

News



from the Sections

SHEFFIELD

By J. J. Dearlove

Hon. Secretary:
63 Langsett Avenue
Sheffield, 6

Chairman:
G. HERRINGTON
(Lindrick)

Hallowes G.C. Meeting

OUR FIRST GOLFING EVENT TOOK place at the Hallowes Golf Club on Tuesday, the 1st June. This event is organised by the Sheffield Union of Golf Clubs for its greenkeepers and arranged so that each greenkeeper is partnered by an officer or a member of a golf club.

More than 50 people teed off on the warmest day for some time in these parts.

The course was in marvellous condition and a great credit to Jack Baxby and his very young staff. This was the general opinion and suitable congratulations were extended.

The outright winner by a large margin was Des Thomson, the ex-Sheffield United goalkeeper, with a score of 5 up on Bogey.

Des is a newcomer to the greenkeeping ranks and not yet a member of our Association. He hopes to put this in order in the very near future.

There were 4 players on a score of 2 up and they shared the remainder of the prize money—B. Crookes, H. Tanfield, A. Spencer and J. Waddoups.

Appropriate thanks were voiced after an excellent meal, but I think a special thank you is warranted for the hard work of Mr Wilkinson, the S.U.G.C. secretary, and to Mr Eborall, a union executive, for his timely help, also to the many golf club officials for their most welcome support.

Annual Match

The Annual Tournament of this section will be held at the Hallamshire G.C. on

Tuesday, the 27th July. The tournament is of two rounds stroke play and will commence at about 9.30 a.m.

Any member wishing to play in this event and not having a handicap should let me have three cards of recent rounds played.

NORTHERN

By J. Parker

Chairman:
S. BAILES

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

Headquarters Sweep

MEMBERS ARE REMINDED THAT all counterfoils and moneys for the Association's Sweep should be returned to me not later than Monday, 26th July.

Visit to S.T.R.I.

Thirty-five members of the section visited the Sports Turf Research Institute at Bingley on the afternoon of Wednesday, 2nd June. After a look round the Permanent Implement Exhibition the party was split into two groups and conducted round the experimental grounds by Mr W. Barile and Mr H. Lidgate. Members were able to see the whole range of work in progress including many new grass variety and fertiliser trials. The new "hovercraft" type of mower created a great deal of interest. A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr S. Bailes (Chairman) to which Mr J. Escritt, Director of the Station, replied.

Annual General Meeting

This was held following tea after the visit to the S.T.R.I., in the Mansion at St Ives, Bingley, on Wednesday, 2nd June. Twenty-seven members attended, a slight improvement on previous years. In presenting his report the Hon. Secretary and Treasurer was able to show once again that the section was on a reasonably sound footing. The following were elected as officials for the coming year:—Mr W. Mountain (President), Mr D. Roberts (Chairman), Mr A. Robertshaw (Vice-Chairman), Committee: Messrs S. Bailes, J. Scott, G. Mawson, G. Mason, A. Routledge, G. Garnett and G. Bennison. Hon. Secretary and Treasurer and Section Representative on Executive Committee: J. Parker.

Several matters were discussed and were left with the committee to deal with.

Mr L. Sharp

After fifty years of greenkeeping Mr L. Sharp retired at the end of May. Lawrence (as he is so well known by) was Head Greenkeeper to Woodhall Hills Golf Club and formerly of West Bowling. A most popular member and staunch supporter of the section he was elected enthusiastically an Hon. Vice-President of the section at the Annual General Meeting. I'm sure all members will join me in wishing him a long and happy retirement.

Tournament Prize Fund

I have pleasure in acknowledging donations from Messrs Pressure Jet Markers and Sisis Ltd., to our Tournament Prize Fund.

NORTH-WEST

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

By H. M. Walsh
Hon. Secretary:
78 Hadfield Street,
Oldham, Lancs.

New Appointment

IT IS WITH REGRET I HAVE TO inform members of the Section that V. Crabtree has had to give up the position of Hon. Secretary, owing to his taking up an appointment as greenkeeper-pro at Dereham Golf Club, Norfolk. On your behalf I would like to wish him every success in his new club and at the same time hope for myself a measure of success as your Hon. Secretary.

Subscriptions

I would like to remind members that subscriptions are now due and should be forwarded to the Hon. Treasurer as soon as possible.

Annual Draw

All counterfoils, moneys and unsold tickets for draw to be returned to me not later than 26th July.

Open

If any member wishing to go to the Open Championship at Royal Birkdale contacts Mr Dix, B.G.G.A. Hon. Secretary, at Headquarters he will try to obtain the necessary tickets for them.

