

# News



## from the Sections

### SHEFFIELD

By J. J. Dearlove,

*Chairman:*  
G. HERRINGTON  
(Lindrick)

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

IT IS MY PLEASURE TO REPORT that I have been able to acquire the use of the room in the Brunswick Hotel once again for our winter meetings. It is hoped to arrange the first lecture in the form of a debate on Golf Courses in Winter. This should prove very interesting because an official of each club in the union will be invited in order to find out just what is required of a greenkeeper in the winter months.

There seems to be a difference of opinion as to when play should be allowed or not, and when the use of trolleys should be curtailed, etc.

This meeting will take place on Thursday, 29th October, at 7-15 p.m.

#### Draw Tickets

I would like to thank those who sold draw tickets for the "News of the World" Tournament; it was a very fine effort and a big improvement on last year.

### NORTH-EAST

By D. Earsman

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

*Hon. Secretary:*  
Arcot Hall Cottage,  
Dudley,  
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#### Sweep Tickets

I WISH TO CONGRATULATE ALL members for a grand effort in the sale of sweep tickets, we reached the grand total of £50.

I thank T. Oliver for dealing with the sweep, he was also the top seller with 74 books to his credit, well done Tom.

#### New Members

We welcome to our section the following new members: A. Gunn and R. A. Ramsay.

### MIDLAND

By F. Cashmore

*Chairman:*  
G. HART  
(Gay Hill)

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

#### Annual Dinner

Will be held as usual at the King's Head Hotel, Bearwood, on Friday, 30th October, and we hope will be as successful as it was last year. The tickets will be to hand shortly at 15/- each. Will any member wanting same please let me know in order that I may reserve their requirements.

#### Lectures

We have not had any lectures for a number of years because of poor attendance. People cannot be asked to lecture to only eight or nine people. Your committee has had a meeting with the committee of the National Association of Groundsmen and we are holding four meetings in conjunction with them. Two to be held before Christmas and two after, on Tuesday nights at the Hope and Anchor, if available.

The first meeting on 20th October, will be more of a social evening to enable us to get to know one another and will be more in the nature of a Quiz. Anyone in the room will be able to give the answer, if he knows it, and it will score to whichever Association he belongs. I hope that members will support their committee in their efforts to get more interest in the Section by attending this and the other meetings, which will be more directly concerned with our job and should be both interesting and instructive.

#### Subscriptions

There are still quite a number of subscriptions outstanding. I should be pleased if members would let me have them as soon as possible or notify me if they no longer wish to belong.

#### "News of the World" Draw

As promised the following is a list of monies received from members:—E. Benbow, £1; G. Brooks, £1; B. Baxter, £1; Mr. and Mrs. Bretherton, 30/-; A. Boraston, £1; D. Brazier, £1; F. Cashmore, £1; J. Danks, 6/-; H. Gibbs, 12/6; L. Greenow, £1; J. Grealy, £1; D. Haynes, 10/-; C. E. Jones, £1; A. C. Jones, £1; T. Jones, £1; B. Lowe, 17/6; T. Low, £1; W. Mason, 17/6; J. Munro, £1; R. Mulowney, £1; A. Oakley, £1; B. Orton, 11/-; R. Pugh, £1; T. Rawbone, £1; V. Smith, £1; F. Sismey, £1; H. Siddons, 7/6; A. Stephens, £1; G. Tye, £1; C. Sudge, £1; C. Woodhouse, £1; F. Webb, £1; G. Woodward, £1; J. Willis, £1; Messrs. Parker & Ballinger, £1.

## Handicaps

The handicap of V. Smith has been adjusted from 11—8 and H. Drewitt, 15—13; E. Benbow was pulled one at Weston 7—6.

## SOUTHERN

By W. Mason

Chairman:  
J. K. GLASS  
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### Lectures

ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE once again to hold our monthly lectures at the Talbot Restaurant, 64 London Wall, E.C.2.

The first will be held on Wednesday, 14th October, at 6-30 p.m., this will be a quiz whereby any member wishing to bring up any subject he would like discussed by the rest of the meeting may do so.

Mr. J. K. Glass has kindly consented to act as quiz master, we have found in the past that this has proved to be a most interesting evening and look forward to a full house with plenty of questions to discuss.

Will you please make a note that all lectures will be held on the second Wednesday of each month continuing from November to March, 1965. Details of future lectures will be given in the monthly journals.

