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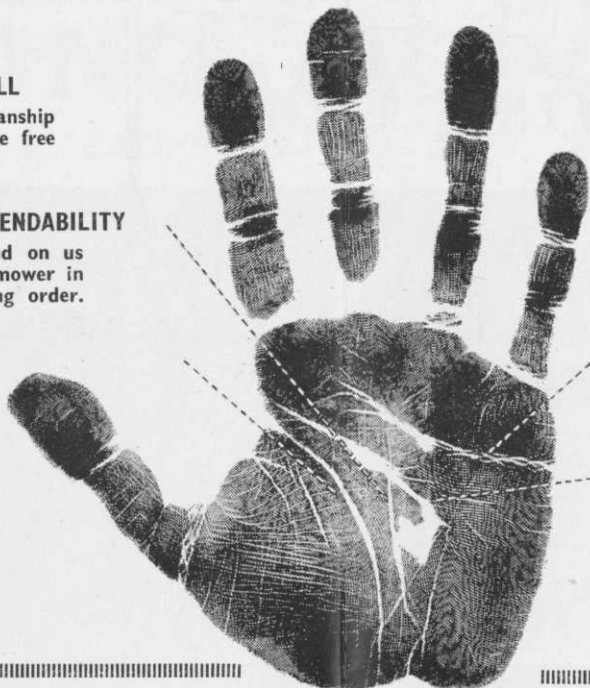
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TEE SHOTS



by the Editor

Faithful

Henry Shepherd took over his duties as new Chairman of the B.G.G.A. at Weston-Super-Mare last month. Henry, a young-looking 62, started work on the Weston links in May, 1919 and has been there ever since. Says he likes it.

Keen

Jack Noakes has joined the select ranks of those greenkeepers who have been made Honorary Members of their clubs. A letter from Thorndon Park's Secretary gave him this news recently. Jack often golfs with Mr. Clement Booth, Clerk to the Brentwood U.D.C. and a prime mover in the council's decision to start the public course now under construction. He is so keen on golf that when the new Brentwood by-pass is opened, Jack expects to find a string of holes laid out down the deserted High Street.

Tee I

New York's public course players now get a regular bulletin on the wireless detailing the 'waits' on the 1st tee at the State's public courses. For those who have forgotten their transistors, a special telephone service can be dialled for the same information.

* * *

We were glad to see Mr. Vic Southgate, Messrs. Ransomes' South West Representative, restored to good health after his recent operation. He says that he is eating carefully at the moment, not more than four meals a day, and feels so much better that he is thinking of retiring before long.

An apology is due to W. Morris who last month was wrongly quoted here as Head Greenkeeper at Berkhamsted instead of Ashridge. Mr. Morris lives in Berkhamsted and has been a member of the Association since 1923.

AUTUMN MAINTENANCE ON THE GOLF COURSE

by

G. C. Macadam, S.D.H.

Advisory Officer,
THE SPORTS TURF RESEARCH
INSTITUTE, BINGLEY

ONCE again the time approaches when greenkeepers will be at their busiest with the thousand and one jobs that arise after the final competition of the summer. Autumn with its relatively high temperatures and expected rainfall usually provides suitable conditions for most of the major tasks like aeration, top dressing, renovation and turfing.

The increasing popularity of golf recently has demonstrated the inadequacies of teeing space on many courses which have perhaps several tees of 70—100 sq. yds. each. Many clubs have commenced a reconstruction programme whereby such small tees are absorbed into one long, large tee, which is easier to maintain and, with regular movement of markers, withstands wear and tear better.

Available good top soil need not be wasted in the building up of foundations which can consist of sub-soil, but the surface should have a minimum depth of 6 in. good top soil. Terracing of tees should be avoided unless absolutely necessary as this wastes space and can create difficulties in maintenance. Turfing is most popular for establishing new tees. A tee laid in the autumn should be fit for play in the following spring. Suitable turf can often be found at the side of a fairway.

Truing-up

On established tees, the surfaces should be level and true. Sometimes sinkage occurs and autumn is the best time for surface restoration. The turf is stripped off, more soil added and perhaps a little fertiliser raked into the surface and the turf, if suitable, relaid. The tee should then be liberally top-dressed with sandy compost to help seal the cracks.

Hollows on fairways should also be rectified during the autumn. These are usually caused by the decay of a tree stump or root or general settlement. Such irregularities can be corrected by cutting parallel slits across the hollows, prising up the strips of turf and packing new soil underneath with shovels.

Many failures in wormkilling are due to materials being applied at the wrong time of year. During the summer when conditions are fairly dry the worms are less active near the surface and consequently less easy to kill. Also such materials as lead arsenate and chlordane adhere to the foliage of the grass for some time and if mowing is being carried out frequently a high proportion of the wormkiller can be removed with the cuttings. October or November is therefore about the most suitable time for this job.

