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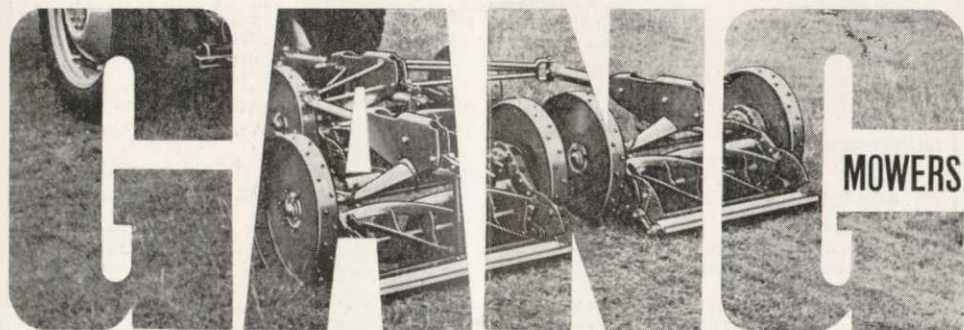


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# TEE SHOTS



by the Editor

We looked at the Ankara Golf Course last month to see how sand greens worked. Members said they soon got the strength but were liable to hit the ball off the green when they went back to grass. Best results are obtained with local caddies who, when smoothing out the surface for their client, give an extra swish round the hole so that the ball will drop though inches off the line.

Needle matches tend to be won by the side with the best swisher. . . .

Thence to Aldeburgh, almost as dry this year as Turkey. J. Cassidy, who has been there for over thirty years, told us he had not mown his fairways since June.

Group Captain E. R. Berry is Secretary—Engineering is his speciality and he has found a new use for old Overgreens by removing every other blade from the Certes mowers and using the outfit on tees or elsewhere where a close but less fine cut is needed. The same idea has been used at Pannal. The Group Captain was there too. . . .

Members of the Llandeilo club in Carmarthenshire are visiting the new 100-acre site which they have bought for a new eighteen to replace their present nine. Enthusiasm for the game in South Wales is infectious and inter-club matches frequent. Thus there are several course extensions and transfers in this corner of Wales.

With land as cheap as £80 an acre in some areas a new course is a good deal more feasible here than in most English suburban areas. Of two very similar sites we have seen lately, likely to produce courses of the same length and quality, one cost £20,000 more than the other. Who said £1,000 a hole?

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# TREE

## TALK

by

JOHN STOBBS

Having taken a look last month at the American attitude to the Greenkeeper's place in golf, as highlighted in their greenkeeping magazines, it might be interesting to go on by taking a look at some of the other subjects the American Head Greenkeeper is always being advised about.

One of the simplest and most wide-open of them is that of trees and shrubs on golf courses, or, as they put it, "beautifying the course". Once again, the responsibility for the whole subject is thrown firmly—almost harshly—upon the Head Greenkeeper, who seems to be expected to take responsibility for just about anything.

That's right, really, of course; for breathes there a greenkeeper anywhere who wants anyone else interfering with his course, without yielding to him as, at least, the final arbiter of what's done, where, how and when.

Over here we look rather differently at the subject of trees on courses. Our

first interest is much more with their place as hazards and as shapers of holes than with their purely decorative effects. The two do combine, though: and combining them to best effect and purpose is something of an art.

### Using Native Trees

First, what sort of trees and where? "Trees should blend with the landscape and native material is usually very desirable," says *The Greenkeepers' Reporter*. We could almost translate that as: "Use trees which grow readily on your ground, and put them where they look as if they belong." There's no doubt that this superficially over-simple advice is sound.

Think of all the courses where trees form, shape and provide special tactical hazards for play; and nearly all of them depend on trees growing naturally on the course, either with the holes designed around them, or with extra seedlings planted where the Greenkeeper thinks they can improve a hole. Often, the trees which have become a known and loved feature of the course have been self-sown from the seed carried by wind and bird from trees already around the course; and often they stand where they stand now simply because the Greenkeeper decided to let them grow where they started up.

### Stop and Think

This can, in fact, be quite a point to bear in mind when carrying through the usual programme of trimming and clearing the rough, or even when trimming around existing bunkers. It's the work of a second to slice off a young tree four or five inches high, wherever it makes its own attempt on life. It may take a few seconds more to stop and think about it.

