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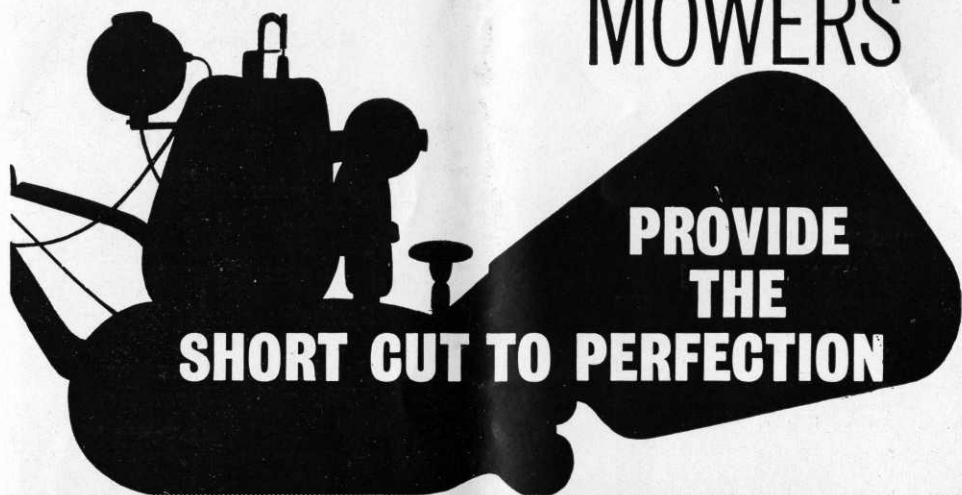
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by the Editor

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The National Association of Groundsmen announce that the Groundsmen's Field Day will be held on Wednesday, 7th April 1965, at University of London Athletic Grounds, Motspur Park, New Malden, Surrey (by kind permission of the University of London). Demonstrations will cover Renovation of Winter Playing Fields, including the first full scale working demonstration of the "Contravator" and Lospred seed sower. A demonstration of drainage work, trenching, pipe-laying and use of the new plastic drain. Spreading of top dressings. Demonstration of New Machines and recent introductions also Machines for special jobs — Trulute, etc.

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**The Editor**

Everything happens on Sunday in Barcelona. Take 28th February for instance. We were on the way to the golf club at El Prat in the morning when the road became lined with crowds and traffic was swung to the off-

side. This measure was evidently meant to keep the two near side lanes clear and might have been successful if half the drivers had not decided to return to the original side when the wrong side came to a halt. This, as appeared later, was due to another policeman trying to weave an oncoming line of traffic through the two which his friend at our end was launching at him. Two helicopters buzzed disconsolately up and down but without bombs there was nothing they could do.

