

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

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#### 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  
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*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.

#### MISCELLANEOUS

PROFESSIONALS AND GREENKEEPERS having stocks of used golf balls contact Sparkbrook Golf Ball Co., 295 Highgate Road, Stoney Lane, Birmingham, with a view to filling export orders.