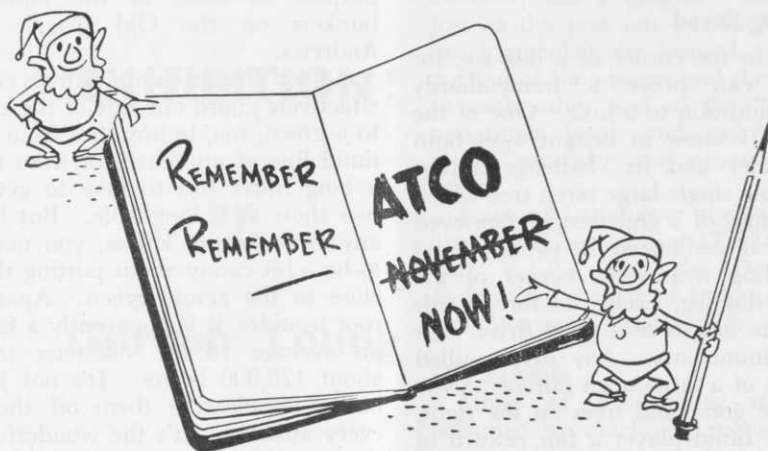
Of course, here conditions are on the Greenkeeper's side. If he lets it grow a bit, and then decides he doesn't like it there, he can always take it out. If he destroys it the moment it pops its little green nose up, then the choice is lost to him.

On the matter of trees, in fact, the Greenkeeper can always look ahead, maybe decades ahead (and he's probably the only man in the club who does). He's free to use his own imagination, and—especially if he is a keen golfer

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himself—to improve or embellish the course according to his own instincts for it.

There's a lot to be said, of course, especially nowadays, for trees, or even a single tree, as a trouble-free hazard. A tree doesn't normally have to be raked, trimmed, cut or replenished! And as a fair hazard to a wild shot—especially if it is kept clear underneath—it can be without equal.

### **A Seedling Saved**

A tree in the corner of a dog-leg, for instance, can prove a tremendously effective addition to a hole. One of the best holes I know in Britain owes both its character and its challenge almost entirely to a single large birch tree which an old genius of a greenkeeper reprieved as a natural seedling in the twenties, and left standing within the corner of the left-hand dog-leg, twenty to forty yards beyond the length of a good drive. Its effect is immediate. Any drive pulled to the left of a large open fairway, away from some gorse and trees on the right, brings the timid player a fair reward of having to play a medium or long iron high over the tree, or else to hook the shot round it, or else to play safe to its right, which leaves him with a substantial chip to get his four. It's a very beautiful tree, too, this one, as a single birch can often be: and if there was any move now to cut down that little seedling the imaginative old greenkeeper allowed to grow, there'd be near-revolution in the club!

### **Effective Hazards**

Another advantage of trees, particularly trees like birch, beech, chestnut or holly, is that they can be kept clear underneath, so that any man can find his ball, but still remain wholly effective hazards; and in that they are better than thick grass or gorse. They can almost make a world of difference to the charm of a course if planted between adjacent holes, so that as they grow, you can no longer see players coming the opposite way up an adjoining fairway. Used thus, they can enclose a hole in its own world: which tends to make it a more individual and enjoyable one.

Trees can also be used in a challenging and slightly off-beat way. The drive to the 12th at Wentworth's West Course, over the row of conifers, put even Arnold Palmer off his stroke this autumn: leading him to cock one up a bit and hook it into the woods on the left further on. There's a single tree, too, somewhere near the middle of the first fairway at Rosemount, at Blairgowrie in Perth, where it serves much the same tactical purpose as some of the mid-fairway bunkers on the Old Course at St. Andrews.

A good tree or clump of trees can most effectively guard one side of the entrance to a green, too, to any shot from a more timid line of approach, or from the line a long hitter has to take to get up in two shots at a long hole. But here, as any Greenkeeper knows, you may need to be a bit canny about putting the trees close to the actual green. Apart from root troubles, it is apparently a fact that an average 18 ins. diameter tree has about 120,000 leaves. It's not just the bother of clearing them off the green every autumn. It's the wonderful meal they provide for worms, just where you don't want to encourage the brutes!

### **Tree Nursery**

The Americans seem to be all for each Greenkeeper making his own tree and shrub nursery: from which he can transplant chosen trees from year to year. In many of our bare courses, this may be an idea worth thinking about. But on most of them, one might guess, nature provides the nursery readily enough—wherever the rough grows thick and deep.

