsmen, at the Carlisle Hotel, Newcastle. The subject: "Weedkilling". The speaker was Mr. Garnett, of Chipman Chemical Co., who answered many questions.

It was a very interesting film, showing all kinds of weedkilling in progress. On behalf of our Section our Vice-Chairman thanked Mr. Garnett for an excellent lecture and said he was sure that everyone would go home with a lot more knowledge in weedkilling.

### Greetings

On behalf of the North East Section we wish all readers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

## EAST MIDLAND

By S. T. McNeice

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

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

### A.G.M.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING was held at the Railway Hotel, Campbell Street, Leicester, on Tuesday, 20th October.

Mr. F. Frost, Section Chairman, took the Chair with only six members present and opened the meeting by reading a telegram from the President apologising for being unable to attend and wishing the Section every success for the coming year.

Officers elected for the ensuing year:—  
President: Mr. R. C. Ainscow.

Vice-Presidents as listed on Section books, also elected: Mr. M. W. Youngs, Dr. Walsh and Mr. Austin Webb.

Chairman: Mr. F. Frost.

Vice-Chairman: Mr. S. Talbot.

Committee: Messrs. D. G. Whitehead, D. Bull, F. Oliver and S. Fretter.

Hon. Treasurer: Mr. A. Thornton.

Hon. Secretary: Mr. S. T. McNeice.

Member Executive: Mr. S. T. McNeice.

The Chairman thanked the Secretary, Treasurer and Committee for their services during the year. A special vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. E. H. Charman for his help and guidance with the Section accounts.

### Lectures

The Nottingham Branch of the N.A.G. invite members of this Section to attend their lectures, dates are as follows:—

Tuesday, 5th January, 1965: Modern methods of seed production by J. L. Clucus Ltd.

Tuesday, 2nd February, 1965: New Products. Fisons Horticulture Ltd.

Tuesday, 2nd March, 1965: Motor Mowers. Thomas Green & Son Ltd.

Tuesday, 6th April, 1965: Ford Motor Co. Ltd.

These lectures will be held at the Central Tavern, Huntingdon Street, Nottingham, at 7.30 p.m.

I have received a letter from Mr. H. B. Bowler, Hon. Secretary of the Leicester Branch N.A.G., inviting the members of our Section to attend the following lectures:—  
3rd December—Synchemicals.

14th December—Quiz.  
1965.

7th January—Shell Films.

25th January—Quiz.

4th February—Mr. Page, Leicester Parks Department.

18th February—Jim Bradbury, Rugby School.

11th March—Bingley Turf Institute.

These meetings will be held at the Blue Boar Hotel, Southgate Street, Leicester.

#### Film Show

A MOST SUCCESSFUL MEETING WAS held on Tuesday, 10th November, when a party of about forty, including members of the Leicester Branch of the N.A.G., gathered to watch a collection of most interesting films by Messrs. Ransomes, Sims & Jefferies.

Owing to the indisposition of Mr. A. J. E. Cook, Mr. Tony Woods, also of Messrs. Ransomes, very kindly conducted the proceedings of the evening. Over refreshments Mr. Woods, together with Mr. G. V. Lee and his co-director, Mr. Harold Sharpe, of Leicester Horticultural Eng. Co., answered queries.

We thank Messrs. Ransomes for allowing these films to be shown, Mr. Tony Woods for travelling over from Cambridge to be with us and also Mr. G. V. Lee who made all the arrangements.

#### Greetings

From the East Midland Section comes wishes for a very Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

## WELSH

By S. A. Tucker

Chairman:  
M. GENDES  
(Royal Porthcawl)

Hon. Secretary:  
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Morriston,  
Swansea, Glam.

#### Greetings

NOW THAT WE ARE GETTING NEAR to the festive season I take this opportunity to wish all members of each section a Very Happy Christmas and a Very Prosperous New Year, may 1965 be a good year for each and all in work and play. On behalf of the Welsh Section I say good luck to you all.

#### Spring Meeting

I am hoping to arrange the spring meeting at the Whitchurch Golf Club, some time in April if possible, and will be giving further news on a later date.

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## SHEFFIELD

By J. J. Dearlove,

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Hon. Secretary:  
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Sheffield, 6.

#### Lecture

THE FIRST MEETING OF OUR winter programme got off to a flying start at the Brunswick Hotel on Thursday, 29th October.

