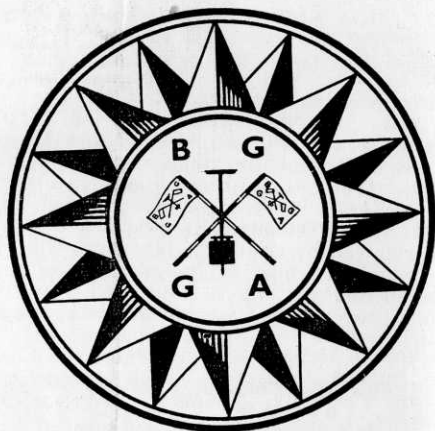


News



from the Sections

EAST MIDLAND

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

By S. T. McNeice
Hon Secretary:
40 Edward Road
Clarendon Park, Leicester

Section Tournaments

THE FOLLOWING ARRANGEMENTS have been made for the section's 1965 tournaments. Spring — the annual Spring Tournament will be held at the Northamptonshire Country Golf Club, Chapel Brampton, on Wednesday, 12th May — an 18-hole medal event. Autumn — the annual Autumn Tournament will be held at the Birstall Golf Club, Leicester, on Wednesday, 29th September — this will be 18-hole bogey. Further details will appear in the Journal in due course.

SOUTHERN

Chairman:
W. E. MOORE
(Romford)

By W. Mason
Hon Secretary:
18 Albert Road, Hendon, N.W.4.
Tel.: SUNnyhill 0245

Lecture

OUR FEBRUARY LECTURE GIVEN by Mr. Barlow of Messrs. F. W. Berk & Co. Ltd., on the various kinds of mosses and their control, was very well attended and proved very interesting with a number of questions being asked and answered.

Future Lecture

As stated in the February Journal our last

lecture will be in the form of a Quiz, with the usual Quiz Master Mr. J. K. Glass in the chair. Bring along your problems for all to be debated.

Dinner Tickets

I now have Dinner tickets available and will be pleased to send along on application.

New Members

We have pleasure in welcoming Mr. Adam Stenhouse, who has come down from Scotland to take over at Hendon and Mr. J. W. Wilson, Head Greenkeeper to the Canterbury Golf Club.

NORTHERN

Chairman:
S. BAILES

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

March Lecture

THIS WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, 22nd March at the Market Tavern, Godwin Street, Bradford, at 7.15 p.m. The speaker will be Mr. F. W. Hawtree, the Hon-Editor of our Journal and well-known Golf Course Architect. I am sure that all who heard the speaker's previous talk to the section, will agree that this is an occasion which should not be missed.

Grand National Sweep

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date for the return of counterfoils and moneys is 14th March. It will be appreciated if some mark as to who has sent them is enclosed.

Sheffield Match

The Annual Match versus Sheffield Section will be played over the course of the Scarcroft Golf Club, Leeds, on Tuesday, 14th September (by kind permission of the committee).

January Lecture

This was held on Tuesday, 19th January, at the Queen's Head, Bingley, when 30 members attended. The speaker was Mr. E. M. Baylis, N.D.A. of T.S.T.R.I., who took as his subject "Casebook". In this the speaker dealt with situations he had come across during the course of his advisory visits. He outlined the conditions met and the work done to improve the turf. Members found the cases taken most interesting. A lively question and discussion period followed in which the speaker very ably held his own.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. D. Roberts (Vice-Chairman) seconded by Mr. A. Robertshaw.

New Members

We welcome to the section the following new members: S. Akers (Northcliffe Golf Club) and P. Hunt (South Leeds Golf Club).

MIDLAND

By F. Cashmore

Chairman:
G. HART
(Gay Hill)

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

Spring Tournament

WE THANK THE COMMITTEE OF the Gay Hill Golf Club who have kindly granted us the courtesy of their course for our Spring Tournament, on Thursday, 6th May.

President's Match

Mr. Bretherton has given me the date for his match at Handsworth, Greenkeepers versus President's Team, it is Tuesday, 22nd June. Please let us have a good attendance of Greenkeepers on this occasion.

Congratulations

At the Dinner of the Sutton Coldfield Golf Club, Jack Toy was presented with a cheque for quite a substantial amount in recognition of his services to the club as Head Greenkeeper. He retired last year after spending all his working life on the Sutton Coldfield Golf Course, but is still keeping an eye on things.

New Members

We welcome to the section the following new members from Coventry Hearsall Golf Club, G. E. Twigger and P. W. Clayton, and hope they will join in our activities.