### New Members

We welcome to the section P. M. Hinsworth and J. H. Sarjent, also W. Machin, who has transferred to us from the Midland Section.

## NORTH-WEST

By V. Crabtree

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

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

### Autumn Tournament

OUR AUTUMN TOURNAMENT held at the Ashton & Lea Golf Club, Preston, was a great success. We are indebted, and do most sincerely thank the Captain and Council for their generosity in offering us their very fine course and Club facilities; to Mr. and Mrs. Walsh and their staff for two really excellent meals; to Mr. M. Ormerod and his staff for the excellent condition of the course and playing conditions, also to Mr. Edwin Walsh, the Professional, for the free use of the caddy cars.

Our prize list was, once again, of such proportion that 14 participants went home with something to show for their day out. For such generosity we owe our grateful thanks to the Captain, the Lady Captain, the Chairman of the Greens Committee, Mr. Watkinson, Mr. E. Walsh, the Professional and a visitor, Mr. Howarth, Messrs. Sowerbutts & Co. Ltd., Messrs. May & Baker Ltd.;

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The prizes were as follows and won by:— The Hunter Cup and Tankard (tankard presented by the Section)—E. Macavoy, 113 gross; The Ransomes Cup and Electric Shaver for the best net score—T. Brennan, 104; The Coming of Age Cup (over 50's) and Set Table Mats—T. Brennan, 104; 2nd prize, Putter—F. Cooper, 104; 3rd, Ronson Lighter—H. Smith, 105; 4th, Stainless Steel meat carving plate—F. Hanstead, 105; 5th, Holdall—J. Catlow, 107½; 6th, Clock—E. Macavoy, 108½; 7th, Bottle Whisky—O. P. Jones, 109; 8th, Tankard—R. Crabtree, 109½; 9th, Fruit Spoons—G. V. Davey, 109½; 10th, Sherry—A. Warhurst, 111½; 11th, Ronson Lighter—R. Janoviskis, 113½; 12th, Silver Pencil—W. Bridges, 113½. The above was played over 27 holes.

The Visitors' prizes played over 18 holes in the afternoon, were won by Mr. H. Benton, a pair of nylon overtrousers, with a net 68, and second was Mr. F. Keating, a bottle of whisky, with a net 70.

A special prize was offered to the greenkeeper with the best 8 holes in the morning, and for the best 16 holes in the afternoon. These prizes of 6 golf balls went to Mr. T. Brennan and Mr. F. Cooper respectively.

The prizes were presented by the Captain of Ashton & Lea Golf Club, who was presented to our members by our Chairman, Mr. D. Pate, who expressed his thanks and appreciation to the Club, its staff, the donors of the prizes and to Mr. Wilcock and Mr. Barlow, of Wilcock & Sons, Ltd., and Mr. Earnshaw, who had helped run the competition. He also gave a welcome to Mr. Parker, who had played as a visitor and is President of the Bolton Association of Golf Clubs. Apologies were extended on behalf of our President, Mr. W. Kinsey, Mr. W. Payne and his co-competition organiser, and Mr. W. Greaves, of Messrs. W. Burrows Ltd.

The Captain welcomed the Greenkeepers of the North-West Section and expressed the hope that should we require it, the course was available again at any time.

A really enjoyable day was had by everyone, and having on this occasion more or less tried to fill Mr. Payne's shoes, do now appreciate the work he so willingly puts into the organisation of our competitions.

#### Winter Lectures

The first of our Winter Lectures will be held at the Garrick Hotel, Fountain Street, Manchester, and will be given by Mr. H. J. Lidgate, B.Sc., of Sports Turf Research Institute, on Monday, 9th November, 1964, at 7-30 p.m.

The second, by Mr. J. Preston, of Messrs. Fisons Ltd., and a very old friend of the North-West Section, on Monday, 7th December, 1964.

The third, by Mr. Wm. Finch, N.D.H., of I.T.P., who came to us the first time last year; if you heard him then, you will want to make a date for 11th January, 1965.

The fourth, by Mr. Shepherd, of Messrs. H. Pattison & Co. Ltd.; our night for talking golf course machinery, on 15th February, 1965.

The fifth, by Mr. W. H. Bartle, of Sports Turf Research Institute, on 8th March, 1965.