Which of our varieties are best for which sort of course is a matter of purely individual opinion. But, apart from the ever-present conifers of sand country, the ones which seem best to combine usefulness as hazards with beauty and grace might be: birch, beech, holly, chestnut, wild cherry and wild apple—easy enough to come by, all of them, as any boy knows who's grown all of them from gathered seed: let alone the vast free nursery nature provides everywhere, on heath, woodland and even hedgerow.

Maybe it's all a bit easier over here than in America, really.



# WHAT

# AN

# EXHIBITION!

by

## Gordon Young

"I'm going to Hurlingham today," I said at breakfast.

"Are you going to play?" my wife asked.

"Play what?"

"Polo."

I looked up, ready to explain. It did not need the clouds of smoke and the spurts of blue flame coming unheeded from the toaster to confirm that she was miles away. I could tell from the far-away look in her eyes that she was picturing me expensively mounted, galloping down the field, knee to knee with H.R.H. Perhaps sharing a pot of tea and a plate of cucumber sandwiches afterwards and—oh, what joy—him saying, "You must bring your wife home to meet mine."

It was cruel, but it had to be done. "They don't play polo there any more. Haven't done for a long time," I said.

"Oh!" crestfallen. "Well, why are you going there?"

"To see a Groundsmen's exhibition."

"The last time you went to one of those 'do's' you were the one that made the exhibition."

"That was a Greenkeepers' dinner." Realising immediately that I had made a tactical error by identifying the occasion so promptly, I grabbed a piece of smouldering toast, said "This is strictly business" and hurried out of the room.

Strictly business? — Not strictly true! It was a pleasure to visit the 19th Exhibition sponsored by the National Association of Groundsmen at the Hurlingham Club Grounds. Friday, 1st October, was a delightful autumn day, just as the previous one had been. As usual greenkeepers formed a large proportion of the visitors and their greetings to each other and to the "reps" were sometimes frank and uninhibited but always as warm and sunny as the day itself.

I am told that over the two days the attendance was about 17,000, including four V.I.P.s from the Dutch Sports Federation, a party of Italians and many Commonwealth and foreign visitors.

### Old Friends

Many of the ninety stands were occupied by machines, proved over the years to be as near perfect as machines can be. Polished, gleaming and unscarred, some perhaps with small modifications, they may have looked different, at first glance, to those in so many greenkeepers' sheds, but they were the same old friends, tried and trusted.

Of the new machines, Messrs. Ransomes, Sims & Jefferies were showing their 86-inch Motor Triple, which is of especial interest to those who have steeply banked areas of grass to keep in order. Also on their stand was a newly designed frame for the J.5 quintuple gang unit mowers, clever in its simplicity.

As usual the stand of Messrs. T. Parker & Sons was the largest and most comprehensive in the show. They have now expanded their interests to supplying driving range equipment and are marketing the Berkshire Golf Ball Collector. This is an ingenious machine which, towed by a baby tractor or even a motor-cycle, is capable of picking up 1,000 golf balls each cylinder revolution.

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required information. "Oh, gawd!" the voice again, with such pathetic vehemence that for a moment I thought it must belong to the younger Steptoe, "They'd never buy me that! I'm the Head Greenkeeper at —. They've never bought me a machine since I've been there!" He shuffled off the stand, a small, bowed figure muttering to himself. For me this was the one disturbing incident of the show. I cannot dismiss from my mind the thought of that poor fellow kneeling on the first tee, a pair of shears in his hand and forty blistering acres of clipping stretched out ahead of him.

#### **Open-air Classroom**

What a splendid open-air classroom this exhibition could be for teaching greenkeeper apprentices! All the knowledge, know-how, and wisdom of greenkeeping and groundsmanship concentrated in a relatively small area and readily imparted by the representatives of the various firms! It would be possible for apprentices to learn their craft in two days! Of course, each lad

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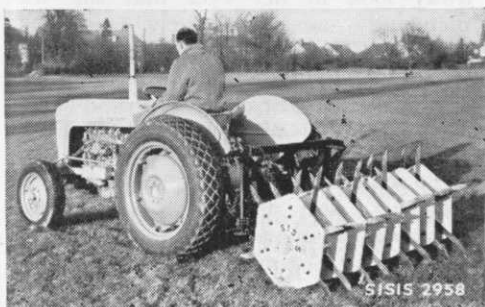
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They could see the various methods of spraying water on the stand of British Overhead Irrigation Ltd. and of spraying weedkillers and insecticides by machines made by Pressure Jet Markers Ltd.