WELSH

By S. A. Tucker

Chairman:
M. GEDDES
(Royal Porthcawl)

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

Spring Meeting

THE SPRING MEETING OF THE Welsh section will be held at the Dinas Powis Golf Club on Wednesday, 7th April 1965. Will all members wishing to attend let me know as soon as possible but not later than Thursday, 1st April, so that catering can be arranged. Note, this will be your only warning as the meeting will be over before you receive your April Journal. Come early so that we can get proceedings under way.

NORTH-WEST

By V. Crabtree

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

Hon. Secretary:
223 Market Street
Whitworth, Nr. Rochdale

Lecture

THE LECTURE OF 15TH FEBRUARY given by Mr. Shepherd of Messrs. H. Pattisson & Co. Ltd., was a continuation of the success of the one given in December. It is indeed gratifying to have members come along in such numbers.

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Mr. Shepherd spoke on "Aeration" and its benefit in alleviating compaction from the excessive usage of golf courses in this golfing era. He also spoke on the subject of mole draining and its effects and advantages in the relief of storm water conditions, a really interesting lecture, and our best thanks are extended to Mr. Shepherd for his so able presentation.

March Lecture

Our March Lecture will be held at the Garrick Hotel, Fountain Street, Manchester, at 7.30 p.m. on 8th March 1965. The lecturer will be Mr. W. H. Bartle, F.R.H.S., of S.T.R.I. advisory panel, please give us your continued support.

Spring Tournament

Our Spring Tournament will be held at the home course of Tom Brennan, Wilmslow Golf Club, Knolls Green, Knutsford — please watch the April edition for full particulars and Annual General Meeting information.

NORTH-EAST

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

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

Lecture

MR. BAGLEY, SECRETARY OF THE N.A.G. North-East branch, invites members to attend a lecture given by Dr. N. Jackson, S.T.R.I., at the Carlisle Hotel, Westgate Road, Newcastle, Thursday, 18th March, at 7.30 p.m.

Film Show

A film show and refreshments will be given by Ransomes, Sims & Jefferies Ltd., at the Crown Hotel, on the 25th March, 7.30 p.m.

S.T.R.I. Visit

A visit to the S.T.R.I. is proposed in April, the exact date to be given later, for which a bus will be hired, leaving from Newcastle. Will any member wishing to go, please let me know as soon as possible to enable me to make arrangements for meals, etc.

Les Lowery

Members will be pleased to hear that our old friend Les Lowery is out of hospital, we hope it will not be long before he joins us at our meetings once again — he is one of the members who is ever present. I would like to see some of our young members come along to lectures and meetings and not golf competitions only.

New Members

We welcome to the section the following new members: R. Bird, R. E. Pears and A. Richardson.

SHEFFIELD

By J. J. Dearlove
Hon. Secretary:
63 Langsett Avenue
Sheffield, 6

Chairman:
G. HERRINGTON
(Lindrick)

Meeting

OUR FIRST MEETING OF 1965 WAS a talk given by Mr. A. A. Wager representing the Lincolnshire firm of Lindsey and Kesteven Fertilisers Ltd.

Mr. Wager was welcomed by our president, Mr. A. Shardlow, and requested members to refrain from nipping out for drinks during the lecture as this was disturbing to the talker and to others present.

The attendance of about 26 was very encouraging considering the bad weather and difficult travelling conditions.

Using a new approach to the question of fertilisation, Mr. Wager started at the very base of the problem by telling us how some of it is wasted — 60,000 tons going into the rivers and the sea each year via land drains, etc., and how it is returned either by nature (animals, birds, atmosphere or sometimes in our case by grass cuttings), as this is not sufficient for modern requirements, about 1½ to 2 million tons of phosphate rock is added to the soil each year. Also that about 80 per cent of the nitrogen required is supplied by the atmosphere and the 30 to 40 trace elements are usually available in the soil.

Everyone agreed it was very interesting and hope that Mr. Wager will return in the near future to give a follow up on this talk.

Thanking Mr. Wager, our president, Mr. Shardlow, added that he found from his personal experience, it was most helpful to know of the basic factors, which is often considered unnecessary.

Mr. B. Elliott, president of the Sheffield P.G.A., expressed his pleasure to see so many greenkeepers turn out in such bad weather to attend this lecture.

George Herrington closed the meeting with his usual humorous but practical remarks.

Future Lecture

The meeting on the 25th March is by very special request and of very great importance to all members and it is hoped that at least one member of each greens committee, preferably the chairman, will attend. Details are being arranged and will be sent out in good time.

New Address

Our treasurer and competition secretary has now moved to a new permanent address and any correspondence to him should be addressed: R. Whitehead, Esq., 1 Southmoor Avenue, Armthorpe, Doncaster.

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