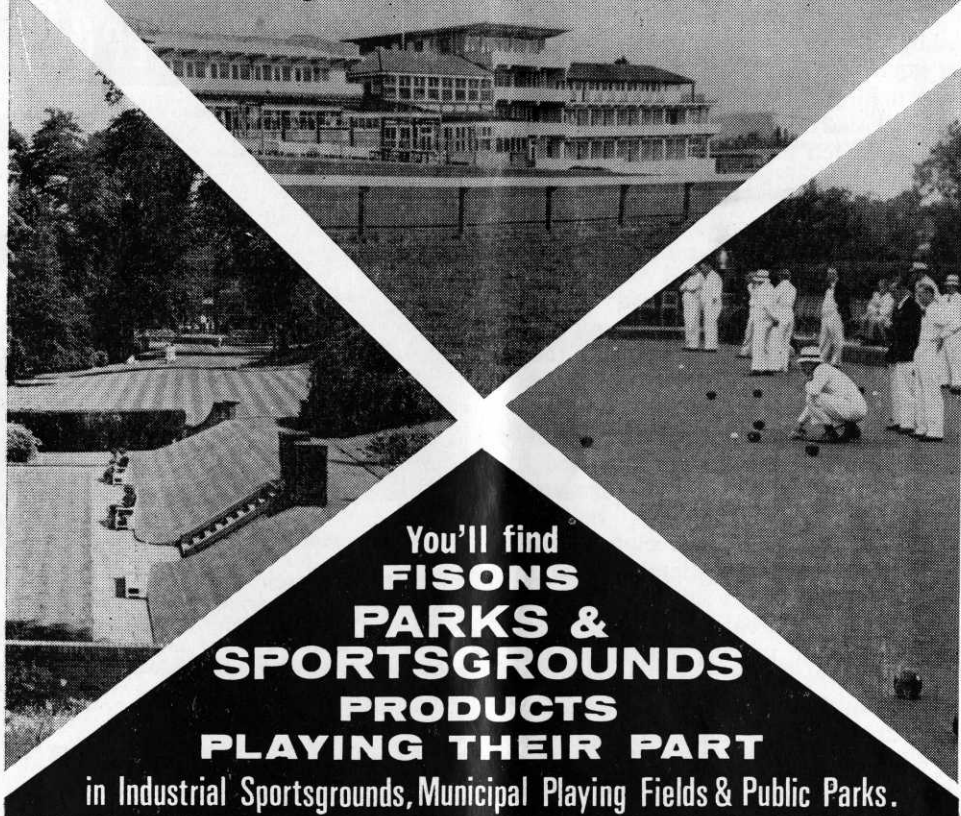
### **Veteran Car Rally**

At the same time, a Rallye Coches Epoca (Veteran Cars, in case your holiday on the Costa Brava was wasted) swept into the melee on the side which was still moving and found itself hurtled along at a pace quite unsuitable to its age and dignity. Then that side stopped while we moved; and so on, alternately, for the next two miles. Frequent stops and starts in a belt-driven phaeton are wearing on the driver's clutch-arm, if nothing else and Hispano Suizas with less visible mechanisms coughed ominously. An antique Coca Cola wagon with mustachioed attendants dressed for Edwardian tennis had thoughtfully brought a break-down wagon in support.

### **Still Sunday**

It was still Sunday morning when we got to El Prat and the final of a knockout competition claimed our attention at once. A certain Senor Fernandes, one of the club's best players, eventually produced a pin-splitting teeshot at the short 17th and a controlled hook round a pine tree with a spoon to the 18th while his opponent faded away. By the time we had admired the course and the club house, it was after two o'clock and the Spanish element in the party was nearly ready for lunch. Indeed, we were sitting down by three o'clock which is reasonable in those parts but tends to eliminate tea. Even so, we were having a cup soon after five at the Barcelona Yacht Club where a considerable number of admirable vessels were drawn up, including a representative from the Thames.

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### Capacity Crowds

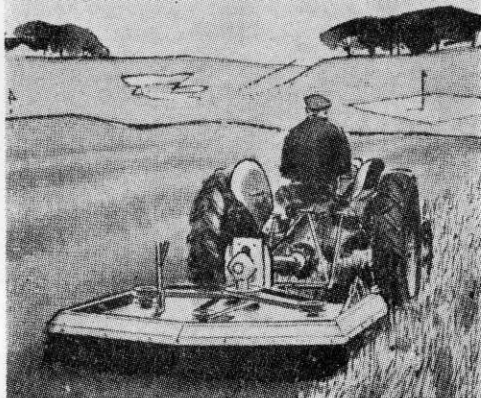
By now there was just time to get back to the Barcelona-Real Madrid game at 8 p.m. The stadium is reported to hold 120,000 and they were all there when thunder flashes and a scared black cat preceded the home team on to their pitch. The visitors in white shirts, shorts and stockings followed to slightly less thunderous applause. Seventeen free kicks later, half-way through the first half, Barcelona scored. This released a considerable tide of emotion and a rocket sailed into the air to announce the goal to the city. Alas, there were no rockets thirty-two and forty-one free kicks later respectively when Madrid scored their two. An older and more artful team, they were hard pressed for the rest of the game but held on to their lead and would have added another if the final whistle had not blown too soon.

### Another Match!

As we came away, another match of less consequence was starting and there had been another before the big game, so the patrons could not complain of short measure. *Agrostis stolonifera*, by the way, on the pitch and only a tiny area of wear round the goal mouths. The floodlighting was flattering, making the whole affair look like a colour slide, but evidently this is the grass for that climate. When it is planted, it is broadcast by the handful and then rolled with a row of fairly sharp discs, two or three inches apart, which squeeze the pieces into the soil. Greens, tees and fairways get exactly the same treatment.

