



THE SCOTTISH GOLF GREENKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

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Annual Tournament

THE ANNUAL TOURNAMENT WILL be held by courtesy of the committee of the Hayston Golf Club, Kirkintilloch, on Wednesday, 24th June. Play will commence promptly at 9-0 a.m. Bus will leave North Berwick at 7-0 a.m., and Edinburgh East End, George Street, 8-0 a.m. We hope to have a large number of old and new members and hope the weather will be better than last year.

Prize Draw Tickets

I am still waiting for the Prize Draw tickets, but hope to have them within the next week. By the time you are reading this you will have received your supply and be looking for more. We in the Executive Committee hope every member will do his utmost to sell ten books, which will help the funds a great deal.

Past Lectures

Once again the winter session has come to a close and I hope all members attending the lectures found them of interest. I was very pleased to see a good attendance of younger members at the West Section and I believe the North Section had a full house for one of the lectures. It would be very encouraging to the Committee if this was the case in all the sections.

Social Night

I have in the past heard of the very enjoyable Social Night the North and Midland Section hold to bring the winter session to a close. This year it took place on Saturday, 28th March, in Nicol & Smiberts, Dundee. I would like at this point to say if it were not for the time and work, Mr. Wm. Ritchie and his Committee, with the co-operation of Mr. and Mrs. Duncan, one of our Hon. Vice-Presidents and his staff, this night would not be a success.

Mrs. Moffat and I would like to extend our thanks to Mr. Wm. Ritchie and Committee for a most enjoyable night, I can also

say this on behalf of all who travelled to Dundee on the 28th.

I would like to see the other two sections following on with the same idea as the North, and perhaps in time we could all get together for a social night.

PRESENTATION

Members will recall that during the winter, collections were taken at various lectures towards a gift to Mr. R. B. Dawson, O.B.E., retiring Director of The Sports Turf Research Institute.

A few discreet enquiries were made to find out what would be most acceptable, and it was suggested that having reached retiring age, Mr. Dawson might like something to keep him warm. With the discretion that is the hallmark of all good Chairmen and Secretaries, Mr. MacDiarmid and Mr. Moffatt made certain purchases to cover every eventuality and on 20th April at a meeting of the Joint Council of Greenkeeper Apprenticeship, Mr. MacDiarmid, in a neat and cheerful little speech which expressed all the respect and goodwill of the members, presented to Mr. Dawson a plaid travelling rug, a pair of Merino wool blankets, and a very special bottle of 'Scotch'.

Mr. Dawson was delighted with his gifts and thanked Mr. MacDiarmid and the members most sincerely.

We, on our part, as he takes his 'night-cap' from the last of these gifts, wish him just as sincerely, "SLIANTHE MATH" (Good Health!).

WM. BRADFORD.



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