

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED

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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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.

SITUATIONS VACANT

BROCTON HALL GOLF CLUB, require experienced Greenkeeper, capable of managing groundstaff. Apply to Secretary, Brocton, Stafford, giving full particulars.

HESWELL GOLF CLUB, require a Head Greenkeeper. Wages—£20 per week, consideration given to the post being pensionable. Applications in writing giving previous experience and date available to the Secretary, Cottage Lane, Heswell, Cheshire.

WANTED IMMEDIATELY SECOND GREENKEEPER for Henley-on-Thames Golf Club. Age about 35. New accommodation provided. References. Apply in writing.

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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,

Change of Title and Address

The lease of our premises expires at the end of March, and as our director Mr. S. H. George, who has been connected with this business for many years has decided to retire from his active interest in the firm, it has been agreed to merge the business with that of our Associate Company, Messrs. Maxwell M. Hart (London) Limited.

On and from 1st April 1965 all communications should be addressed as follows:—

Messrs. Maxwell M. Hart (London) Ltd.
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WOKINGHAM, BERKS.

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This merger will provide a fuller service to customers as in addition to the usual stocks of Keep's fertilisers, turf dressings, etc., there will be available a complete range of turf maintenance and sports equipment, also that of constructional work in connection with greens, tennis courts, sports grounds, etc., and the relaying of same. We think the amalgamation will be beneficial to customers by such a specialised service, and this should help combat the ever rising cost of commodities and overhead expenses.

We take this opportunity of thanking all our customer friends for their past patronage, and assure them that the same personal attention and service will be maintained.

Yours faithfully,

For Frank Keep (1958) Ltd.

R. M. STEWART.