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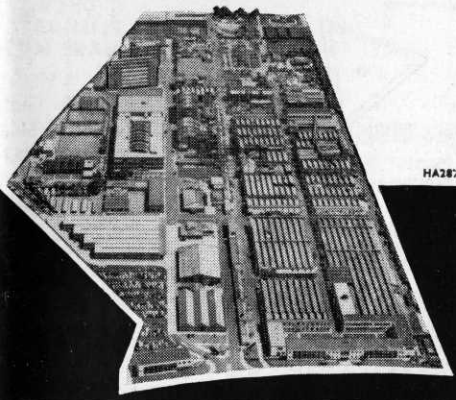
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The sum subscribed was just over £600 and the trustees decided that the money should be devoted to sending young greenkeepers each year on a course of instruction at the Sports Turf Research Institute, Bingley, Yorkshire.

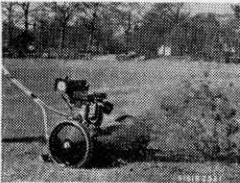
So far, the fees for seventeen pupils have been paid by the fund with living

expenses while away from home where employers could not help. Four more will be going to Bingley this year and expenditure and tax will then be approximately £240 while interest and further donations have added about £100 to the original sum.

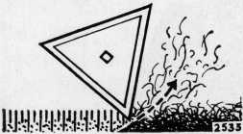
The Trustees are anxious to hear from young men with two or three years' practical experience on golf courses who need help in further training. They will also be grateful for donations to increase the usefulness of the fund. The Hon. Secretary is C. H. Dix, The British Golf Greenkeepers Association, Addington Court Golf Club, Featherbed Lane, Addington, Croydon, Surrey.

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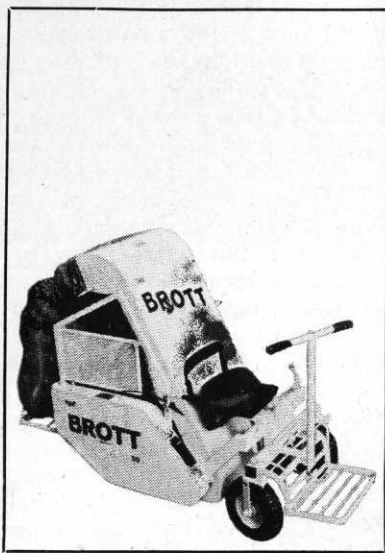
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## DUTIES OF REFEREES AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS UNDER THE RULES OF GOLF

DEFINITION 26 defines the principal duty of a Referee as being to decide questions of fact and of golf law. It is not sufficient for him to render a correct decision when appealed to: he must also at all times be sufficiently alert to observe accurately and to interpret correctly all the events which may occur during a round. But within the scope of these duties, he is assigned to a match to help ensure that it will be fairly played under sporting conditions.

This brings up the question of the referee's ethical position when he sees a player about to break the Rules. The referee does not have the authority to prevent a wilful violation of the Rules, but he certainly does have the obligation to advise the players about the Rules. It would be contrary to the spirit of fair play in golf if a referee failed to inform a player of his rights and obligations under the Rules and then penalised him for a violation that he could have prevented.

The following situations are among those where the referee may be able to prevent a breach of the Rules.

- (1) Ask players on first tee, if they have counted their clubs.
- (2) Ask players to identify brand and number of ball on first tee.
- (3) If player at any time puts a second ball into play or plays provisional ball, ensure that player can identify both balls.
- (4) If player tees ball ahead of markers, draw his attention to it before he drives.

- (5) If player is about to lift loose impediment in a hazard or water hazard, remind him that his ball is in a hazard.
- (6) If player is about to adopt wrong dropping procedure, call his attention to it and point out correct procedure.
- (7) If a player is about to play a second ball, ask player whether it is provisional ball.

An occasion when a referee can assist a player is when he is playing from bushes, etc., and is in process of taking his stance: a referee should watch the player and guide him in his actions if need be.

Sometimes a player may be careless in his observance of a Rule. If there has been no actual violation, the referee should caution the player and so minimise the possibility of having to call an infraction later: this can be done by making sure that the player is familiar with the particular Rule.

At times awkward situations will arise. The referee should be firm and positive, but take plenty of time.

It is always as well to consult the Rule Book and it will help to let the players read it. Frequently in reaching a decision, the intention of the player can be important and determination of this can be very useful as a routine approach to a questionable action, as for example if this player should appear to test the depth of sand in a bunker or to touch the line of his putt when there are no visible loose impediments to be removed.