Precaution

Unfortunately the autumn weather usually brings with it the likelihood of disease attack, especially Fusarium patch disease. It is well known that prevention is better than cure and a wise greenkeeper gives preventive fungicidal

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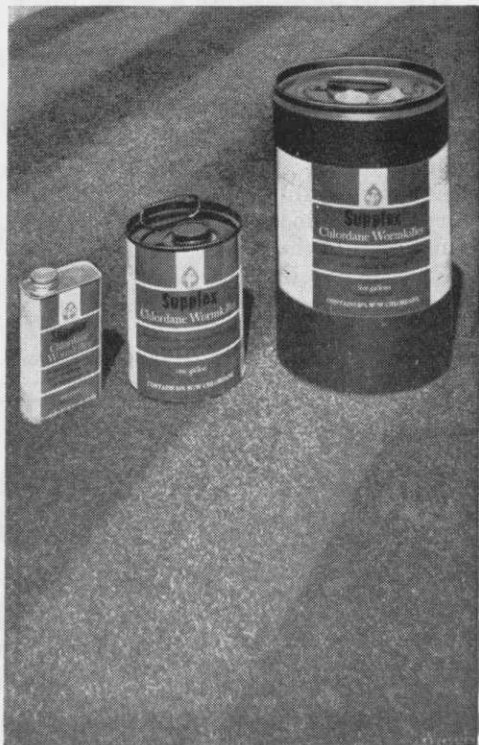
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treatment during the autumn, especially on courses where disease attacks are a regular autumn occurrence.

Many clubs allow infection to get out of hand before taking any action whereupon it may require several applications of fungicide every 10 or 14 days to bring about any control. It is far better to be constantly on the lookout for symptoms and treat affected greens immediately the disease is spotted. In this way one application of fungicide will probably be sufficient to check the disease.

Giving air

The aeration of turf is a job which should really be done all year round, except, of course, when the course is under frost or snow. However, this is not always practicable and very often ground conditions are such that tines would hardly penetrate the surface. The main aeration programme is usually therefore confined to the autumn and in some cases to the early spring. Aeration can be done either mechanically or by hand and the actual method by which it is carried out depends largely on the condition of the turf and the labour

available. Fibrous and compacted turf will require hollow tine forking whereas on turf which is not so hard and compacted, solid tining would suffice.

Top dressing on greens should be considered an integral part of the maintenance of a golf course. A good, friable compost and sand mixture or, if compost is not available, soil, sand and peat make a suitable top dressing. There are several reasons for applying top dressings, the main one being to create a true and even surface. Good top soil becomes more scarce year by year and one should always be on the lookout for the occasional load which may become available. Sand is usually incorporated to maintain an open and free draining surface and without its inclusion it would be very difficult to work in the top dressing. Heavy dressings of sand alone should be avoided since heavy sand dressings are liable to form a "root-break". Peat should be a finely granulated material. It adds extra organic matter to a dressing of sand and soil. Wood charcoal is sometimes used in top dressings, especially where damp or stagnant conditions prevail. $\frac{1}{8}$ in. gauge charcoal is usually the most suitable for greens.

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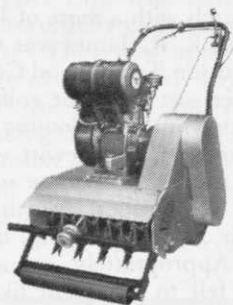
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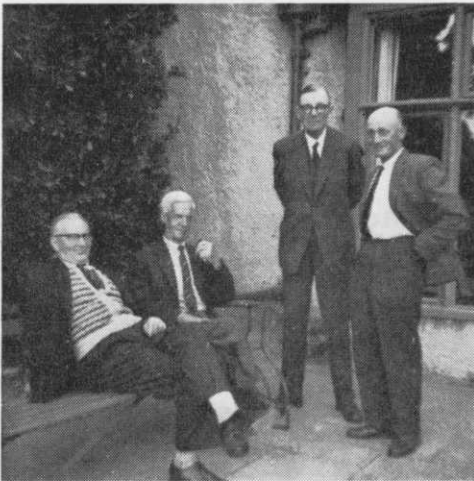
B.G.G.A. IN SOMERSET

The Weston-Super-Mare Golf Club was once again a very happy choice by the South-West Section for this year's Tournament. It is eleven years since last we were there, the club officials remembered the last occasion with pleasure and we hope that they will remember this occasion with as much pleasure as all those who attended. Apart from the 50-odd greenkeepers who came down for the competitive side of the event, there must have been 30 camp-followers who swelled the attendance most agreeably.

Already on Sunday most of the players made acquaintance with the course in the practice round and the greetings of old comrades were pleasant to hear.



Mr. Jack Lee, D. M. Craig, Jack Noakes and George Barnfield. Mrs. Williams, Miss Rocker and Mrs. O. P. Jones.



Messrs. Drewitt, Cashmore and Benbow with the President.

As to the golf, we will let the record of the winners speak for itself. On Monday it was D. Jones of the Welsh Section who romped away with the Stableford competition with his 46 points. Two birdies at the 5th and 6th holes, nominally 5-bogeys although only 419 and 420 yards, laid the foundation of his

excellent score. On Tuesday, it was no surprise when J. W. Kirkpatrick, of Dulwich & Sydenham Golf Club took back the News of the World Challenge Cup, which he had kindly brought down to let us see for a short time after his victory last year, while in the Senior Division, B. Reeves took the Ransomes Cup and Gold Watch with a score of 135 and in the Juniors, E. R. James was the winner of the Patisson Trophy and Gold Watch. The other sort of senior golfers were also competing in the "Coming of Age" Cup and here H. J. Drewitt was winner after the problems of those who could select the competition in which they wished their scores to count had been resolved. Appropriately enough, the Jubilee Cup fell to the team likely to have the most local knowledge, namely South West.

At the Annual General Meeting we heard that next year's competition will be at Whitley Bay in the North East and it will be interesting to see if that section pull of the same feat.