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Yes, it could be a very interesting course; the exhibition certainly was well worth the visit.

I wonder if the winner of 1 cwt. of hop manure in the grand raffle had to get home by public transport?

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### Autumn Tournament

OUR AUTUMN MEETING WAS HELD at the Llantrisant Golf Club with the permission of the Captain and Committee. We would like to express our sincere thanks to the following for the prizes we had for the competition:—Llantrisant Golf Club, including the Ladies' Section; our President, Mr. I. G. Nichols; May & Baker; and Mr. T. E. Lloyd. It is a great help to us to get such support and make the competition a bigger success.

Here are the results:—The Cardiff Cup with Tankard went to G. Philips; 2nd, D. G. Lord, pair of shoes; 3rd, A. Price, holdall; 4th, T. E. Lloyd, pair of overtrousers; 5th, J. Martin, 6 golf balls. There was also a competition for the 19-24 handicap and the 1st prize was won by H. Fry, senior; 2nd prize, W. Hooker. The competition was over a 27-hole aggregate; the following figures were returned:—1st and Cup, net 96; 2nd, 106½; 3rd, 107½; 4th, 111; 5th, 115½; over 18 handicap: 1st, 115; 2nd, 122. These figures are all net.

### Subscriptions

If there are any members who have not yet paid their subscriptions, will they please send them to Mr. M. Geddes, 23 Fenton Place, Porthcawl, as soon as possible as they are now many months overdue. Thank you.

### New Members

We are pleased to welcome D. Gude of the Holywell Golf Club to our Section. He has

just joined that club from the Southern Section and we all wish him well in his new job.

### John O'Gorman

We would like to express our thanks to John O'Gorman's family for giving us a Cup in memory of their father. We shall be proud to play for it.

## NORTH-EAST

By D. Earsman

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

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

### Autumn Competition

OUR AUTUMN COMPETITION WAS played over the course of the Northumberland Golf Club on Thursday, 17th September, by kind permission of their Committee.

Results: The best scratch score, J. Hayes, Northumberland Golf Club, 149. The Ransome Cup was won by C. Moseley, Blyth, for the best net score, 149. Other prize-winners: R. Derham, 152; T. Green, 153; J. Simpson, 153; R. Hinson, 154; D. Grey, 158; S. Pope, 159; W. Brown, 160; A. Nutman, 161; T. Oliver, 162.

Our President, Mr. L. A. Jones, attended the presentation. In his speech he said how pleased he was with the membership of the Section.

The prizes were kindly presented by Mr. Hilton, Captain of the Northumberland Golf Club, who said how pleased he was to welcome members of the Greenkeepers' Association. Our Chairman, Mr. J. Simpson, thanked the Committee for allowing us the use of the course, the Steward and Stewardess for the very enjoyable meals, W. Dixen, Professional, for the use of the caddy cars. He also congratulated Mr. R. Raine and his staff on the spendid condition of the course and thanked Mr. L. Lowery for his help with the cards.

### New Members

We welcome to the Section the following new members: P. A. Bishop and T. W. Marr.

## SOUTH-WEST

By A. Cockfield

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

*Hon. Secretary:*  
(Shamcastle G.C.)

### Annual Tournament

AFTER A LAPSE OF THREE YEARS the South West Section returned to Warminster for its Annual Tournament. This course, situated high on the Wiltshire Downs, is always a popular venue for any tournament in this area and we greenkeepers are no exception. The fine fescue turf is the most important ingredient of the course, it makes for easy walking, it never dries out as the hard seaside links or parkland clay courses do and although our visit came at the end of a very dry summer the ball never ran along the fair-

ways like the scalded cat. I believe that one fine summer's day the master, Bobby Locke, went round this course in 59, without doubt a record score. On our day weather conditions prevented records, for all day long players had to compete against strong S.W. gale force winds and squally showers. With scoring always difficult it was left to Barry Reeves, that promising young golfer from the South West, to spreadeagle the field in the morning with an excellent 75 gross. A score which under the conditions I'm sure Bobby Locke would have been more than satisfied to record. In the afternoon he was out in 34 and an even better score seemed possible, but unfortunately the strong winds had taken toll of his stamina and he had to be content with a 77 and a total of 152 gross. A very creditable performance for a hard day's work.