Finally there are difficult questions of fact raised by casual water and interference by an obstruction. To be deemed casual water, a temporary accumulation of water must be visible on the surface of the ground before or after the player takes his stance, under normal pressure of the player's weight. As for interference by an obstruction, the interference must be physical for the player to evoke the Rule. The Rule is not intended to cover mental interference or interference established by wild contortions.



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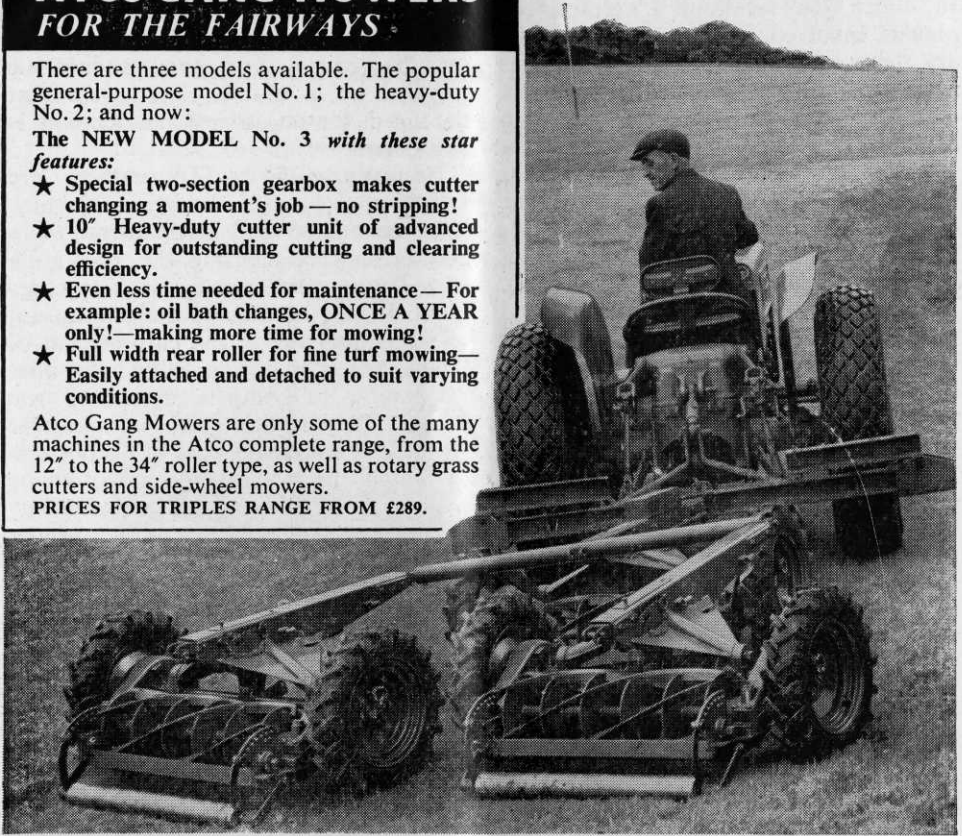
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When committee members are watching play or assigned to a particular place on the course, but are not acting as referees, their duties are different. In match play without a referee, the players involved in a particular match are there to protect their own interests and there is no reason for a committee member to take any notice of a breach of the Rules that he may observe, unless he is satisfied that the opponent is not in a position to observe the breach. His presence on the course is solely to assist players in the event of a claim (Rule 11-1a and Rule 11-3). His handling of the situation will depend on whether the committee have granted individual members unlimited authority to represent the committee and make final decisions. This is an issue on which a clear decision must be made in advance. However, deferring a decision should be resorted to only in exceptional circumstances, since it is a principle of match play that each side is entitled to know the state of the match at all times.

In stroke play the position of a Committee member on the course is different. Now every competitor has a direct interest in the play of all other competitors. Since only those playing in a particular match can represent the interests of the others, it becomes the duty of every Committee member to represent the interests of the remainder of the field. Thus a Committee member must act on any probable violation of the Rules which he may observe. This may be done by immediately questioning the competitor about his procedure. Also he will be called upon to make decisions on the course and they should be handled as in match play except that the need for an immediate decision is less urgent.