These lectures are arranged for our mutual benefit; some of these gentlemen come great distances just to help us to be better Greenkeepers. Come and use the benefits of your own organisation, for your own benefit. All the meetings will be on Monday evenings, at the Garrick Hotel, Fountain Street, Manchester, at 7-30 p.m. (Fountain Street runs at the back of Lewis's Store, Piccadilly, Manchester).

#### New Members

Mr. Malcolm Vizard—Assistant at Haydock Park Golf Club Ltd.

Mr. Norman Sefton—Head Greenkeeper, Longridge Golf Club.

Mr. Edmond Egerton—First Assistant, North Manchester Golf Club.

Hoping you use and enjoy your membership; always remember you are part of it. Watch your Journals for coming events and lectures.

Also: Mr. Ernest W. Taylor, Heaton Moor Golf Club—Assistant, Class C.

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#### Autumn Tournament

MEMBERS ARE REMINDED THAT the closing date for entries for the Autumn Tournament, to be played over the course of the Halifax Golf Club, Ogden, on Thursday, 22nd October, is Wednesday, 14th October. This is necessary in order that the Stewardess can make her satisfactory catering arrangements. As we shall also be making the Section's retirement presentation to Mr. R. B. Dawson, it is hoped that non-golfing members will attend. The presentation will be made after tea. Contributions to the fund are still acceptable.

#### Lectures

As in previous years I am trying to arrange a series of lectures during the winter months and hope they will be as well supported as last year. With the increasing use of trees on golf courses I am hoping to arrange one on this subject.

#### New Member

We welcome to the section the following new member: F. Rankin, 56 Bangorhill St., Thornlie Bank, Glasgow (Cathcart Castle G.C.).

## WELSH

By S. A. Tucker

*Chairman:*  
M. GEDDES  
(Royal Porthcawl)

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

### Bereavements

AUGUST HAS BEEN A VERY SAD month for our Section. On my return from the Annual General Meeting at Weston, I learned of the death of one of our Vice-Presidents—Mr. D. H. Rees, as reported in the September issue; then, within only a few days, the passing of our very good friend, John O'Gorman. I was very pleased to see so many Greenkeepers at his funeral, and whilst there myself I learned of the death of Glyn Sharret—he had passed away a week or so before John. On behalf of all members, I send our sincere sympathy to all relatives and friends in their time of trouble.

I hope that we shall not have to pass on to our members such sad news for some time to come.

## EAST MIDLAND

By S. T. McNeice

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

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

### Annual General Meeting

THE A.G.M. OF THE SECTION WILL be held on Tuesday, 20th October, at the Railway Hotel, Campbell Street, Leicester, at 7-0 p.m.

### November Lecture

By kind permission of Messrs. Ransomes, Sims & Jefferies Ltd., Mr. G. V. Lee, of Leicester Horticultural Engineering Co., has kindly arranged to show a selection of Messrs. Ransomes' films.

This should be very interesting, and we hope to see a large gathering attending. If members would like to invite members of their Club Committee, they will be most welcome.

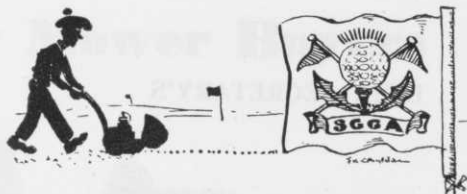
The date is Tuesday, -10th November; time, 7-30 p.m.; place, The Railway Hotel, Campbell Street, Leicester.

Campbell Street is situated at the rear of the London Road Station.

This is the first time the section has held a meeting in Leicester. It is hoped that by making it more central we shall have a larger attendance. If this proves to be so we shall restart the Winter Lectures.

### Hardgate Golf Course for Housing

Clydebank Town Council are seeking the authority of the Secretary of State for Scotland for a large housing development on the 80 acre Hardgate course of the Clydebank and District Golf Club.



## THE SCOTTISH GOLF GREENKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

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*General Secretary:*

R. B. MOFFATT,  
71 Kelton Street, Glasgow, E.2

## EAST

### In Memoriam

IT IS WITH REGRET THAT WE have to inform members that James Orr, Gullane, known to members as Hamish, passed away on Sunday, 23rd August.

## NORTHERN & MIDLAND

### A.G.M.

OUR A.G.M. WILL BE HELD IN Nicoll & Smibert Restaurant, Dundee, on Wednesday, 28th October, at 7-0 p.m.



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