SOUTHERN

Chairman:
W. E. MOORE
(Romford)

By W. Mason
Hon. Secretary:
18 Albert Road, Hendon, N.W.4
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AT OUR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING on the 9th June the chair was taken by our Vice-President, D. M. Craig, in the absence of our President, Mr Wallis Arthur. Before the Minutes of the last meeting were read, Mr Craig asked that we should stand in silence for one minute as a mark of respect for two of our Section members who have passed away. They were H. C. Neale of Pinner Hill Golf Club and T. Chamberlain of Highgate Golf Club.

The Minutes were then read by the Secretary, proposed by C. A. Moore, seconded by D. Kirkpatrick and passed. All present had a copy of the balance sheet which was proposed by E. Folkes, seconded by S. Morton, and passed. G. Rennie proposed and W. E. Moore seconded that Mr Wallis Arthur be re-elected for President. This was carried. A new Vice-President was proposed by W. E. Moore, seconded by G. K. Glass and carried. His name is C. A. Diebel of "Waverley", Heath Close, Gidea



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Park, Romford. All other Vice-Presidents were re-elected en bloc. The re-election as Chairman of W. E. Moore was proposed by G. K. Glass seconded by F. Dulake and carried. Mr Glass was re-elected Vice-Chairman on the proposal of G. Kirkpatrick, seconded by G. Rennie. Mr Dulake proposed and C. A. Moore seconded that W. Mason be re-elected Secretary and Treasurer, which was carried. F. Ford was re-elected Assistant Secretary, proposed by H. C. Dixon and seconded by J. Kirkpatrick. The member of the Executive Committee, E. Folkes, was re-elected on the proposal of Mr Noakes, seconded by Mr Dulake. There being no other nominations for the Committee, they were re-elected en bloc.

The meeting decided that the Spring Tournament should be 27 holes, 18 in the morning and 9 in the afternoon. It was also decided that in future all meetings held previous to lectures would commence earlier, so that the lecture could start at the time announced in the Journal.

W. E. Moore told the meeting that the Section had been invited by the North Middlesex Golf Club to hold their dinner there and suggested that those who would like a round of golf before would be welcome to do so.

A hearty vote of thanks was given to Mr Craig and the meeting closed.

There are still quite a few members who have not sent in their subscriptions despite my appeal in the May Journal.

We welcome to the Section two new members: A. Curtis, 27 Kings Way, Lyme

Regis, Dorset and R. Adam, "Delyn", Sandown Road, Danbury Common, Chelmsford, Essex.

MIDLAND

By F. Cashmore

Chairman:
G. HART
(Gay Hill)

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

WHEN I RETURNED FROM HOLIDAY the first letter I opened was from Mr Cooke, Chairman of Greens at Little Aston, to inform me that Bert Jones, the Head Greenkeeper, had passed away on 26th May. It was a shock to me personally as we were school pals and until two years ago he was my next door neighbour. We were also the same age to the day. I regretted very much that I was away on holiday and unable to pay my last respects and at the same time represent the Association. I have written to his niece with whom he lived, expressing our deepest sympathy. The Little Aston Golf Club was fully represented, both by Ladies and Men, which shows the respect and appreciation in which Bert was held. His experience will be sadly missed.

WELSH

By S. A. Tucker

Chairman:
M. GEDDES
(Royal Porthcawl)

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

Summer Meeting

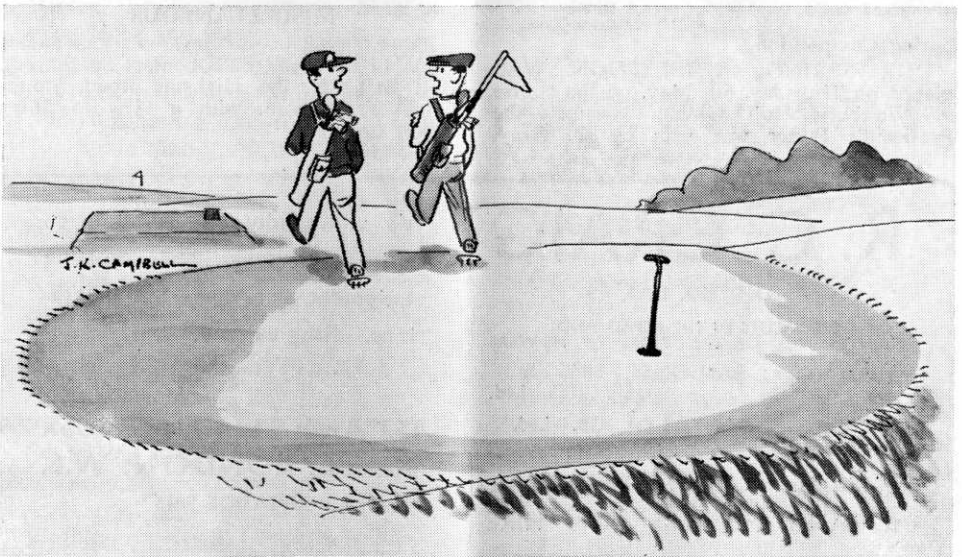
OUR ANNUAL SUMMER MEETING was held on 1st June at Southerdown Golf Club by kind permission of the Captain and Committee. Many thanks to them for their kindness in more ways than one and to the inside and outside staff for the pleasant day