Competitors in a Tournament are keenly conscious of the spirit in which it is conducted and there is no more certain way of injuring the reputation of a Tournament than by slack management. It may be difficult and unpleasant to be punctilious in the enforcement of Rules, but it is a rare golfer who does not prefer to compete in a well run event. Players are quick to recognise the official who makes use of his position to watch the play better or to inflate his own sense of importance. Authority should be exercised for the sole purpose of helping to ensure that an event will be fairly played under sporting conditions.



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<b>MAY</b>	4th	North-West Section, Spring Tournament and A.G.M., Wilmslow Golf Club.
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	6th	Northern Section, Spring Tournament, Shipley Golf Club.
	6th	Midland Section, Spring Tournament, Gay Hill Golf Club.
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THE 1964 Journal of the Sports Turf Research Institute, issued to Subscribers in March 1965, has taken on a new appearance externally, but still provides the same brand of good, red meat on the inside. A thirty-five page report on the fertiliser trials, which have been a feature of the experimental plots ever since the station began, will be of particular interest to greenkeepers. It bears directly on aspects of fertilising which can be overlooked in reflecting on our own results and the total view which it presents will be invaluable in training our minds to gauge the effects of treatments in the long term as well as for the Captain's Prize next month.

Mr. William Bartle returns with his descriptions and photographs of new machinery and Dr. Noel Jackson evaluates varieties of useful grasses in one article and comments on 1964 turf diseases in another.

A wide range of other papers and features will give the greenkeeper assistance and interest for as long as he cares to study this excellent publication.

Messrs. Carters have sent us the 1965 edition of their Treatment of Golf Courses and Sportsgrounds. This year's booklet has expanded and taken on more colour with great benefit to its usefulness and appearance. Extremely well illustrated, it shows examples of the firm's work all over Europe and pictures of weeds, pests, and machinery in the treatment section complete a useful guide which any greenkeeper can obtain by writing to Messrs. Carters Tested Seeds Ltd., Raynes Park, S.W.20.

BEA have issued their 1965 edition of *Golf in the Sun* which describes a selection of golf courses throughout Europe within easy reach of airports served by the air line. It is difficult to say much about a golf course in the space of a short column and it is curious that part of this limited space is used in almost every case to state that the clubhouse contains facilities which will surprise nobody. Although their order

of mention is varied, their repetition does not add to the force of the descriptions. These seem to have been composed from letters received from the clubs themselves and it is again no surprise to learn that nearly every course is attractively sited and in excellent condition.

Of the twenty-nine French courses listed, two are spelt wrongly and one, set amongst pines and heather is described as a parkland course. In Germany, two 18-hole courses within five miles of the Dusseldorf Airport are not mentioned, nor is another only ten miles farther on, where championships are frequently played. One hopes that other countries have fared better.

There is, nevertheless, a great deal of useful information — Address, Telephone Number, Location, Nearest Airport, Length, Par and Green Fees. The problem starts when we come to "Amenities". For example, "A most picturesque and delightful clubhouse containing changing and locker rooms, restaurant and bar". And in the next column "A pleasant and well furnished clubhouse containing changing and locker rooms, showers, restaurant and bar". On the next page: "There is a very well appointed clubhouse containing changing and locker rooms, bar and restaurant". Next columns: "A well-equipped clubhouse containing. . . . A well-equipped clubhouse that contains. . . . A pleasant clubhouse containing. . . ." Not a lot to choose between any of them.

The "Condition and comments on the course" which follow are reminiscent of an 1890 Golf Handbook. "Although a short course it is by no means an easy one. The greens are well guarded and underhit strokes can be severely penalised." Or "This course should not be missed from any golfing itinerary. The standard of the fairways and greens is good and the hazards are well placed to catch the bad shot."

Better, surely, to stick to facts . . . heather, parkland, seaside, lakeside, wooded or whatever it may be, name the nearest hotel and price, give unusual

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# News



from the Sections

## MIDLAND

By F. Cashmore

*Chairman:*  
G. HART  
(Gay Hill)

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

### Spring Tournament

THE SPRING TOURNAMENT WILL be held at Gay Hill Golf Club on 6th May. Please notify entries by 26th April, to enable catering arrangements to be made. Gay Hill is on the Alceston Road a short distance past the Maypole Hotel. We shall be pleased to have the company of any of our Vice-Presidents who would care to join us for 18 holes in the afternoon.