The Prize-giving was, as always, a cheerful occasion. Mr. George Irlam, the Captain of Weston-Super-Mare Golf Club and a Somerset County player,



Mrs. Pugh and Miss Brenda Rocker practising in front of the clubhouse.

gave away the prizes and he was supported by Mr. Bill Woodman, the Chairman of the Green Committee, and Mr. Donald Hood Wright, the Hon. Secretary. Our President and our Hon. Secretary expressed the best thanks of the Association to the Club for all its kindness, to the indoor and outdoor staffs for all their help, to all those who had so generously donated prizes and to Mr. W. F. Payne and Mr. F. V. Southgate of Messrs. Ransomes, Sims & Jefferies Ltd. who had sat patiently at the recorder's table throughout the three days. They also appreciated the company of Mr. D. M. Craig, who assisted with the starting and Mr. J. N. K. Le Fleming Shepherd, M.B.E., of Messrs. Pattison. All too soon another tournament was over, but it will still seem like yesterday when we all meet again next year in the opposite corner of England.

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**B.G.G.A. Annual Tournament, 1964
Prize Winners**

- The S.T.R.I. Cup. 18 Holes Stableford.
1st Prize (S.T.R.I. Cup and Clock), D. Jones, 46 points.
2nd Prize (Hargreaves Cup and Table Lamp), E. H. Benbow, 40 points.
3rd Prize (Shaving Mirror), I. Scoones, 40 points.
4th Prize (Set of Kitchen Knives), R. Plain, 37 points.

- "News of the World" Cup. 36 Holes Scratch.
1st Prize (Canteen of Cutlery), J. W. Kirkpatrick, 144.

- The Artisan Medal. 18 Holes Medal.
B. Reeves, 69.

- Jubilee Cup Inter-Section. 36 Holes Medal.
(3 Tankards), South West.

- "Coming of Age" Cup. 18 Holes Medal
(60 years and over).

- 1st Prize (Travelling Rug), H. J. Drewitt, 72.
2nd Prize (Get-away-Case), E. F. Butler, 73.
Senior Division. 36 Holes Medal. ('plus' to 11).
1st Prize (Ransomes Cup and Gold Watch), B. Reeves, 135.
2nd Prize ("Golf Illustrated" Cup, Heat-master Tea Set and Vouchers), G. Payne, 140.
3rd Prize ("Universal" Cup, Replica and Transistor Radio), E. H. Benbow, 142.
4th Prize (Suit Case), E. R. West, 145.
5th Prize (Fruit Bowl), D. Jones, 146.
6th Prize (Travelling Clock), D. G. Lord, 147.

- 7th Prize (Casserole), V. Crabtree, 147.

- 8th Prize (Towels), J. Ness, 148.

- 9th Prize (Table Cloth and Napkins), G. Woodward, 148.

- 10th Prize (Wallet), G. Hitchcock, 152.
Junior Division (12 to 24).

- 1st Prize ("Pattison" Trophy and Gold Watch), E. R. James, 142.

- 2nd Prize (President's Cup and Canteen of Cutlery), O. P. Jones, 146.

- 3rd Prize ("May's" Cup and Barometer), F. W. Ford, 147.

- 4th Prize (Fish Servers), G. L. Sharp, 149.

- 5th Prize (Golf Bag), W. Machin, 154.

- 6th Prize (Steak Knives), S. Baber, 154.

- 7th Prize (Towels), I. Scoones, 156.

- 8th Prize (Sprinkler), S. Morton, 156.

- The "Allan Taylor" Cup. 18 Holes Medal.

- 1st Prize (Allan Taylor Cup and Tea Set), H. J. Drewitt, 69.

- 2nd Prize (Verdone Cup and Linen), W. J. Kingston, 71.

- 3rd Prize (Garden Chair), W. Handy, 72.

- 4th Prize (Sandwich Set), W. Machin, 72.

HON. SECRETARY'S NOTES



I have received a letter from Mrs. Bretherton which I am sure all members would like to read:

"Dear Mr. Dix,

Once again I wish to thank the Greenkeepers for my lovely flowers. I can't tell you what a joy they are to me. They arrived home so fresh, they might have been picked the last half-hour before.

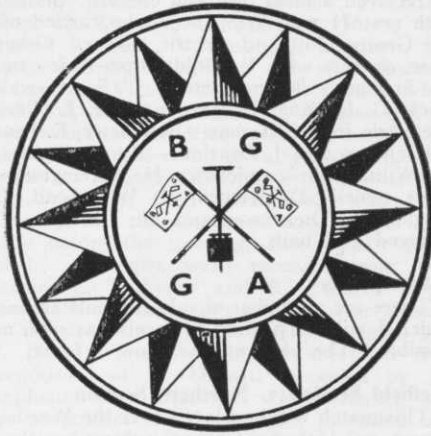
Yours sincerely,

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from the Sections

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By W. Mason

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New Chairman Reports

OUR NEW CHAIRMAN, MR. W. E. MOORE, writes to say they had a very good day when playing the Essex Captains during July. He also informs me that Mr. Jack Noakes, of the Thorndon Park Golf Club has been made an Honorary Member of his Club, I for one would like to offer my congratulations and feel sure all his pals will do likewise.

P. Whitehead

Mr. P. Whitehead writes to say he has had a successful operation for appendicitis and is getting along nicely, but may have to go into hospital for another minor operation later—we wish him well.

Lectures

My Committee hope to arrange, as in previous years, our monthly lectures, details of which will be given at a later date.

Subscriptions

I still have a few members who have not sent along their subs, will they please do so.