The subject, "Winter Playing Conditions"; the object, to find out just what is required from the greenkeeper and his course during the winter months.

With our President, Mr. Shardlow, in the Chair flanked by two well-known figures, Mr. Escritt, Director of S.T.R.I., and Mr. Frank Smith, former Superintendent of the same establishment, add to this an attendance of about sixty, including a good number of club officials, and the stage was set for the most interesting, enlightening and entertaining evening one could wish for.

Not waiting for the first question and going in head first, Mr. Escritt told us that drainage was neglected and out-of-date and was the basic reason for most of our winter problems. I noticed a lot of heads nodding in agreement on this point and from then on for two and a half hours a barrage of questions was directed to the platform.

Thanking everyone for the excellent questions, I would like to deal with what we learned from all this.

Firstly, golf being the all-year-round game it is, it is our duty to provide the best possible conditions that club finances allow.

Golfers could play a great part with a little more care and respect for their courses. This point brought a voice from the floor, "In a recent greenkeepers' competition over a local course, trolleys were pulled to the edges of greens, over tees and through bunkers". Heads hung in shame; one could have heard a pin drop.

Quickly on to the next point. Any frost, be it black or white, and even a cold wind can be injurious to fine turf. Most greenkeepers have their methods of dealing with these conditions in the form of frost holes or temporary greens.

It was generally agreed that trolleys, as such, do very little damage but tend to concentrate traffic to certain areas which become walked off, unsightly and bad for play. This raised a query, "With this being very evident, why restrict trolleys from teeing areas?". Food for thought here providing the tees are at ground level.

If trolleys, in exceptional conditions, have to be disallowed, it is only fair that players should be warned in advance that this might happen so that they can be prepared.

Spiking equipment is not used enough in the winter months when it would assist drainage.

Teeing grounds are often not big enough for present demands and too often do not receive fertiliser treatment, the result is that artificial tees have to be used in winter.



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I could go on longer on this meeting but I must end with two very important issues. The first from Mr. Escritt who went on to say that the decision as to when play should be restricted should be left to the person who knows best, the greenkeeper. He admitted that he would not like the job himself and would suggest the best way might be for the committee and greenkeeper to reach an agreement together.

The last, but not least, comes from Mr. Andrews of the Dore & Totley Club. It was definitely meant to be heard and I would be failing in my duty not to mention it in these notes. He said that greenkeepers should stop griping, to use his own word, get on with the job and make golfers feel welcome to play on their courses.

I feel some readers might have something to say on these two matters, either in agreement or not. I think the Editor would like to print what you have to say.

### New Members

On a more pleasant note we give a hearty welcome to the following new members: R. Bamforth, K. Pettinger, J. A. Evison, W. M. Hill, T. Harris and R. H. Ledbury.

### Greetings

At time of writing the festive season seems a long way off but I will take this early opportunity to send Christmas Greetings to all connected with the smooth running of the Association and the publication of the journal, also to the staff of the S.T.R.I., Bingley, and greenkeepers everywhere.

## SOUTHERN

By W. Mason

Chairman:  
W. E. MOORE  
(Romford)

Hon. Secretary:  
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### Good Wishes

ON BEHALF OF THE SOUTHERN Section may I take this opportunity to wish all members of the Association, our many friends in the Trade, the Editor and his associates a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

### Quiz

Our first meeting on 14th October, which was a quiz, proved very interesting and kept our Quiz Master, J. K. Glass, very busy. A few of the questions being asked and matters discussed covered Fusarium, worm control, the best method of getting rid of moles, the absence of Poa Annua on the greens this year, concluding by asking how many greenkeepers had an apprentice with them (answer, two).

### Lecture

As already mentioned our next lecture will be given by Messrs. Hargreaves, followed by F. W. Berk & Co. Subject chosen, "Moss Control". This will take place on Wednesday, 13th January, usual time and place, and we look forward to a very good attendance.

## Vice-President and New Members

A. G. Bates has been elected a new Vice-President. We welcome to the Section new members D. Tuplin and R. Stillwell, who is an apprentice with his father at Ham Manor Golf Club.

## A. C. Banks

I have just been informed that our old friend A. C. Banks has passed away. I feel sure all my old members will be sorry to hear this and will join with me in expressing our very deep sympathy to his wife.

## Tom Mason

We all wish Tom many years of good health and happiness in his retirement.