### Lecture

A very interesting and instructive lecture on Turf Diseases was given by Dr Jackson from the Sports Turf Research Institute on 9th February. I was pleased to see a much improved attendance. With the aid of slides Dr Jackson covered the field of Fungal Diseases and afterwards answered the many questions that were fired at him.

## SOUTHERN

By W. Mason

*Chairman:*  
W. E. MOORE  
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*Hon. Secretary:*  
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### Spring Tournament

OUR SECTION SPRING TOURNAMENT will take place at the Ealing Golf Club on Tuesday, 11th May and we look forward to a very good entry. The closing date will be Monday, 26th April and the draw will take place on that date at the "News of the World" conference room. Will you please when sending your entries

to me give the name of your club and your handicap. First year competitors will play from scratch, the handicapping committee will give them a handicap at a later date.

### Lecture

Once again I am very pleased to say our lecture, 10th February, was well attended. It was given by Mr William Finch and proved most interesting with various questions being asked and answered. In thanking Mr Finch, our Chairman, Mr W. E. Moore, said we shall look forward to seeing him when our lectures start again.

## SHEFFIELD

By J. J. Dearlove

*Chairman:*  
G. HERRINGTON  
(Lindrick)

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

### February Meeting

ANOTHER GOOD ATTENDANCE OF about 30 for our February Meeting, it was evident by the number of younger members present that this was a popular subject for them.

It was hoped that a talk on the new Dutch grass seed strains could be arranged but unfortunately this was not possible at the time. However, Mr Croft of Fearnco Ltd., at very short notice fixed us up with some good films on tractors. Mr Furniss, manager of the agricultural section of the same firm came along and gave a very good commentary to a film on tractor maintenance. The other two films illustrating the versatility of the modern range of tractors proved very entertaining as well as instructional.

Appropriate thanks were expressed by our President to Mr Croft and Mr Furniss who in turn offered any help they could give to the section.

### A.G.M.

The Annual General Meeting of this section will be held at the Brunswick Hotel on 29th April at 7.15 p.m.

## NORTH-EAST

By D. Earsman

*Chairman:*  
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*Hon. Secretary:*  
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Dudley  
Newcastle-on-Tyne, 3

### Annual Spring Competition

OUR ANNUAL SPRING COMPETITION will be held over the course of Whitburn Golf Club on Thursday, 6th May, by kind permission of the Committee.

### Quiz

A Quiz was held at Gosforth Golf Club on the 24th February with a panel of greenkeepers to answer any questions put to them. With our Chairman, Mr J. Simpson, in the chair and a good attendance of Club officials including Mr Alan Thirlwell, ex-English Amateur Golf Champion, it was disappointing to have so few greenkeepers attending,



only eight being present. The questions were on golf being an all year round game, many questions were put to the panel and it was agreed by all that frost holes should be used during the frost period although there are some selfish members who have no thought for the greens during this time and would play on them all the year round. I give full marks to Norman Fraser of Chester-le-Street Golf Club for the way he answered the question put to him. Our Chairman thanked the Committee of Gosforth Golf Club for allowing us the use of the Club House and thanked everyone for coming along and making it a very enjoyable evening.

#### Mr Vaughan

We are all sorry that Mr Vaughan of Ransome, Sims & Jefferies is leaving us and going to the Midlands. On behalf of the North East section I would like to welcome Mr Beveridge from Edinburgh. I am sure he will be just as popular down here as he is in Scotland.

#### New Member

We welcome to the section R. Jewitt of Newcastle-on-Tyne.

## NORTHERN

Chairman:  
S. BAILES

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

#### Spring Tournament

MEMBERS ARE REMINDED THAT the closing date for entries for the Spring Tournament to be played over the course of the Shipley Golf Club, Beckfoot, Bingley, on Thursday, 6th May, is Wednesday, 28th April. This is essential to enable the draw and satisfactory catering arrangements to be made.

#### February Lecture

This was held on Tuesday, 19th February, at the White Swan, Leeds, when thirty-five members attended. The Speaker was Mr S. Tyldesdry of Messrs Synchemicals Limited, who took for his subject "Turf Chemicals, New Techniques". Members found this a most interesting subject and many questions were dealt with most ably by the speaker. A vote of thanks was proposed and seconded by Mr S. Bailes and D. Roberts respectively.

