

# News



from the Sections

## SHEFFIELD

*Chairman:*  
G. HERRINGTON  
(Lindrick)

*By J. J. Dearlove*  
*Hon. Secretary:*  
63 Langsett Avenue  
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### A.G.M.

THE 20TH ANNUAL GENERAL Meeting was held at the Brunswick Hotel, Sheffield, on the 29th April.

On conclusion of the meeting, the 20 members present were invited to drink with the President during his absence.

All officials were re-elected plus the addition to the Committee of A. Spencer and A. Goldthorpe.

### Fixtures

Provisional fixtures for our golfing season are as follows: President's Prize at the Thrybergh Golf Club, Rotherham, on Tuesday, 29th June, 2 p.m. Annual Tournament at the Hallamshire Golf Club on Tuesday, 20th July.

### New Members

A warm welcome to the section to two new members. D. Barker, a keen golfer, has joined the Lees Hall team and J. Mardlin has joined Percy Booker at Abbeydale.

## NORTHERN

*Chairman:*  
S. BAILES

*By J. Parker*  
*Hon. Secretary:*  
8 Golt Stock Terr., Harden  
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### Spring Tournament

THE ANNUAL SPRING TOURNAMENT of the section was played over the course of the Shipley Golf Club on Thursday, 6th May (by courtesy of the Committee of the Club).

Thirty-six members took part. Unfortunately, after a fine start to the day, the weather deteriorated and the afternoon round was played in steady rain.

Following tea the prizes were presented by Mr Barry Rhodes, Captain of the Club. A vote of thanks was proposed by our President, Mr W. Mountain and seconded by the Chairman Mr S. Bailes. I am sure all members were grateful to all members of the club staff whose work and help contributed to a most enjoyable day out.

Results: Scratch Prize—M. Brown (Northcliffe) 165; 1st Division: 1st—E. Paley (Stand) 154; 2nd—D. Copeland (St Ives) 156; 3rd—K. Driver (Serlby Park) 158; 2nd Division: 1st—A. Robertshaw (Otley) 149; 2nd—H. Marshall (Cleckheaton) 152; 3rd—C. Moore (Northcliffe) 152. Veterans' Prize—L. Sharp (Woodhall Hills) 82. Vice-President's: 1st—A. Brophy (Sandmoor) 150; 2nd—A. Kirk (Horsforth) 150.

Our thanks are due to the following who so kindly contributed to our Prize Fund: Ransomes, Sims & Jefferies, Stewart & Co., Anderton-Richardson Fertilisers, Lunevale Products, Fisons, T. Green & Son, E. G. Jepson & Co., H. Pattison & Co., Woodheads Seeds, Stephen Toulson & Son, Rigby Taylor Ltd. and W. Mountain & Son Ltd.

### New Members

We are pleased to welcome to the section the following new members: P. Carter of Cobble Hall and G. Creasey of Fulford Golf Club.

## NORTH-WEST

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

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

### Spring Tournament and A.G.M.

OUR SPRING TOURNAMENT WAS held at Wilmslow Golf Club on Tuesday, 4th May 1965, we are deeply grateful and do most sincerely thank the Captain and Council for the courtesy of this very fine course and clubhouse facilities. Our thanks are due also to Mr T. Brennan and his staff for the excellent condition of the course, to the Steward and Stewardess and their staff for two most enjoyable meals and to Mr F. Taggart, the Club Professional, for the use of the caddy cars and the prize he gave to swell our list. We played nine holes in the morning and nine holes in the afternoon, this arrangement was most satisfactory as it gave ample time to prepare for the presentation in the early evening and allowed everyone time to enjoy their evening meal. The Annual General Meeting got under way in good time.

The weather in the morning was a real soaker but was more kind in the afternoon, in fact, really pleasant. The outstanding achievement of the day was the card handed in by our old friend Mr W. Bridges to claim the double of Scratch and Best Net prizes with the magnificent score, 69 less

handicap of 1 and net 68. Our prize list consisted of donations and prizes presented by:—

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These were won by: Scratch and Best Net — W. Bridges, 69—1—68; 2nd Net — A. Warhurst, 89—17—72; 3rd Net — O. P. Jones, 93—20—73; 4th Net — E. W. Taylor, 82—9—73; 5th Net — G. W. Davey, 80—7—73; 6th Net — E. Macavoy, 81—3—78; 7th Net — A. J. Cundall, 89—11—78; 8th Net — F. Walstead, 95—16—79.