Leading net scores were as follows:—

1. B. Reeves, Long Ashton Golf Club, 144.
2. H. Burge, Long Ashton Golf Club, 147.
3. G. Gilbert, Warmister Golf Club, 155.
4. R. Parr, Bath Golf Club, 155.
5. W. Night, Knowle Golf Club, 158.
6. D. Cheetham, Ross-on-Wye Golf Club, 159.
7. G. Morgan, Lansdown Golf Club, 165.

Our Chairman, G. Gilbert, after thanking the club for their kindness in allowing us the use of the course and the temporary catering staff who had so adequately supplied the inner man, introduced the Captain who had kindly consented to present the prizes and say a few generous words on our behalf.

Our thanks are also due to the following members of the trade and local golf clubs who so kindly contributed to our prize list: Messrs. Ransomes, Sims & Jefferies, H. Pattison & Co., W. Hargreaves & Co. Ltd., John Harvey & Sons Ltd., S. Veals & Son, Fisons Ltd., Sutton & Sons Ltd., Lunevale Products Ltd., Carters Tested Seeds Ltd., Atco Service Branch, W.D. & H.O. Wills, H. T. Proctor Ltd., May & Baker Ltd., Henbury Golf Club, Filton Golf Club, Shirehampton Park Golf Club, Bath Golf Club, Cotswold Hills Golf Club, Knowle Golf Club.

#### Subscriptions

A few are still outstanding.

#### New Member

We are pleased to welcome A. Stone of Lansdown Golf Club.

## SHEFFIELD

By J. J. Dearlove,

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

Chairman:  
G. HARRINGTON  
(Lindrick)

#### Annual Match

ON THE 16th SEPTEMBER WE entertained the Northern Section in our annual match at Wortley Golf Club—by kind permission of the Committee—for the Slater Trophy.

We had retained this trophy since it was

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donated by Mr. Slater several years ago and we had come to regard it as a fixture with this section. However the boys from the Northern Section had other ideas and set about us in no uncertain manner determined to take the cup back with them. Take it back they did after crushing us into the Wortley turf with a resounding win, four matches to one and one halved.

I hear that we'll be playing at Ogden Golf Club, Halifax, next year so "watch out John Parker, we want that cup back".

For the very first time our President, Mr. Shardlow, was unable to be with us for this event and was spared the task of rewording his speech to that of a losing one. We did have with us however, Mr. Bernard Elliott, President of the Sheffield Professionals and Vice-President of the P.G.A., who has now accepted a Vice-Presidency of our section. I think he enjoyed his round of golf on this very pleasant course, and kindly presented the trophies after an excellent evening meal.

On the morning of the match, playing in pouring rain, this section competed for the 'coach cup', over nine holes, which was won by Ron Whitehead with a very good score of net 34.

#### Winter Programme

At the time of writing I've been unable to complete the winter programme but have a number of things in mind including a golf film, arrangements will be as last year for the last Thursday in each month, excluding December.

# SOUTHERN

By W. Mason

Chairman:  
W. E. MOORE  
(Romford)

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

OUR ANNUAL AUTUMN TOURNAMENT, held on Tuesday, 15th September, at the Denham Golf Club, attracted a very good entry. Seventy-six took part and although the morning started with rain it cleared up later for the afternoon round. This resulted in very good scores. The first prize was won by L. F. Miller and his partner, E. J. Wiggs, who returned a morning card with 37 points, and in the afternoon 45 points, making a total of 82; 2nd prize went to F. Dulake and partner, W. Farley, with a total of 80; G. Hitchcock and his partner, F. Brittin, with a total of 80 received the 3rd prize (the award for the second prize was on the best last nine holes).

Our President, Mr. J. Wallis Arthur, aided by Mr. D. Craig, Vice-President, presented the prizes, before which Mr. Wallis Arthur passed a vote of thanks to the Denham Golf Club for their welcome and congratulated them on the fine condition of the course in spite of the very dry spell. He remarked that although the Greenkeeper was not a member of our Association, he hoped he soon would be. He thanked the Steward and his staff



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for a most enjoyable luncheon and tea, and all the visitors who had taken part in the tournament who had, he felt sure, enjoyed the day as much as the Greenkeepers.

## Lectures

Our next lecture will be given by Mr. R. Stafford Smith, representative to Pam Botanical Industries. Quite a number of our members will know Mr. Smith owing to his presence at most of our meetings when attached to Messrs. T. Parker & Sons. The lecture will take place on Wednesday, 11th November, at 6-30 p.m., at the Talbot Restaurant.