#### Blazer Badges

I have in stock a number of Association Blazer Badges which I would be pleased to supply to members of any section on the receipt of thirty shillings which is their cost.

#### Mr T. Wagstaff

For many years a staunch supporter of the section and member of the committee, Tommy Wagstaff of Gotts Park Golf Club has now retired. I am sure all members will join with me in wishing him a long and happy retirement. He is succeeded by his assistant Mr A. Cox.

## NORTH-WEST

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

By V. Crabtree  
Hon. Secretary:  
223 Market Street  
Whitworth, Nr. Rochdale

#### Winter Lecture

THE LAST OF OUR WINTER LECTURES was held on Monday, 8th March, when the speaker was Mr W. H. Bartle from the S.T.R.I. The attendance was not as good as we have had previously but nevertheless up to the average of other years. Mr Bartle gave a very interesting talk enumerating the duties of greenkeepers, their difficulties and some possible remedies. His observations drew some considerable discussion.

I feel that our lectures have been a great success this year, the standard has been very high as always, only people right on top of their jobs come to speak to us. We had two disappointments, one caused by a total fog blackout and the other a misunderstanding between one speaker and the firm he had just left. However we are grateful to those who have given of their time in our interest and the interest of our profession.

#### Spring Tournament

Our Spring Tournament will be held at Wilmslow Golf Club on 4th May 1965. We are grateful to the Captain and Council for extending to us the courtesy of their



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course once again. I shall be making catering arrangements with the club so would you please oblige by having all your entries in to me by Wednesday, 28th April 1965. The competition will be over 27 holes as usual, but please note we shall be playing 18 holes in the morning and 9 holes in the afternoon.

The visitors' competition will be over 18 holes in the afternoon but they are allowed to play in the morning also if arriving early. Will everyone try to be early and get off to a good start.

#### **Annual General Meeting**

The Annual General Meeting of the North West Section will be held at the Wilmslow Golf Club on the evening of 4th May 1965 at 7 p.m. for the purpose of: 1. Approving the minutes of the last A.G.M. 2. The Chairman's Report. 3. The Treasurer's Report and Financial Statement. 4. Secretary's Report. 5. The Election of Officers and Committee. 6. Secretary's and Treasurer's Honorarium. 7. Venue of our Summer Outing. 8. Venue of Autumn Tournament (Manchester Golf Club, Hopwood Cottage, Middleton). 9. The consideration of any other business.

This is your chance to express your approval or disapproval of the organisation and running of your section, no-one is infallible, mistakes are made and often remedied without causing a lot of inconvenience. We the Officers and Committee would like to see you all present—so please make a special effort to attend.

#### **David R. Tewkesbury**

I am sure the wishes of us all go with David Tewkesbury, Head Greenkeeper at Heswell Golf Club, Cheshire, who is emigrating to Tasmania, Australia, in June or July. Good luck David, may your new life bring you the prosperity, happiness and satisfaction you desire.

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amenities only like swimming pools, bedrooms, tennis courts, with other attractions in the district and state the dates of open competitions which most holiday courses have and which some players will wish to enter and others avoid.

Lastly, one health tip: "Go easy on the smoking; this course is more than 3,000 feet above sea level". Can any reader write in to explain this one?

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### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Dear Sir,

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**WEST SECTION**

**Autumn Meeting**

THE AUTUMN MEETING WILL BE held over Pollock Golf Course on 7th October.

**New Members**

We welcome to the section all new members and hope they will join in our activities.



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### Hot Cross Buns

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Cream the yeast with the spoonful of sugar. Mix the 6 oz. sugar with the 1½ lb. flour and add the dried fruit, salt and cinnamon. When thoroughly mixed make a hole in the centre and pour into it the yeast and the milk heated to blood heat. Mix surrounding flour only with the liquid to a thin paste, sprinkle with dry flour and set the bowl in a warm place for the mixture to rise. When it has risen well (about half an hour) add the 6 oz. margarine and mix in suffi-

cient warm milk to form the mixture into a soft dough. Now let this rise for half an hour, then form the dough into buns, mark with a cross and bake, Brush over with a little syrup made of sugar and water when they are done.

Gas No. 8. Electricity 450 deg. F. Time: 20 minutes.