In the afternoon our hon. members and visitors played an 18-hole competition, this was won by M. Nuttall with a return of 80—5—75, and a bottle of Whisky presented by the Section. We were very ably assisted, nay! almost organised by Mr W. Greaves, Mr N. D. Barlow and Mr J. Wilcock, who spent all day collecting cash and reckoning cards and scores, a personal thank you to these three gentlemen, who make it possible for me to play at all. The prizes were presented by the Captain who was introduced by our Chairman, Mr D. Pate.

The Annual General Meeting followed the presentation of the prizes, this was held in the Ladies' Lounge. The meeting opened with Mr D. Pate in the chair, there was one apology for absence from Mr B. Ellis who was ill (we hope you are soon back to your normal health Ben).

The Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting were read and confirmed, the Treasurer gave his report, which showed a fairly healthy balance and how this had occurred. The Chairman gave his report and explained to members a Committee decision to present W. F. Payne with a silver candelabra as a token of our esteem and appreciation of his services to us. He thanked the Officers and Committee for their wholehearted support during the past

12 months. The Secretary gave his report, thanking Romiley Golf Club and the Ashton & Lea Golf Club for their hospitality during the year when we held our Spring and Autumn Tournaments.

A full explanation was given of the difficulties that had arisen during the winter season regarding the lectures, when one had to be cancelled. Generally speaking the attendances at lectures was good, this was very encouraging. Though the summer trip to S.T.R.I. was disappointing as regards numbers, the section is gradually moving from strength to strength, our membership now being 89 with 2 attached from Northern Ireland and 26 Hon. Members, Vice-Presidents, Life Members and President, totalling 117. This figure as usual differs slightly from that presented by our Treasurer in his report, he only counts as members those with paid up subscriptions. The difference occurs because there is a two-year period of arrears before expulsion from the Association, so if perchance you happen to be in arrears, please send your subscriptions to date to the Treasurer, E. Macavoy, 21 White Meadow Drive, Thornton, Liverpool, or myself. Members in arrears are not entitled to receive the Journal or S.T.R.I. Report and these will be cancelled from the list in the near future. My thanks for the support of the President, Officers and Committee, who have worked diligently and efficiently throughout the past year.

The election of Officers were as nominated, with the exception of Committee with eight nominations for six places voting took place, with the result that two members were replaced, the Committee and Officials now being: President — Mr W. Kinsey; Chairman — Mr D. Pate; Vice-Chairman — Mr W. Burgess; Treasurer — Mr E. Macavoy; Secretary — Mr V. Crabtree; Committee — Messrs W. Bridges, H. Needham, H. M. Walsh, T. Brennan, W. Earnshaw and O. P. Jones, this shows a very healthy interest having to vote to elect members. Our warmest thanks were expressed to H. Smith and G. V. Davey for their services as Committee members.

It was resolved on the recommendation of the Committee Messrs Qualcast Ltd., of Derby be approached for our trip this year,

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to take place late October—further news of this will be printed in the Journal.

There were three resolutions accepted for forwarding to the National Executive for inclusion in the Agenda of the National A.G.M.

W. Bridges invited us to Wallasey Golf Club for our next Spring Tournament, this has to be confirmed.

In any other business it was suggested that our Spring Meeting be 18 holes, 9 in the morning and 9 in the afternoon, this was accepted, thus ensuring that the A.G.M. could be held early, allowing members with a long way to travel to get away at a reasonable hour.

#### New Members

We welcome as members the following gentlemen, hoping that their association with us will be long and enjoyable.

Mr Raymond L. Jones (Bury Golf Club), Mr K. Gardner (Ashton & Lea Golf Club), Mr A. Gibson (Reddish Vale Golf Club), Mr P. P. Barnes (Ashton-under-Lyne Golf Club), Mr P. Ryan (Romily Golf Club), Mr A. Johnson (Romily Golf Club).

#### Hon. Members

Mr J. McAndie Robertson, B. Metcalf, J. A. B. Castell.

#### Transferred to Southern Section

R. Gibson (Hartsbourne Country Club) although his membership with the North West was very short, we wish him every success with his new Club.