New Vice-Presidents

We are pleased to welcome to the section three new vice-presidents who have been such a great help to us at our various meetings and tournaments, Mr. P. Marshall, of Messrs. Ransomes; Mr. W. J. Holloway and Mr. F. Britten, of Messrs. Parkers.

New Members

We welcome W. Wilson, E. Gould, S. D. Veness and E. Woller to the Section.

NORTHERN

By J. Parker

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Handicaps

THE FOLLOWING ADJUSTMENT OF handicaps have been made:—

G. Bennison, 18; H. Childs, 20; S. Bailes, 17; D. Roberts, 10; H. Marshall, 21 and G. Geddes, 24.

Mr. L. Beetham

Mr. Leslie Beetham, of West Bradford has been appointed Head Greenkeeper to Fixby Golf Club, succeeding Syd Jolly, one of the oldest stalwarts of the Section. I'm sure we all wish Leslie success in his new venture, and Syd a long and happy retirement.

Kurt Hansen

Mr. Kurt Hansen, one of our Section members from Denmark, paid us a visit the other week. Having a busman's holiday he toured the Station accompanied by Willie Bartle and female interpreter—much to Willie's delight! He was also able to pay a quick visit to Keighly and Otley Golf Clubs. The rotorake and Auto Turfman machines which he had not seen before caught his eye. Before continuing his journey to St. Andrews I was pleased to see him wearing his new purchase—an Association tie.

SHEFFIELD

By J. J. Dearlove,

Chairman:
G. HERRINGTON
(Lindrick)

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THE ANNUAL TOURNAMENT WAS played over the Wheatley Park course by kind permission of the committee on Wednesday, 22nd July.

Unfortunately, we were only able to complete 18 holes due to a storm hitting the area in the afternoon; play was not only impossible but also very dangerous and 17 very wet and very relieved greenkeepers returned to the clubhouse after playing only a few holes of the second round.

The tournament coincided with the appointment of Ron Whitehead as Head Greenkeeper to the Wheatley Park club and our playing there took the form of a "Course Warmer" if there is such a thing. However, Ron was not short of advice on how to tackle his new job, and Best Wishes were offered from all present.

Many thanks are due for the people who made our tournament possible, especially to

Mr. Lillford (the Secretary) and the committee. Only a few days before our date, the stewards left and outside caterers were brought in to look after us; there were also some willing helpers on the bar side.

It is rather unfortunate that more donors of the prizes could not be represented at the presentation and see for themselves the enjoyment created by their excellent gifts. Mr. Bill Pinder of Stewart & Co., Edinburgh, was able to be with us and despite getting wet I think he enjoyed himself.

We are also grateful to Mr. Frank Croft of Fearnco Ltd., who made a fine job of his first effort as recorder.

For the very generous contributions to the prize list, we thank Ransomes Sims & Jefferies, Fearnco Ltd., Patterssons of Stanmore, Stewart & Co. Ltd., May & Baker, Middletons of Sheffield, Hargreaves Sisis Works, Rigby Taylors, Mountains & Son of Leeds, Suttons of Reading, Carters Tested Seeds Ltd., Fisons Fertilisers, Lunevale Products Ltd., Greens Mowers of Leeds, and to Wilf Atkinson, the club professional, who also loaned us trolleys free of charge.

Mr. Cowan (Vice-Captain of the club) presented the prizes and gave us a very sincere welcome; his words were immediately endorsed by Mr. Lillford, who invited us back to Wheatley next year.

If there is anyone I have omitted to thank, I hope they will accept my apologies.

Getting back to the game of golf, a shattering score of nett 61 was returned by

R. Cooper, playing off 24 he wasn't aware of his nett result until returning to the clubhouse. Along with the Sutton Challenge Cup he received a meat dish and carvers. Second with nett 71 was A. Spencer who carried off the Greens Cup and electric shaver. Other prize winners were R. Goldthorpe—suit case, T. Stringer—electric kettle, J. Scott—wall clock, G. Herrington—garden chair, J. Clark—electric iron, S. Inman—barometer, E. Peat—kitchen scales, J. Dearlove—Ronson lighter, W. Williamson—candelabra, H. Herrington—silver pencil; D. Jefcock, R. Whitehead, J. Hague, K. Dickenson and H. Gillespie all received golf balls.

Subscriptions

There are a number of subs still outstanding which I will be pleased to receive as soon as possible. The new rates are now in force.

Sheffield Section v. Northern Section

This match will be played over the Wortley course on 15th September (subject to confirmation). All will be notified as soon as arrangements are completed.

NORTH-WEST

By V. Crabtree

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

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

Autumn Tournament

ON TUESDAY, 15th SEPTEMBER, 1964, our Autumn Tournament will be held at Ashton & Lea Golf Club, Preston.

Will members wishing to participate please let me have their names by return of post, so that, in fairness to the staff, ample warning of our numbers can be given.

Please note each member is only allowed one visitor.

The competition will be over 27 holes, 9 in the morning, 18 in the afternoon. Visitors are allowed to play in the morning but their competition will be over 18 holes in the afternoon.

MIDLAND

By F. Cashmore

Chairman:
 G. HART
 (Gay Hill)

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

I HAD HOPED THAT THESE NOTES would have been sent by a new secretary, as I sent in my resignation in June, but at the Annual General Meeting, of which I sent every member notification and a copy of the balance sheet, only 11 members were present and only one of those was not an official or committee member. No-one was prepared to take on the job as secretary and rather than let those present down—they are the only ones who have any interest in keeping the Section alive, and without them the Midland Section would cease to exist—I agreed to continue.