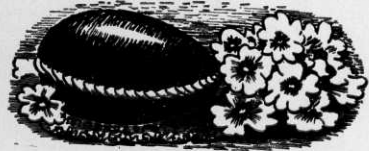
### Easter Cookies

2 oz. Butter or margarine—3 oz. castor sugar—1 egg—4 oz. plain flour.—1 oz. currants—1 tablespoon milk—½ teaspoon rum or brandy.

Cream the butter with 2 oz. castor sugar until it is really soft, stir in the well-beaten egg yolk and the rum or brandy. When all are well blended, work in the flour and a little milk, then currants to form a rather stiff dough. Set it aside for half an hour to settle. Roll out thinly, cut into rounds three inches across with a biscuit cutter. Bake on a well-greased baking sheet until the cookies are firm and lightly coloured. Brush over with the whipped white of egg and sprinkle with the remaining castor sugar. Return to the oven for a minute or two. This will make about 18 cookies, store in an airtight tin.

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## HON. SECRETARY'S

### NOTES

Following the request at the Annual General Meeting for admission to the Open Championships on production of Members' Passes, I give below a copy of the reply I received from the Secretary of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club concerning this matter.

*"I regret that it is not possible for the members of your Association to obtain entry to the Open Championship at Royal Birkdale on production of their Membership Passes, but a limited number of Complimentary tickets will be issued to you if you advise me of your requirements."*

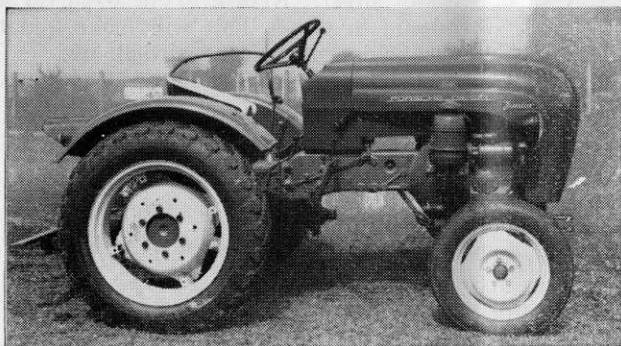


If any member who would like to attend this year's Championship at Royal Birkdale will let me know by **1st May**, I will make the necessary application for Complimentary Tickets.

C. H. DIX.

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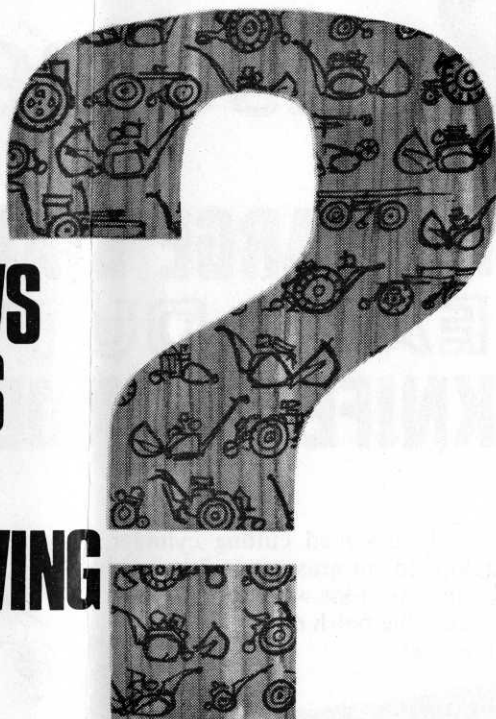


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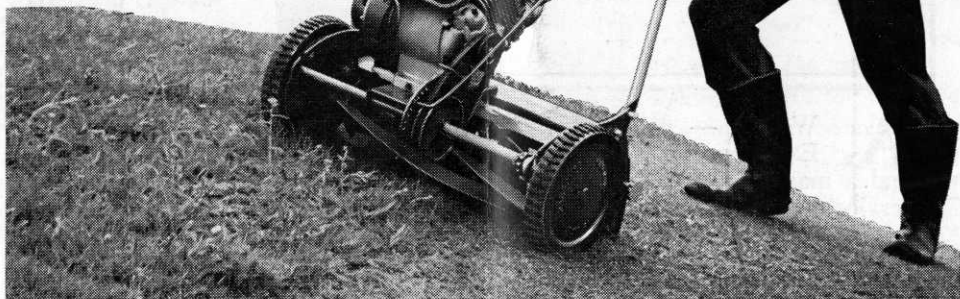
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