## MIDLAND

#### Chairman:

G. HART  
(Gay Hill)

#### By F. Cashmore

#### Hon. Secretary:

76 Four Oaks Common Road  
Sutton Coldfield, Warwickshire

#### Subscriptions

MAY I REMIND MEMBERS THAT subscriptions for 1965-66 are now due. Head Greenkeepers 30s.; 1st Assistants 20s.; and Associate Members 15s. Please get them paid as soon as possible.

#### President's Match

I got quite a lot of names at Gay Hill Golf Club for the match at Handsworth on Tuesday, 22nd June, and I hope you will be able to take part. Please let me know by the 16th if you cannot.

#### Annual Dinner

The date of the Annual Dinner at the King's Head Hotel, Bearwood, has been fixed for 29th October. Please make a note of the date and while on the subject, I am sure all who have attended will be very sorry to hear that Mrs Mason, who for many years has run our raffle for us, is very ill. All we can do is send her our sincere sympathy.

#### Spring Tournament

The weather was not too bad for our match at Gay Hill. We had 21 entries from members, and 15 visitors joined us in the afternoon. The prize-winners were: Best Net—Ransomes Challenge Cup, Tankard and



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Bottle Whisky, G. Woodward 145; Best Gross—Sutton Challenge Cup and Electric Kettle, E. Benbow 159; 2nd Net—Electric Toaster, E. Walford 149; 3rd Net—Spring Balance, A. Boraston 153; 4th Net—Carpet Sweeper, D. Brazier 153; 5th Net—Holdall, I. Jones 154; 6th Net—Six 65's, V. Smith 154; 7th Net—Twelve Forsum Golf Balls, W. Barton 158; 8th Net—Brush and Tie Tidy, J. Grealy 159; 9th Net—Bar Set, W. Handy 159.

Players with 2's on card, a golf ball each, V. Smith, A. Boraston, E. Walford, R. Smith and D. Brazier.

Two visitors tied with 73 net — R. Ramsden and A. Howells, three golf balls each.

The prizes were presented by Mr Denis Hay, Captain of Gay Hill, who said how pleased they were to have us. He hoped that we had been made welcome, and gave us an invitation to come again. Our Chairman, George Hart, thanked the Captain for presenting the prizes, and asked him to thank the Gay Hill Club for allowing us the courtesy of their course and clubhouse. He thanked the stewardess and her staff for the excellent meals she had provided and the kind welcome we had received; he also thanked our friend Mr Bill Payne for coming and doing his usual chores, and I am glad to say that although Mr Payne is moving down to the South West we still come into his territory, so we are not losing him.

We thank the following donors towards our prizes: Ransomes Ltd., Sutton & Sons, W. Hargreaves Ltd., Fisons Ltd., Parker &

Ballinger Ltd., Cannock Agricultural Ltd., Carters Ltd., E.T.B. Mowers Services, Sparkbrook Golf Ball Co., F. W. Lees & Sons, Tudor Mower Services, Mr J. V. Harrison, Mr L. Wheeler and Mr Carl Bretherton.

#### New Member

We welcome a new member from the Habberley Golf Club, J. Grealy, Class B.

## SOUTHERN

By W. Mason

Chairman: W. E. MOORE (Romford)  
 Hon Secretary: 18 Albert Road, Hendon, N.W.4.  
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#### Spring Tournament

THE BEST MORNING ROUND WITH A net score of 68 went to S. Morton, best afternoon to A. Fordham, who also returned the best 36 holes best net with a total 142, 2nd E. Stillwell 143, 3rd H. Emery 143, 4th D. Neville 144, 5th D. Major 146, 6th R. Plain 148, 7th W. Kingston 148, 8th J. Kirkpatrick 149 gross, who also took the scratch prize. G. Payne 151, J. Noakes 153, A. Chappell 153, J. Rennie 153, C. A. Moore and J. Ness 154. I would like to thank all the firms who so kindly contributed towards our prize list, also the Captain of the Ealing Golf Club who, in addition to presenting the prizes, gave two shirts which by the way were given to the 1st year competitors, namely, 1st P. Ainsworth gross score 179 and C. Maule gross score 197. One and all enjoyed the very warm welcome given, we found the course in very good condition, the catering and weather excellent. The Hawtree Challenge Cup with tankard was won by J. Rennie of Wanstead.