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A.G.M.

The Annual General Meeting was held at the Harborne Golf Club on 23rd July, 1964. Members present were E. Benbow, F. Cashmore, H. Drewitt, G. Hart, I. Jones, W. Mason, R. Pugh, V. Smith, J. Stephens, C. Tudge and G. Woodward. We were pleased to have our Vice-President, Eric Lumby, who had with him Ron Stanley. We also had a brief visit from our Vice-President, Len Price, who said he had come to fulfil his obligation to buy us a drink. Owing to the absence of our President, Carl Bretherton, who had visited us in the afternoon and had to get away before the meeting, Eric Lumby presided. Apologies were received from W. Barton, E. Ballinger and R. Parker. The minutes of the last year's meeting were passed on the proposition of R. Pugh, seconded by H. Drewitt and the balance sheet on the proposition of H. Drewitt seconded by J. Stephens. Our President was re-elected on the proposition of H. Drewitt, seconded by G. Woodward. R. Pugh proposed and G. Woodward seconded the re-election en bloc of the Vice-Presidents with the addition of C. J. Cooke. The Section officers and committee were re-elected without any alteration. G. Hart proposed a vote of thanks to Eric Lumby for presiding at our meeting and a vote of thanks to our Hon. Auditors, K. Sargeson and Eric Ballinger, was proposed by E. Benbow, seconded by J. Stephens. H. Drewitt proposed a vote of thanks to the

Secretary for agreeing to continue, which was seconded by V. Smith. P. Pugh proposed that a vote of thanks should be recorded in the minutes thanking the Harborne Golf Club for their kindness in giving us the use of their clubhouse and course for the afternoon and also for providing us with tea. A. Firman, one of our oldest members, who has now retired, was elected an Honorary Life Member.

The competition which was held in the afternoon, resulted in a win for V. Smith, 76—11=65; G. Woodward was second with 70—2=68. There were only five members playing.

News of The World Draw

I will send a list of moneys received for inclusion in next month's journal.

Visit to Messrs. Pughs

When I return from Weston I will send a reminder to members for our visit to Messrs. Pughs, Atco works, on 17th September. I should consider it a great kindness if members would reply with yes or no. It is very frustrating to spend an evening or two writing to thirty or forty members and get only ten or a dozen replies, besides having to tell Mr. Sargeson that I don't know how many will be coming.

Annual Dinner

Please make a note that our Annual Dinner and Concert will be held at the Kings Head Hotel, Bearwood, on Friday, 30th October.

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

I HOPE THAT AS SOON AS YOU read these notes you will put pen to paper and let me know if you are coming to the Autumn Meeting at Llantrisant Golf Club, on the 23rd September. It would save a lot of worry and work for everyone concerned if you could do this by 15th September so that I can arrange the catering, etc.

Annual Draw

I would like to thank all members for their effort in selling quite a few tickets for this draw, especially T. E. Lloyd. I think he has topped the list again by selling 150 books. A wonderful effort, Tom.

Bereavement

I am very sorry to have to report the death of one of our Vice-Presidents, Mr. D. H. Rees. We will miss him very much, as he was always a man we could look to for help and advice. To Mrs. Rees and her two sons we send our deepest sympathy and I have lost a very good personal friend.

EAST MIDLAND

By **S. T. McNeice**

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

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

Autumn Tournament

THE SECTION AUTUMN MEETING to be held at the Longcliffe Golf Club, Loughborough, Leics., on Wednesday, 23rd September, will be played over 18 holes, Bogey, starting at 1-30 p.m.

Arrangements for a mixed grill tea are being made, will all those who wish to attend please let me know not later than Wednesday, 16th September.

Demonstration

The Leicester Horticultural Engineering Co., in conjunction with Messrs. Ransomes Sims & Jefferies, Ltd. and W. Hargreaves & Co. Ltd. (Sisis Equipment), have arranged a demonstration of their machinery to be held at the Birstall Golf Club, Leicester, on Wednesday, 21st October. All members of the Section are invited to attend. Why not invite members of your Green Committee to see these machines working. Members of the firms will be in attendance morning and afternoon.

NORTH-EAST

By **D. Earsman**

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

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

Autumn Competition

AUTUMN COMPETITION WILL BE held (by kind permission of the Committee) at the Northumberland Golf Club, on Thursday, 17th September.

T. Oliver

In appreciation of his services as Secretary of our Section for many years, Mr. T. Oliver has been elected a Vice-President.

T. Nutman

We regret to inform members that T. Nutman has met with an accident resulting in a broken arm, we wish him well and hope to see him at the Autumn Meeting.

New Members

We welcome to the section R. B. Burnell and A. Murray.

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B.G.G.A. PRESENTATION TO MR. R. B. DAWSON

The Association's present to Mr. Dawson as a mark of esteem on his retirement from the Directorship of the Sports Turf Research Institute has now been made. Gifts finally selected were a Folding Tea Trolley with two trays, an Electric Shaver and two special Ash Trays with cork centres on which the well-known R.B.D. pipe can be knocked out. These were presented with the best wishes of the Association for a long and happy retirement.



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

West

B. Moir, Esq.,
11 Helens Terrace,
Kilwinning.

Dear Sir,

Autumn Visit to West Calder

Thank you for your letter of 3rd July and we were sorry to note that the date we had mentioned for the above visit was close to your Autumn Meeting.