I am pleased to say also that Messrs. W. Hargreaves' representative will be along on Wednesday, 9th December. Mr. A. Howe will probably be the speaker and the title suggested with be "The Mechanisation of Sports Management". Arrangements will be made for one of the staff of Messrs. Parker & Son to give support. (Illustrated by colour slides.)

# NORTHERN

By J. Parker

Chairman:  
S. BAILES

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

## Sheffield Match.

IN THE ANNUAL MEETING BETWEEN the two sections 18 members of the Section were entertained by members of the Sheffield Section at the Wortley Golf Club, Stocksbridge, on Tuesday, 15th September.

After early heavy showers the afternoon was glorious. In the match for the "Slater Trophy" the Section were victorious for the first time.

## Results

- K. Driver and D. Storey halved with A. Spencer and E. Peate.
- S. Smith and D. Roberts lost 2 down to R. Whitehead and G. Herrington.
- A. Brophy and A. Money won 4 and 3 against J. Scott and J. Pickering.
- A. Robertshaw and G. Bennison won 3 and 2 against R. Cooper and J. Lomas.
- L. Sharp and P. Williams won by one hole against T. Stringer and A. Herrington.
- H. Marshall and G. Garnett won 3 and 2 against J. Dearlove and J. Gillespie.

Following tea Mr. Stanley Smith received the trophy on behalf of the Section. Our thanks are due to the Sheffield Section, officials and staff of the Club for a most enjoyable afternoon.

## New Member

We welcome to the Section Mr. M. A. Brown, 24 Brantcliffe Drive, Baildon (North-cliff Golf Club).

## November Lecture

This will be held on Tuesday, 10th November, at the White Swan, Call Lane, Leeds, at 7-15 p.m. The speaker will be Mr. F. Mathews, D.H. (Edin.), F.Inst.P.A., of the Sports Turf Research Institute, whose subject

will be "Trees on Golf Courses". This is the first time we shall have had such a talk and it should prove most interesting. It is to be hoped that attendances will further increase at lectures this winter. Remember these talks are arranged for you.

## MIDLAND

By F. Cashmore

Chairman:  
G. HART  
(Gay Hill)

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

### Visit to Atco Works

OWING TO ILLNESS I WAS UNABLE to be at the Atco Works on 17th September. In his report George Hart said that members had a very pleasant and instructive afternoon. Under the guidance of Mr. K. Sargeson and his colleagues the party was shown and given explanation in detail of every process from

the cutting, twisting, hardening and sharpening of the blades to the finished machine. This included making the rollers from a sheet of steel, the dipping and drying of various parts in green or red paint, also the shaping of the grass boxes.

One could not help being impressed by the quality of the materials used and the high standard of the workman's hip.

Tea was provided in the staff canteen, where members were given a few words of welcome from Mrs. Rees, the Sales Director, and an invitation to return at a later date to enable anyone who had missed this visit to have another opportunity. George Hart responded on behalf of the Section, thanking the Atco directors for having us and Mr. K. Sargeson and colleagues for the trouble they had taken in making the visit so very instructive.

We also thank them for giving a copy of the photograph of the party to everyone present.



### Autumn Tournament

I have not received the results of the Tournament at Stourbridge on 22nd September, I will get them in for next month. Reg. Pugh writes to say you had a very successful day and the weather could not have been better. He tells me that the Stourbridge Golf Club subsidised the meals to the value of £5, which made a substantial reduction to the amount members had to pay, for which we are extremely grateful. My thanks go to Reg. for taking charge of the proceedings and expressing the thanks of our Section to the Stourbridge Golf Club, Mr. T. Penn, President of Stourbridge Club for presenting the prizes and asking all to partake of a drink with him, Mr. Boulton, Chairman of the Greens, and Mr. Rowlands, the Secretary, Mr. Firkins,

the Professional, for the use of his caddy carts, the Stewardess for her work in providing the excellent meals, and Mr. Large and his staff for the excellent condition of the course.

Our thanks to trade representatives who were present, Mr. W. Payne, of Ransomes, who as usual was responsible for the entire running of the tournament, Mr. K. Sargeson, Atco; Mr. D. Gooda, Tudor Mower Services and Messrs. Parker & Ballinger, also to all donors of prizes on which so largely depends the success of our tournament.