#### New Members

We welcome as members A. Curtis and L. Woodridge.

## EAST MIDLAND

(Derby G.C.)  
 Chairman:  
 F. FROST

By S. Fretter

Hon. Secretary:  
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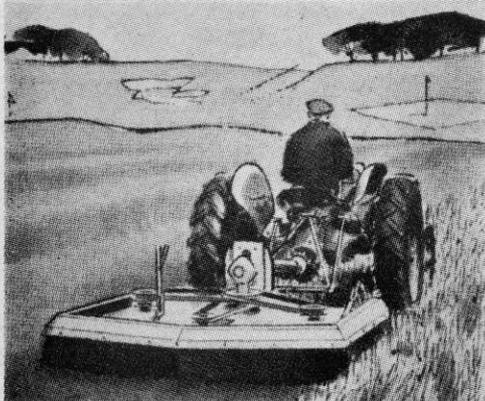
#### Annual Spring Tournament

THE WARMEST SUNNIEST DAY this year had to be Wednesday, 12th May. This was the day the East Midland Section chose to hold the Spring Tournament at the Northamptonshire County Golf Club.

Leading scorer and prize winners were— Nett scores—1st S. T. McNeice, Leics., 68; 2nd J. Carrick, Northants., 76; 3rd G. S. Dunkley, Northants., 78; 4th R. W. Willars, Leics., 78; 5th D. G. Whitehead, Wollaton Pk., 79; 6th A. Thornton, Wollaton Pk., 81; 7th D. Bull, Bulwell Hall, 82; 8th D. Warrington, Birstall, 82; 9th F. Frost, Derby Mun., 83; 10th B. F. Mott, Kingsthorpe, 84. Ties were decided on last 9 holes.

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section returned scores of 76, under section Rules of Ties being decided on last 9 holes, the eventual winners were 1st W. Freeman, Kirby Muxloe 76, and 2nd J. Holmes, Chilwell Manor 76.

Mr W. H. Orbell, Captain of Northants. County Golf Club, very kindly presented the prizes. In his remarks Mr Orbell paid tribute to the Greenkeepers and their staffs. Mr F. Frost, Section Chairman, thanked the Captain for presenting the prizes and asked him to convey our sincere thanks to the Committee of the Club for their kindness in granting the Section the courtesy of the course, to Joe Carrick and his staff for the splendid condition of the course, to all who had generously donated the prizes and to Mr G. Vaughan and Mr T. Woods of Messrs Ransomes, Sims & Jefferies, who took over to deal with all the cards and working out the prize list.

We are indebted to the following, who contributed to our prize fund—R. C. Ainscow, W. M. Youngs, Stan Long, Ransomes, Sims & Jefferies Ltd., H. Pattesson & Son Ltd., Rigby & Taylor Ltd., Thomas Green & Son, Bayles & Wylie Ltd., Stewarts of Nottingham Ltd., Sandcliffe Garage Ltd., and Leicester Horticultural Eng. Co. Ltd.

#### S. T. McNiece Writes

After Mr Frost had expressed his thanks all round, he called on S. Fretter, Hon. Sec., to say a few words—much to my surprise he

announced that a presentation was to be made to me on retiring from office as Hon. Sec. I was then, on behalf of the Section President, R. C. Ainscow, who was unable to attend, presented with a statuette of a golfer combined with a cigarette lighter. Before I had time to admire this wonderful present Mr Fretter said it was now the turn of the Section. I then received a wallet and a cheque, which was contributed by the members of the Section. I was at the time so taken aback and surprised that I offered only a feeble thanks. So may I once again say to one and all—thank you very much for your kind gesture. I appreciate it very much. 12th May is a day I shall always remember.

#### Honorary Life Member

I have much pleasure to announce that Mr Frank Oliver of Bulwell Hall has reached the retiring age of 65 and, having been a member of the Section since its formation, becomes a Honorary Member of the Association. We wish Frank a long and happy retirement.

#### New Members

We have much pleasure in welcoming to the Section C. G. Yates of Cosby Golf Club, P. C. Rodwell and M. Dix. We hope we shall have the pleasure of their company in the near future.