We now give Wednesday, 7th October for this meeting to take place. The arrangements would be as follows:

2-0 p.m. Meet at Offices, West Calder, and tour Workshops and then proceed to our Compost producing Works.

3-0 p.m. Proceed to Dalmahoy Golf Club where a full demonstration of all turf machinery and equipment, including probers, scarifiers and turf cutters will be shown under working conditions.

4-30—5-0 p.m. High Tea provided by Grant of West Calder at the Clubhouse, Dalmahoy.

We trust this date is suitable and that sufficient members will come along from all sections to make it a very enjoyable day.

Perhaps after your meeting on the 17th September you could immediately inform me of the approximate number

you anticipate coming to enable us to make final catering arrangements.

Yours faithfully,
for Grant of West Calder Ltd.

D. R. C. Turnbull,
Turf Specialist.

North and Midland

Autumn Visit to West Calder

ARRANGEMENTS AS FOR WEST Section, those wishing to attend notify section secretary by 14th September.

New Members

We welcome to the section new members, E. Stuart and D. Grassick.



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THE BRITISH GOLF GREENKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL REPORT, 1964

Administration

We congratulate our Chairman, Mr. G. T. Geddes on a very successful year of office, and Mr. H. Sheppard of the South West Section who succeeds him.

The Annual Draw for 1963 again proved most successful. An additional 5,000 tickets were issued, and thanks to the splendid efforts of members, the financial result was again up on the previous year. Our congratulations must be extended to the Welsh Section, whose efforts in this field were once more quite remarkable.

It was gratifying to obtain a small concession for members to visit Professional Tournaments on production of their Passes, and our thanks are due to Lt.-Col. T. H. Reed for his assistance in this matter.

New subscription rates agreed at the last Annual General Meeting come into operation for the current year, and the Executive Committee are confident that Sections, Head Office and the Journal will all benefit from the increased income.

The Apprenticeship scheme is now fully operational under the administration of the Council for Golf Greenkeeper Apprenticeship, and it is sincerely hoped that this scheme will slowly bring new blood into our profession.

Membership

The latest returns from Sections show our present membership to be 615. This figure again shows a small but steady increase in our numerical strength.

Annual Tournament

The 46th Annual Tournament was held at Royal Birkdale last August, and with fine weather, a Championship Course, and a larger entry than for several years, a most successful meeting was experienced. The Executive Committee, on behalf of all concerned, would express their sincere thanks to Col. Rees and his staff for all their efforts, which made the occasion of our visit such a memorable one. Thanks must again be expressed for all the generous donations received for the prize table, which as usual, made a splendid display.

Sections

Once again our thanks are due to Section Officers for their splendid efforts within their boundaries, in arranging all the affairs so much enjoyed by their members, namely Tournaments, Lectures and Social Functions. We are also indebted to firms and organisations who so kindly co-operated with Sections for visits of interest.

The British Golf Greenkeeper

We again extend our grateful thanks to the Hon. Editor of our Journal for his continued efforts on our behalf, despite his other numerous activities. The comprehensive news items and articles submitted by Section Secretaries are also very much appreciated, local news giving so much more added interest to readers.

F. G. Hawtree Memorial Fund

Interest in the facilities offered by this Fund is still apparent, and four members were again sent to Bingley during the year, two in the Autumn and two in the Spring. The trustees would like to express their appreciation to Clubs who have assisted materially with the financial expenses of these visits.

Sports Turf Research Institute

Mr. R. B. Dawson, O.B.E., Director of the Sports Turf Research Institute retired in December, and the Executive Committee are pleased to report that a small gift of appreciation was presented to Mr. Dawson from the Association, in appreciation of all his efforts over many years in the interests of greenkeeping and greenkeepers. We wish him many years of happy retirement. Mr. J. R. Escritt, M.Sc., succeeded Mr. Dawson as Director on 1st January.

In Memoriam

We record with sorrow the death of the following members announced in the British Golf Greenkeeper since our last report. Lord Brabazon, a past President of the Association; Mr. F. Chambers, President of the Southern Section; Mr. L. Lowcock, and Mr. J. Gillan. By order of the Executive Committee.

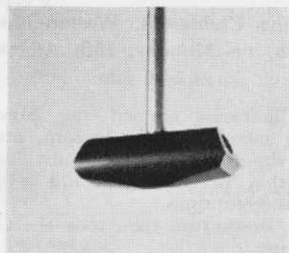
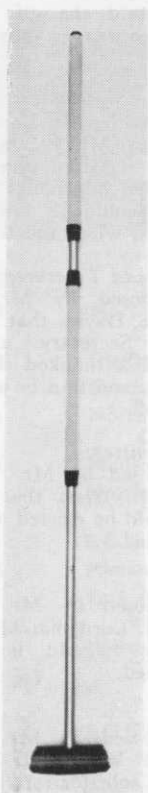
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THE BRITISH GOLF GREENKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF THE 47th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

held at the Clubhouse, Weston-Super-Mare Golf Club, on Monday, 10th August, 1964, at 2-30 p.m.

The Chairman opened the Meeting at which 55 members were present, and asked that all should give their undivided attention, so that proceedings could go forward without interruptions.

Mr. C. Bretherton then took the Chair for the Meeting.

He first spoke with feeling of those who had died during the year, Lord Brabazon, Mr. F. Chambers, Mr. L. Lowcock and Mr. J. Gillan.