## Handicaps

Various members' handicaps were revised by the handicapping committee and carried by the rest of the committee, on Wednesday, 14th October. A further revision to take place after the Spring Tournament, 1965.

S. Battams, 14—16; E. Brown, 19—20; T. Chamberlain, 15—17; A. C. Cresse, 4—5; I. J. Cox, 12—14; S. Dennis, 16—17; H. G. Dixon, 14—16; E. Hall, 7—8; J. M. Johnstone, 9—11; W. Kingston, 16—17; W. Mason, 19—24; T. Mason, 13—16; J. Macrae, 8—10; J. Stobbs, 9—10; P. Staines, 13—12; C. Stillwell, 18—19; P. Whitehead, 11—12.

# MIDLAND

By F. Cashmore

Chairman:  
G. HART  
(Gay Hill)

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

## Seasonal Greetings

ON BEHALF OF THE MIDLAND Section I would like to wish all members of our Association a very Happy Christmas and all the Best for the New Year and take this opportunity to thank our Section Vice-Presidents, many friends in the trade and Mr. and Mrs. Bretherton for their interest and help during the past year.

## Annual Dinner

I am glad to report that our Dinner was again a great success. We were sorry that our President and Mrs. Bretherton were prevented from joining us owing to illness. It was the first occasion since we resumed after the war that Mr. Bretherton had not presided. We had a record attendance with more than a hundred for dinner. Mrs. Mason and her daughter also beat their record with the raffle; they extorted the sum of £19 10s., for which they have our thanks. The artistes, especially the comedian, Bob Hatch, were on top form and gave us first class entertainment.

Our Vice-President, Mr. Eric Lumby, very kindly presided and introduced Mr. H. G. Sheppard, our Association Chairman, who proposed the toast of the Association. G. Hart responded and thanked everyone for coming

and supporting our Dinner. Mr. Lumby proposed a toast to the Ladies and Guests in a very gallant and amusing manner. Mr. Carter, from Atco Ltd., responded.

We thank the following for providing the prizes for the raffle: Mr. F. Carr, Mr. Bubb, Mrs. Mason and her daughter and the Superintendent at Warley Park.

I would like to say how pleased I was at the success of the evening, both socially and in number; it repays the time spent in organisation and I look forward to another next year.

## Spring Tournament

I can now let you know the result of the Spring Tournament at Stourbridge:—

Clayton Cup and Tea Set (Thomas Clayton Ltd)—D. Brazier, 144 nett.

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Golf Jacket (Swallow Raincoats Ltd.)—A. Boraston, 149 nett.

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Bar Set (Tudor Mower Services)—W. Barton, 162 nett.

Booby Prize, 12 Golf Balls (En-Tout-Cas)—L. Greenow, 222 nett.

Best over 50's—Leg of Pork (J. W. R. Robinson)—G. Woodward, 153 nett.

Best gross for 8 short holes—C. F. N. Boulton, B. Powell and E. Benbow, 27 (four golf balls each).

Players with 2s on card—Carl Bretherton, W. Handy, D. Brazier and A. Boraston.

Visitors—4 Golf Balls—E. Ballinger, 73 nett.  
Two Golf Balls—A. Wall, 75 nett.

# SOUTH-WEST

By A. Cockfield

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

Hon. Secretary:  
(Shamcastle G.C.)

## Greetings

THE SOUTH WEST SECTION SEND Best Wishes for Christmas and the New Year to our President, Vice-Presidents, officials and all other sections, not forgetting the numerous golf clubs and firms who so kindly support us throughout the year.

## Social Evening

All members please note. Our Christmas Competition and Social Evening will be held

at Clevedon Golf Club on Thursday, 10th December. Members taking part in the competition please be on the first tee not later than 12-30 p.m.

## NORTHERN

Chairman:  
S. BAILES

By J. Parker

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

### Autumn Tournament

THIS WAS PLAYED OVER THE course of the Halifax Golf Club, Ogden, on Thursday, 22nd October, 33 members taking part.

Though the afternoon started well a rapid deterioration of the weather brought strong winds and driving rain, bringing many "no return" from the unfortunate later starters.

Results:—

Scratch Prize—K. Driver (Serlby Park), 78.  
1st Division—1st P. Williams (Northcliffe), 82;  
2nd S. Smith (Alwoodley), 83; 3rd D. Roberts (West Bowling), 83.

2nd Division—1st R. Ford (Clitheroe), 83;  
2nd H. Childs (Fulford), 84; 3rd A. Robertshaw (Otley), 90.