### Subscriptions

While at home I have been checking up and I find that quite a lot of subscriptions are still outstanding, please will you let me have them as soon as possible.

# EAST MIDLAND

By S. T. McNeice

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

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

## Autumn Tournament

OUR AUTUMN TOURNAMENT WAS played in glorious sunshine at the Longcliffe Golf Club. This is a tough course with fast running greens as no water is available and called for more skill than ever. The meeting was well supported with an entry of 24. Among those who paid us a visit during the afternoon we were very pleased to see Mr. Edmund Williamson, a past President of the Section, Mr. W. M. Youngs, Professional of Wollaton Park, who has joined us as Vice-President and Mr. Bert Parsons, who is making a good recovery after his illness early this year. Also joining the party was Mr. G. V. Lee of Leicester Horticultural Eng. Co.

The leading scores and prize-winners were as follows:—

- 1st, S. Fretter, Kirby Muxloe, 1 down.
- 2nd, F. Oliver, Bulwell Hall, 2 down.
- 3rd, B. Mott, Kingsthorpe, 3 down.
- 4th, S. T. McNeice, Leicestershire, 5 down.
- 5th, R. W. Willars, Leicestershire, 6 down.
- 6th, J. B. Carrick, Northamptonshire, 6 down.
- 7th, P. McCarron, Leicestershire, 7 down.
- 8th, F. Frost, Derby Municipal, 7 down.
- 9th, D. Bull, Bulwell Hall, 7 down.
- 10th, A. Thornton, Wollaton Park, 7 down.

11th, S. Talbot, Wollaton Park, 7 down.  
12th, J. R. Austin, Rushcliffe, 8 down.  
13th, D. Whitehead, Wollaton Park, 9 down.  
Highest number of holes lost, A. J. Knight, Northamptonshire, 17 down.

Our Section Chairman, Mr. F. Frost, on behalf of the Section thanked all who were concerned in helping to make this event so successful, saying we were indebted to the Committee of the Longcliffe Golf Club for allowing us the use of their course and thanking the Captain, Dr. A. H. Brambir, who very kindly presented the prizes. Mr. A. J. E. Cook (Vice-President) reiterated Mr. Frost's remarks and made special reference to the donors of the prizes who readily supported these tournaments in making contributions year after year.

We are greatly indebted to the following who kindly contributed to our prize fund: The Golf Ball Manufacturers Conference, Messrs. H. Patisson & Co. Ltd., Messrs. Sutton & Sons Ltd., Messrs. W. Hargreaves & Co. Ltd., Messrs. Lunevale Products Ltd., Messrs. Carters Tested Seeds Ltd., Messrs. May & Baker Ltd., Messrs. Hental & Chattel Ltd., Mr. A. J. E. Cook, Mr. S. C. Long, Mr. M. W. Youngs and Dr. Walsh.

## Subscriptions

Mr. A. Thornton informs me that we still have seven members on our books who have not paid their subscriptions. We should be most grateful if these members would pay their dues; send it along now.



## NOVEMBER.

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| 9th  | North West Section Lecture, Garrick Hotel, Fountain St., 7-30 p.m.  |
| 10th | Northern Section Lecture, White Swan, 7-15 p.m.                     |
| 10th | East Midland Section, Films, Railway Hotel, Campbell St., 7-30 p.m. |
| 11th | Southern Section Lecture, Talbot Restaurant, 6-30 p.m.              |

## DECEMBER.

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| 7th | North West Section, Lecture.                           |
| 9th | Southern Section Lecture, Talbot Restaurant, 6-30 p.m. |

## JANUARY.

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| 11th | North West Section, Lecture. |
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## FEBRUARY.

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| 15th | North West Section, Lecture. |
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## MARCH.

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| 6th | North West Section, Lecture. |
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**West Section**

**Autumn Tournament**

BY COURTESY OF THE MILNGAVIE Golf Club, the West Section played their Annual Autumn Tournament over this course on 17th September. The members thank the club for their kindness and for the privileges shown them.