He said he would like to bring to the notice of the Meeting some of the facts concerning Lord Brabazon. He had been a former President of the British Golf Greenkeepers' Association, and was instrumental in building up the Benevolent Fund from a nominal amount to a four figure sum. A man of many interests, especially golf. At the time of his death he was President of the Professional Golfers' Association, and the Sports Turf Research Institution, and was a past Captain of the Royal and Ancient, and past President of the English Golf Union.

Mr. Bretherton then asked the members to stand for a few moments and pay a silent tribute.

The minutes of the last Annual General Meeting were read, confirmed and signed on the proposal of Mr. Lord, seconded by Mr. Handy.

Annual Report

This was read by the Hon. Secretary and its adoption was proposed by Mr. Davies and seconded by Mr. Morton.

Financial Statement

The Hon. Treasurer reported a satisfactory state of affairs, but mentioned that he had been obliged to transfer from the Deposit Account of the Benevolent Fund to meet requirements. The adoption of the accounts as presented was proposed by Mr. Lord, seconded by Mr. Kingston and carried.

Executive Committee Report

The Tournament Committee had been elected to consist of Messrs. Geddes, Sheppard, Lord, Benbow and G. Herrington, 3 to form a quorum.

As there had been no nomination from the North East Section for Vice-Chairman, the Committee, of the opinion that this important position should be occupied, had nominated Mr. J. Simpson, who had agreed to accept the office.

The 1965 Tournament was due to be played in the North East Section, and the Whitley Bay Golf Club had offered the

courtesy of their course for 9th, 10th and 11th August, 1965.

Election of Officers

President:

It was proposed by Mr. Davies and seconded by Mr. Sumner that Mr. Carl Bretherton be re-elected President of the Association. Carried unanimously. Mr. Bretherton thanked the members for their generous support of the proposition, and said he would be very pleased to continue in office.

Vice-Presidents:

It was proposed by Mr. Pugh and seconded by Mr. Morton that the Vice-Presidents as listed in the Journal be re-elected. Carried.

Chairman:

It was proposed by Mr. Davies and seconded by Mr. Dixon that the Vice-Chairman, Mr. H. Sheppard should be elected Chairman. Carried unanimously. Before vacating the Chair Mr. Geddes thanked the Officers and members for the support they had given him during his year of office. Mr. Sheppard took the Chair with remarks of appreciation for his election, and hoped he would be a worthy successor to Mr. Geddes. He then presented a Tankard to Mr. Geddes as a small token of appreciation for his efforts during the past year. Mr. Geddes thanked members, and said the gift would always remind him of a very happy year as their Chairman.

Vice-Chairman:

It was proposed by Mr. Lord and seconded by Mr. Dixon that Mr. J. Simpson be elected Vice-Chairman. Carried unanimously. Mr. Simpson expressed his thanks for the honour and trusted he would be a worthy successor to Mr. Sheppard when the time came.

Hon. Secretary and Treasurer:

It was proposed by Mr. Geddes and seconded by Mr. Davies that Mr. C. H. Dix be re-elected Secretary and Treasurer. Carried. Mr. Dix thanked the members for their confidence, and said he would be pleased to continue in office.

Executive Committee:

It was proposed by Mr. Woodhead and seconded by Mr. Glass that the Executive Committee should be elected as nominated by Sections. Carried.

Hon. Auditors:

It was proposed by Mr. Kingston and seconded by Mr. Lord that Messrs. Smallfield Rawlins & Co. should be re-elected as auditors. Carried.

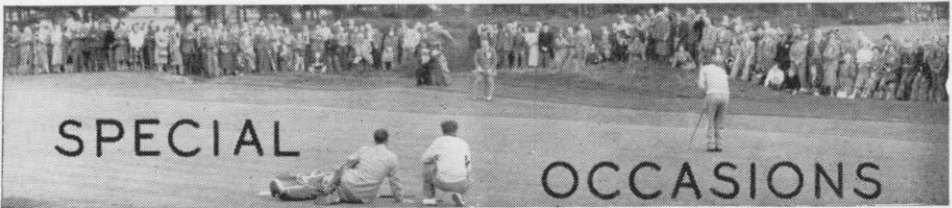
Hon. Solicitor:

It was proposed by Mr. Crabtree and seconded by Mr. Walsh that Mr. R. A. Beck be re-appointed solicitor for the ensuing year. Carried.

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“... Yes. I want three hundred matched sets of Ladies’ Clubs ...”



SEPTEMBER.

- 15th North-West Section Autumn Tournament, Ashton and Lea Golf Club.
- 15th Sheffield v. Northern Section, Wortley Golf Club.
- 15th Southern Section Autumn Tournament, Denham Golf Club.
- 15th North West Section Autumn Tournament, Ashton & Lea Golf Club.
- 17th Midland Section, Visit to Messrs. Atco Ltd.
- 17th North East Section, Autumn Competition, Northumberland Golf Club.
- 17th S.G.G.A. West Section Annual Autumn Meeting, Milngavie Golf Club.
- 22nd Midland Section, Autumn Tournament, Stourbridge Golf Club.
- 23rd East Midland Autumn Tournament, Longcliffe Golf Club, Loughborough.
- 23rd Welsh Section Autumn Meeting, Llantrisant Golf Club.

OCTOBER.

- 1st S.G.G.A. East Section Competition and A.G.M., Baberton Golf Club.
- 21st East Midland Section Demonstration of Machinery, Birstall Golf Club.
- 22nd Northern Section Autumn Tournament, Halifax Golf Club.
- 30th Midland Section, Annual Dinner, King’s Head Hotel, Bearwood.

