

News



from the Sections

MIDLAND

By F. Cashmore

Chairman:
G. HART
(Gay Hill)

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

President's Match

OUR PRESIDENT HAS GIVEN ME the date of the match his team will play versus the Greenkeepers. It will be held at Handsworth Golf Club on Friday evening, 26th June, and I am sure we shall again have a very enjoyable evening. We thank Mr. Bretherton for his kindness, and also for the great interest he takes in us Greenkeepers.

New Members

We welcome to the Section the following new members: D. G. Brazier, Ladbroke Park Golf Club, L. J. Greenow, Habberly Golf Club, B. Bond and T. Rawbone.

SOUTHERN

By W. Mason

Chairman:
J. K. GLASS
(Thorpe Hall)

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

I AM VERY SAD TO REPORT THE death of a very great friend of ours, Mr. F. Chambers, who for many years was our President, and I feel sure you will all join in expressing our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Chambers and family for their sad loss.

Meeting

Owing to our Annual Dinner taking place at the Talbot Restaurant on Friday, 13th March, the meeting on Wednesday, 11th March, will be cancelled.

Annual Spring Tournament

Our next meeting on the agenda is the Annual Spring Tournament at Croham Hurst, Tuesday, 12th May. Will members who wish to enter, when doing so, please give the name of their Club and their handicap.

Autumn Tournament

For your diary, the Autumn Tournament will take place at the Denham Golf Club, Tuesday, 15th September.

Film Show

We would like to thank Messrs. Ransomes, Sims and Jefferies for a most interesting and colourful film show given by their representatives on Wednesday, 8th January.

This was followed by a talk on their latest machines, given by Mr. P. Marshall and his colleague, who were asked many questions. Several of my members felt that they missed the personal touch of the old days when representatives from Messrs. Ransomes visited their courses. Mr. Marshall replied saying that various firms were now acting as their agents and he felt sure that if any greenkeeper needed any advice they would only be too glad to give it.

In all we had a good attendance, and a most enjoyable evening which ended by Mr. Marshall inviting all to have a little refreshment.

New Members

We welcome to the Section the brothers L. F. and A. Millar, both from Moor Park Golf Club.

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Chairman:
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(Wimslow G.C.)

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Lecture

THE SECTION WELCOMED MR. William Finch, N.D.H., of I.T.P. Ltd., who gave a very interesting and instructive lecture on 'The Simple Science of Turf Culture'. This, his first talk to the Section, was attended by about 20 members. The Chairman, Mr. T. Brennan, suitably expressed our thanks and appreciation.

The last lecture of the Winter Season will be given on Monday, 9th March, 1964, by Mr. J. D. Joss, D.H., of S.T.R.I. Don't forget, we shall be pleased to see you.

Spring Tournament

Our Spring Tournament and Annual General Meeting will be held at Romiley Golf Club on Tuesday, 19th May, 1964, thanks to the Captain and Council of the Club. Watch for particulars next month.

New Members

We welcome to the Section George Brockbank, 51 Dunsop Drive, Bolton, Assistant at Bolton Golf Club. James Williams, 4 Johnson Fold Avenue, Bolton, Apprentice at Bolton Municipal Golf Club. Hugh Roberts, 6 Beach Terrace, Rhosneigr, Greenkeeper at Anglesey Golf Club.

John Gillan

We regret to announce the death of John Gillan. He was Head Greenkeeper at Royal Birkdale, Southport, from 1907 until retiring in 1950. After the death of his wife he resided with his daughter and died there at Southsea.

SHEFFIELD

By J. J. Dearlove,

Chairman:
G. HERRINGTON
(Lindrick)

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

A REMARKABLY GOOD TURN-OUT for our very popular President's evening at the Brunswick Hotel, Sheffield. About 34 members attended for a most enjoyable and entertaining evening.

Although this meeting had little to do with the upkeep of golf courses it was very refreshing to meet fellow greenkeepers in an atmosphere when our work took second place to a travelogue of faraway places on film slides.

We visited many countries, including Africa, Egypt and Greece, and saw outstanding features for which these places are most famous. We are very grateful to a young lady unknown to us who kindly loaned these slides to our President.

After an interval for refreshments generously provided by Mr. Shardlow, we continued our journey to New York, Holland, Norway and

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Germany, finishing up at Newcastle. An expert running commentary by our President left no doubt as to his knowledge of these places and despite a bad cold his voice lasted out very well.

Suggestions

Our winter programme is almost over and in order to gain the most from our limited meetings I would welcome any suggestions for the 1964-65 season.

Jock Marshall

A welcome back to this Section for Jock Marshall who has taken over the reins again at the Hallamshire Golf Club after an absence of about eight years. He renewed many acquaintances and I hope we made him feel at home amongst us.

NORTH-EAST

By T. Oliver

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

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

Lecture

A LECTURE WAS HELD ON 30th January at the Carlisle Hotel, Westgate Road, Newcastle. It was given by N. Jackson, B.Sc., Ph.D., of the Sports Turf Research Institute, Bingley, in conjunction with N.A.G. Newcastle Branch. Mr. Jackson said he was very pleased to see such a good attendance and I

am proud to say the majority were Green-keepers with many young members taking a keen interest in what he had to say on the various kinds of "Grasses", in the difference between what is wanted for turf and what the farmer wants.