The scores were as follows:—

*Scratch:*

M. Travers (Gourock)=76.

*1st Class:*

D. McLellan (Elderslie) (8)=76.

R. Scott (Williamwood) (2)=78.

W. Millar (Irvine) (7)=79.

*2nd Class:*

R. Fitzpatrick (Kelmacolm) (16)=71.

R. McGrory (Erskine) (15)=72.

K. McNiven (Ralston) (11)=76.

*3rd Class:*

W. Colvin (Bodside) (24)=69.

R. Meldrum (Kilmacolm) (18)=76.

F. Ainsworth (Airdrie) (24)=76.

*Veterans:*

L. Millar (Erskine) (4)=80.

J. Robertson (Troon) (4)=80.

*Foursomes:*

J. Wilson and M. Travers=37½.

L. Millar and R. McGrory=37½.

*Trade Prize:*

J. Scott (Cochrane)=32.

**New Members**

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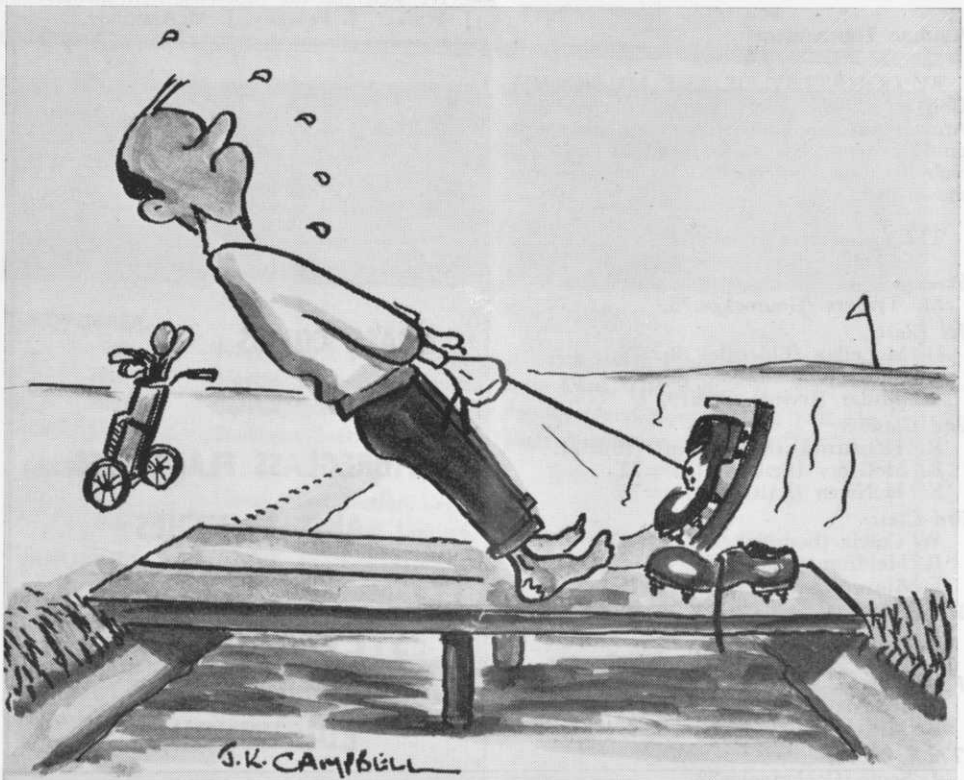
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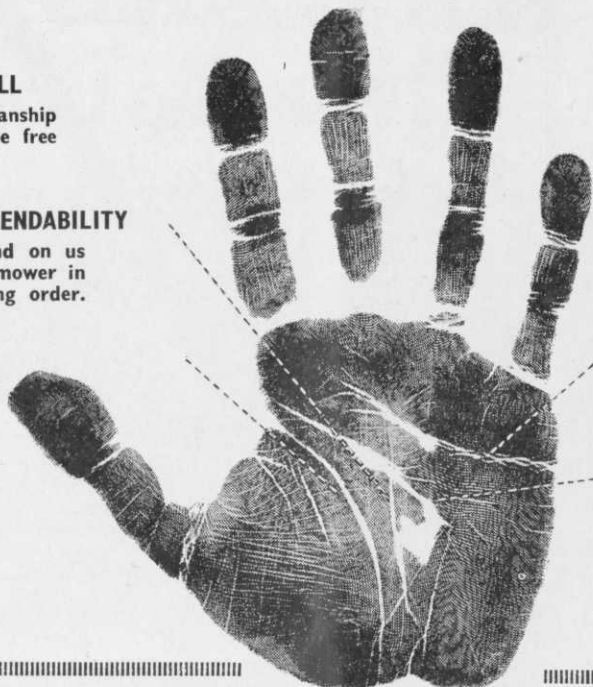
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