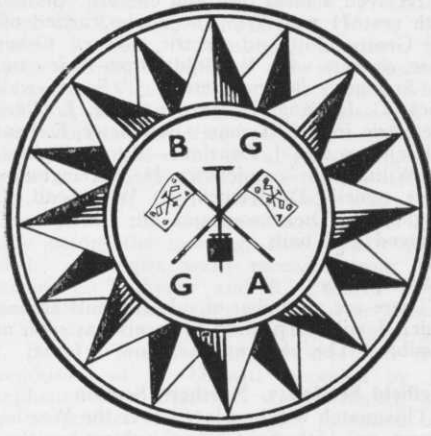


# News



from the Sections

## SOUTHERN

By W. Mason

*Chairman:*  
J. K. GLASS  
(Thorpe Hall)

*Hon. Secretary:*  
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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

*Chairman:*  
S. BAILES

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

### 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)

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

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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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**  
(Portelard 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.

## SITUATIONS VACANT

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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.