in lovely weather. We were without our Chairman Mr M. Geddes who unfortunately had to go to hospital for observation. We all wish him well and a speedy recovery, we had our usual 18 holes of golf before the Annual General Meeting, the course being in very good shape and the lovely weather made things very pleasant to all. Our attendance was about 75 per cent and there were some very good golf scores returned. In the absence of our Chairman and President, Mr Southgate, one of our V.P.'s of Ransomes, Sims and Jefferies took the chair and we owe him many thanks for his help to the section.

The following were the prize winners:— Mr John Duncan Cup with Ransomes Tankard was won by B. Oliver on last nine holes with a net 71; 1st Prize, John O'Gorman Cup and Canteen Cutlery, Senior division scratch to 18 handicap, was won by A. Price with 71 net; 2nd (Windcheater) D. Jones, 71 net; 3rd (Two pairs of socks) D. Lord, 76 net; 2nd, division 19 to 24 handicap: 1st (Birdie Cup and Ronson lighter given by Messrs Pattison) A. Sharples, 72 net; 2nd (Clock) T. Finch, 73 net; 3rd (Silver Pencil given by May & Baker) H. Fry, Snr.; Highest gross score (Ash Tray) D. Kenealy.

Annual General Meeting

As mentioned, Mr Southgate took the chair for us in the absence of our President and Mr Geddes our Chairman. We had a very successful meeting, Mr Ivor G. Nicholls was re-elected our President and we all thank him for his help and guidance in the past year. Our Chairman and Treasurer Mr Geddes was also re-elected and yours truly S. A. Tucker as Secretary. I would like to thank all the Trades People and Clubs for their help in making our meetings so success-



ful, my Chairman and Committee for the great interest they always show and last but not least all the members for their co-operation in correspondence etc. It makes our work so much easier with everyone doing his bit (many hands make light work).

After the Annual General Meeting had closed our Vice-Chairman, Mr D. G. Lord, and I were called into the Secretaries Meeting to discuss a wages scale for all the Head Greenkeepers and their staff. It was a most pleasant talk and Mr Lord and myself think that a lot will be done about it, to the benefit of all concerned.

Annual Draw

By the time you read these notes I hope you will have sold all the tickets I sent you. Please make the effort as it is a great advantage to the association and section. All unsold tickets, counterfoils and money should be returned to me not later than 3rd August, so that I can have a little time in getting them off to Headquarters in time for the draw. Please send earlier if possible. I have a few books left if required.

Annual General Meeting — P.S.

All members stood for a minute's silence for absent friends, Mr John O'Gorman, Mr E. G. Sharrett, also one of our V.P.s, Mr D. H. Rees, I am pleased to say that Mr Rees' son E. L. Rees has kindly consented to carry on his father's name. We were all sorry to hear about our good member Mr T. E. Lloyd's loss in the passing of his wife, we wish him all the best of luck for the future.

NORTH-EAST

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

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

Spring Competition

OUR SPRING COMPETITION WAS played on Thursday, 6th May, on the course of Whitburn Golf Club. Results—the President's Putter was won by D. Gray,

Newcastle United Golf Club—66; 2nd, D. Hogg—70; 3rd, R. Derham—73. Congratulations to D. Gray who also broke the record of the course.

Our President, Mr L. A. Jones, presented the Putter and congratulated Mr Gray on winning it for the second time.

Other prizes were presented by Mr G. B. Thomson, Captain of the Whitburn Golf Club, who said how pleased he was to welcome members of the Greenkeepers Association, and would be pleased to have us back again.

Our Chairman, Mr J. Simpson, thanked the Committee of Whitburn Golf Club for allowing us the use of the course, and Mr Robb and Mr R. Nicholson for kindly donating prizes. He also thanked the Steward and Stewardess for a very enjoyable meal.

He also congratulated R. Robb, Head Greenkeeper, on the fine condition of the course, this was heartily endorsed by all.

Again our thanks to Mr Beveridge of Ransomes, Sims & Jefferies Ltd., and Mr L. Lowery for attending to the cards.

New Members

We welcome to the section the following new members:—C. Harrison, D. Snowdon and T. W. MacCue, we look forward to them joining in our many activities.

Self-Portrait

My brain says to my body:

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