Proposition from the Southern Section

"That the present system of electing a Chairman be abolished, and the best man for the job be elected irrespective of the Section to which he belongs."

Several members, including Messrs. Herrington, Drewitt and Dixon spoke strongly against this proposition, emphasising that the honour of being elected Chairman was, and should be, for services rendered to the Association and its members. Mr. Pord voiced the opinion of the Executive Committee who were not in favour of any change from the present system. After further discussion a vote was taken, and the proposition was defeated by 49 to 2.

The British Golf Greenkeeper Journal

Mr. F. W. Hawtree regretted there had been a loss of approximately £33 during the year. Production costs had risen by £80 and advertising revenue had dropped by £120, but he assured members the financial position of the Journal was quite sound. The Chairman expressed the thanks of the meeting to the Hon. Editor for his continued efforts.

Apprenticeship Scheme

The Joint Council for Golf Greenkeeper Apprenticeship had held two meetings, and a Sub-Committee had been formed to handle enquiries as they arose. 6,500 copies of the Scheme had been forwarded to Youth Employment Officers throughout England, Scotland and Wales, and an Employers' Guide was available explaining the operation of the scheme. Toward the costs of developing the scheme the English Golf Union had contributed 100 guineas, the Scottish Golf Union 75 guineas, the Welsh Golf Union 25 guineas, the Scottish Golf Greenkeepers' Association 25 guineas and the British Golf Greenkeepers' Association 50 guineas. To date about 9 registrations had been made through the Council.

F. G. Hawtree Memorial Fund

The Hon. Secretary reported that for the current year one greenkeeper would be going to Bingley in October, and that the Sports Turf Research Institute had reserved two places for the Fund in the Spring of 1965, and he hoped to receive enquiries at an early date for these placings.

Any other business

Mr. J. Glass asked if permission could be obtained from the Royal and Ancient for members to attend the Open Championship on production of their passes. The Hon. Secretary said he would make the necessary enquiries.

The meeting closed with a Vote of Thanks to the Chair by Mr. F. W. Hawtree.



Mr. Editor,

Perhaps this letter will start the ink flowing and we shall learn what our members think :

"The cat amongst the Pigeons"

Is it not time something was done about practice before a tournament or county meeting not including club competitions.

Golfers, the most selfish, inconsiderate, dissatisfied and persistent moaners one could ever meet. They expect to practice up to dark the day before, hacking their way round tees and fairways, long studded shoes tearing at the surface of the green, and still expect to start playing at 8-0 a.m. the following day with everything perfect, including new holes cut. With staff shortages and shorter working weeks in industry, surely ground staffs should have a fair crack of the whip and not have to start at the crack of dawn in these days of enlightenment, no wonder we can't keep staff. I suggest the course is closed to competitors at least 24 hours before the start of the tournament but leaving the course open for club members who give up the right to play during these tournaments.

This would give the ground staff 24 hours unimpeded effort to prepare the course.

It is in my opinion, time that we in this association, being affiliated to the Golf Unions, made strong recommendations to these unions on this point.

Have I stirred a hornet's nest, I hope so.

H. Hughes,
Cuddington Golf Club.

B.G.G.A. ANNUAL DRAW 1964 RESULT SHEET

NEWS OF THE WORLD MATCH PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP WALTON HEATH

31st August — 5th September

<i>Player</i>	<i>Ticket No.</i>	<i>Player</i>	<i>Ticket No.</i>	<i>Player</i>	<i>Ticket No.</i>
Macdonald, J. A.	09715	Lester, E. G.	19992	Smart, D.	16230
Fidler, R. S.	07059	Smith, I.	07076	Proudfoot, B. J.	17757
Low, G. W.	05020	McCombe, N. M. A.	13288	Parton, G.	22826
Cogle, E.	13351	Chamberlain, P.	12191	Christison, C. G.	02028
Beattie, D. T.	01996	Frew, J.	03643	Rees, D. J.	16514
Livingston, R. D. S.	22277	English, B. T.	07134	Leeder, M. T.	17038
Coles, N. C.	01054	Gregson, M. E.	16220	Roberts, D. L.	22975
Talbot, D.	05017	Lynch, N. C.	15263	Gill, P. E.	19261
Allen, B. H.	11856	Huish, D.	17782	Levermore, A. D.	04842
Melville, D. L.	22906	Martin, J. I.	21475	MacDonald, H. M.	06132
Whitfield, K.	20647	Lees, A.	06685	Parcell, A. K.	10651
Aitken, G. J.	21705	Blaze, P. M.	20088	MacDonald, A. M.	15047
Brown, E. C.	09523	Lee, P. F.	10698	McAlister, J.	09195
Adwick, K. W. C.	17853	More, J. S.	08307	Kinsella, J.	15871
Hunt, G. M.	13753	Evans, W. W.	13497	Walker, R. T.	11585
Lewis, H.	11339	Burns, J. R.	22505	Gillies, A. C.	05977
Hector, W.	16707	MacDonald, K. A.	19646	Davies, B. N.	12994
Henderson, J.	06542	Hitchcock, J.	05611	Smith, R. A.	11867
Davies, R. J.	01272	Jones, P.	07542	Wilson, G. J.	15876
Jones, E. T.	03578	Beard, D.	14132	Stowe, W. G.	21394
Butler, D.	06666	Robb, G.	16439	Sewell, D. N.	11345
Nash, D. A.	15958	Roberts, E. P.	16026	Sharkey, J.	11968
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