Veteran's Prize—G. Geddes (Moor Allerton), 98.

Vice-Presidents—1st P. Geddes (Clitheroe), 82; A. Brophy (Sandmoor), 82.

High score at single hole—J. Hannan (Moor Allerton), 12.

Following an excellent tea, which took away the thoughts of an earlier wetting, the prizes were presented by Mr. H. Dyson, Vice-Captain of the Club.

Our thanks are due to all members of the staff of Ogden for their help and the warmth of welcome by club officials.

Thanks are also due to the Golf Clubs who so kindly contributed to our Prize Fund.

### Mr. R. B. Dawson

As members know, we had hoped to make the Section's retirement presentation to Mr. Dawson at the Autumn Tournament at Ogden but unfortunately, owing to illness, he was unable to attend. On behalf of the Section, which I am sure is every members' wish, I have written him hoping for his quick return to better health.

I have in reply received a letter from Mrs. Dawson expressing their thanks for the gifts: a gold Roamer watch suitably inscribed, a bedside trolley and electric kettle.

### Lectures

The following lectures have been arranged: 8th December, 1964, Market Tavern, Bradford—Ransomes, Sims & Jefferies, lecture and illustrations, followed by our usual pre-Christmas get-together.

16th February, 1965, White Swan, Leeds—Synchemicals Ltd., "Turf Chemicals, New Techniques".

### New Members

We are pleased to welcome to the Section the following new members: G. R. Hartley, S. H. Hardwick, P. G. Ford and R. Thomas.

### Seasonal Greetings

Once again a year has quickly passed by and as these are the last notes of 1964 I would like to take this opportunity of wishing all members of the Association the Happiest of Christmases and Successful Greenkeeping in the coming year.

### Subscriptions

I know this isn't the happiest of paragraphs to finish the year's notes but many subscriptions are still outstanding and I would be very happy to know that in the New Year I had not my usual pile of reminders to send out—thank you.

### November Lecture

The first lecture of the winter session was held at the White Swan, Leeds, on Tuesday, 10th November. Thirty-five members attended to hear a talk by Mr. F. Mathews, D.H. (Edin.), F.Inst.P.A., of the Sports Turf Research Institute, who took for his subject "Trees on Golf Courses". The speaker dealt fully with trees suitable to varying climatical conditions and I am sure all members found it a most interesting and helpful talk.

The lists of trees provided, giving botanical names, proved an added aid to the talk and a useful reference for future use.

There were many and varied questions from members, which Mr. Mathews was able very capably to answer.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. S. Bailes (Chairman), seconded by Mr. D. Roberts (Vice-Chairman).

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# NORTH-WEST

By V. Crabtree

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## October Lecture

OWING TO THICK FOG AND A filthy night our October lecture was a complete washout. The lecture was to have been given by Mr. H. J. Lidgate, B.Sc., of S.T.R.I., but owing to illness his colleague, Mr. E. M. Bayliss, N.D.A., came to fill the appointment. We are indebted to him, doubly so, as he left his car some miles from Manchester and completed his journey by bus. I got half-way and had to give up and turn back. I telephoned the Garrick Hotel and Mr. Bayliss was the only one present, we thank him for his very great effort on our behalf and feel very sorry indeed that it was wasted. To Mr. Lidgate we wish a very speedy recovery to good health and hope in the near future to see both gentlemen.

Please note that all our lectures will be held at the Garrick Hotel, Fountain Street, Manchester, at 7-30 p.m. and are as follows:

7th December: Mr. J. H. Preston, of Messrs. Fisons Horticulture Ltd.

18th January: Mr. W. Finch, N.D.H., of Messrs. International Toxin Ltd.

15th February: Mr. Shepherd, of Messrs. H. Patisson & Co. Ltd.

8th March: Mr. W. H. Bartle, F.R.H.S., of S.T.R.I.

Enter these dates in your diary to remind you to try to come. Mr. Bayliss showed the lecturers' willingness to come, so please support them and your Committee if you can.

## Season's Greetings

It is really astonishing how quickly the seasons come and go, it seems such a short time since I last sent this message to you, let's hope we are all one year wiser. Christmas is ageless with its family reunions and time spent with the children, so on behalf of the Section and everyone connected with it I wish you all, most sincerely, A Happy Christmas and a Bright and Prosperous New Year.



J. K. CAMPBELL