Our Chairman, Mr. J. Simpson, proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Jackson for a most interesting talk, and also to Tom Bagley, N.A.G. Secretary.

It was also decided that in future our meetings would be held at the same place, Carlisle Hotel, Westgate Road.

Spring Meeting

Our Spring Meeting will be played at the Ponteland Golf Club on Thursday, 7th May, by kind permission of the Committee.

New Member

We welcome to the Section K. Thobron.

EAST MIDLAND

By S. T. McNeice

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

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

Annual Spring Tournament

BY VERY KIND PERMISSION OF THE Parks Committee, City of Nottingham, the Sections Annual Spring Tournament will be held on Wednesday, 13th May, at Bulwell Hall.

Further details will be announced at a later date.

Bert Parsons

Members will be pleased to learn that Bert Parsons, Northamptonshire Co. Golf Club, who recently underwent a serious operation is now home and making steady progress.

NORTHERN

By J. Parker

Chairman:
S. BAILES

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

Spring Tournament

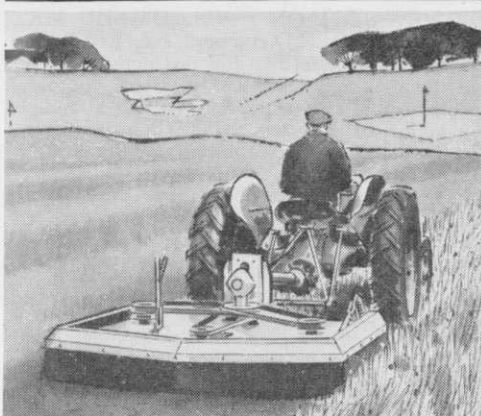
THE ANNUAL SPRING TOURNAMENT of the Section will be played over the course of the Horsforth Golf Club, Leeds, on Tuesday, 12th May (by kind permission of the Committee).

January Lecture

This was held on Tuesday, 21st January, at The Old Queen's Head, Bingley, when 30 members attended. The speaker was Mr. G. C. Macadam, S.D.H., of the S.T.R.I., who took for his subject "To feed or fork". The talk, which was illustrated with slides, dealt with various aspects of fertiliser and mechanical treatment of fine turf. Following the talk Mr. Macadam ably dealt with the various questions put to him by members.

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

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(Vice-Chairman), was heartily endorsed by members.

New Members

We welcome to the Section the following new members: K. Christie, Northcliffe Golf Club, and P. Thresh, Pontefract Golf Club.

Grand National Sweep

Members are reminded that all counterfoils and monies should now be returned for the draw.

WELSH

By S. A. Tucker

Chairman:
M. GEDDES
(Royal Porthcawl)

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

Spring Meeting

OUR SPRING MEETING WILL BE held at the Swansea Bay Golf Club, on Wednesday, 15th April. Will all members let me know by the 8th April if they are coming, to enable catering to be arranged with the Steward

John O'Gorman

I have not heard how John O'Gorman is getting on, but we all hope that no news is good news, and wish him well.



THE SCOTTISH GOLF GREENKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

Chairman:

D. L. MACDIARMID,

Royal Burgess Golfing Society,
Barnton, Edinburgh 4.

General Secretary:

R. B. MOFFATT,

71 Kelton Street, Glasgow, E.2

Ties

THE S.G.G.A. WOULD LIKE TO thank Mr. J. K. Campbell, our Vice-Chairman, for the work he has put into the design and colour of the ties. I only hope the members will give their support to all this work by purchasing one when the order arrives. Members wishing to purchase one can do so through their Section Secretaries, who are now taking orders. The cost will be around 18/- to £1.

Prize Draw

We are again holding the Prize Draw on the "OPEN" and tickets will soon be available. We hope members will support this as it is the only way to keep the funds up.

Open Championship

Any member who wishes to obtain a

complimentary ticket for the above please send names to Mr. J. K. Campbell, St. Andrews, or myself. As we will only get a limited number we cannot guarantee everyone will get a ticket. Members will not be admitted on production of membership card.

Meeting with S.G.U. and G.C.S.A.

A meeting was held on 12th February, 1964, in Glasgow with The Scottish Golf Union and the Golf Club Secretaries' Association. We were represented by Mr. Macdiarmid, Mr. Smith, Mr. George and Mr. Moffat. The object of the meeting was to discuss the financial future of Greenkeepers. We arrived not knowing how we would be received, but must say we were all very pleased with the reception we got. The proposals we put to the meeting will now be discussed at the S.G.U. and G.C.S.A. and in turn be sent to golf clubs in Scotland.

WEST

Subscriptions

THERE ARE STILL A FEW MEMBERS who have their subscriptions outstanding. Please will they let me have them as soon as possible.

EAST

Annual Competition

THE ANNUAL COMPETITION WILL be held on Wednesday, 20th May, over Luffness Golf Course.

New Member

We welcome to the Section J. Wood of Aberlady, East Lothian.

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