

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
(Romford)

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:
J. SIMPSON
(Ponteland G.C.)

Hon. Secretary:
Arcot Hall Cottage
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.

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.

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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.

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