

News



from the Sections

SHEFFIELD

Chairman:
G. HERRINGTON
(Lindrick)

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

Sheffield v. Northern Section Match

A VERY DISAPPOINTING NUMBER—16—travelled by coach to the Scarcroft Golf Club to compete against the Northern Section for the Slater Trophy. With the help of our President, Mr A. Shardlow, we were only just able to field a team of members.

The Northern Section again won the trophy for a second time with a result of four matches to two. All the games were quite close finishes with four matches decided at the 16th and two at the 17th. Full details of the match will be in the Northern Section notes.

It is fitting to mention the wonderful condition of the course, the excellent meals and the hospitality afforded us by the Scarcroft Golf Club and our neighbouring section members.

We played the usual 9 holes for the Coach Cup on our arrival at Scarcroft and this was won by apprentice greenkeeper John Walker, of Wheatley, with a net score of 33. A very good score indeed for John playing in his first competition.

A big thank you to Mr B. Elliott for meeting the cost of the coach, also to Mr F. Croft for his presence and general help.

Lectures

Are being arranged for the last Thursday of every month—November, January, February, March and April at the Brunswick Hotel, Haymarket, Sheffield.

Bill Lawrence

It is my painful duty to report the death of Mr Bill Lawrence who passed away on the 29th July after a long illness. Bill was a long-serving member and was elected on to the committee back in 1950. I am sorry for the delay of this sad news but have only recently received a letter from Mrs Lawrence to whom I have written expressing the deepest sympathy of this section.

NORTH-EAST

By D. Earsman

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

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

Annual Competition

OUR ANNUAL COMPETITION WAS played over the course of Ravensworth Golf Club on Thursday, 23rd September, by kind permission of their committee.

Results, Scratch Score—D. Gray, Newcastle United Golf Club, 140. The Ransome Cup was won by W. Bleazard, Ravensworth Golf Club, for the best net score, 132. Other prize winners—R. Hinson, Bamburg, 134; T. Green, Ravensworth, 136; A. Gunn, Ravensworth, 136; T. Kirkley, Brancepeth, 136; D. Earsman, Arcot Hall, 137; R. Robb, Whitburn, 138; P. Crombie, Wearside, 139; J. Smith, Morpeth, 143; N. Snailham, South Moor, 144; R. Derham, South Shields, 145; J. Hayes, Northumberland, 146; J. Wroath, Ravensworth, 146; P. Bishop, Seaton Carew, 147.

Our Chairman, Mr J. Simpson, thanked the club for their kindness in allowing us the use of the course and the steward and stewardess for the very enjoyable meals. He then introduced Mr N. Anderson, Captain of the Ravensworth Golf Club, who had kindly consented to present the prizes and say a few words on our behalf.

Our thanks are due to the following members of the trade and golf clubs who so kindly contributed to our prize fund: Ransomes Sims & Jefferies Ltd.; W. Hargreaves & Co. Ltd.; Atco Service Branch; May & Baker Ltd.; Stewart & Co., Edinburgh; J. McKenzie Blakelaw; Garden Mechanisation, Newcastle; W. Lowes, Newcastle; Northumberland Union of Golf Clubs; Northumberland Golf Club; Arcot Hall Golf Club; Ponteland Golf Club; Morpeth Golf Club; Tynemouth Golf Club; Gosforth Golf Club; Alnmouth Golf Club; South Shields Golf Club; Seaton Carew Golf Club; Chester-le-Street Golf Club; Hartlepool Golf Club; Ravensworth Golf Club; Brancepeth Golf Club; also to Messrs. C. N. Storey; A. Harrison and I. T. Johnstone.

We are grateful to Mr Lowery and Mr McKenzie for attending to the cards.

Subscriptions

A few are still outstanding, please send them along to the treasurer as soon as possible.

New Members

We welcome to the section the following new members—C. J. Baxter, Class A, and Bryan Bell, Class C.

NORTHERN

Chairman:
S. BAILES

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

Sheffield Match

THE ANNUAL MATCH VERSUS Sheffield Section was played over the course of the Scarcroft Golf Club, Leeds, on Tuesday, 14th September (by courtesy of the Club Committee).

On an afternoon ideal for golf and on a course in first-class condition players were able to have a most enjoyable break from work.

In the match for the "Slater Trophy" the section was able to retain the trophy by four matches to two.

Results—

- M. Brown and A. Money lost to R. Whitehead and G. Herrington 3 and 2.
- P. Williams and G. Bennison beat A. Goldthorpe and J. Dearlove 2 and 1.
- D. Copland and C. Moore beat A. Shardlow and J. Pickering 2 and 1.
- L. Sharp and A. Robertshaw beat H. Herrington and T. Stringer 3 and 1.
- J. Hannan and E. Paley beat E. Peat and J. Lomas 2 and 1.
- M. Sharp and J. Sharp lost to A. Spencer and J. Walker 3 and 2.

Following a most satisfactory tea Mr A. Shardlow, President of Sheffield Section, introduced the Captain of Scarcroft Golf Club who presented the trophy to Mr Jeff Mawson, who we hope will keep it well polished for the next 12 months. Mr G. Herrington, Chairman of Sheffield Section, proposed a vote of thanks to the club and all members of the staff for their kindness and efforts to give us a memorable afternoon out. This was heartily endorsed by members.

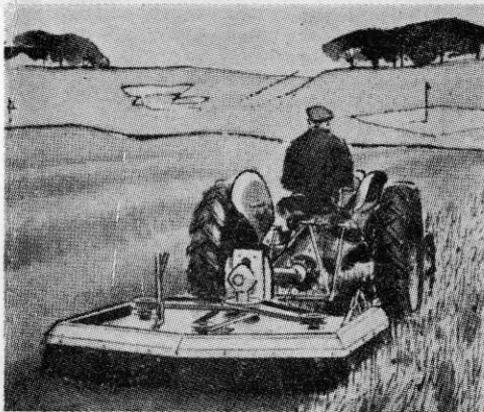
Mr T. Iveson

Members, especially older ones to whom he is more well known, will be sorry to hear that Tom is in Bradford Royal Infirmary undergoing a course of treatment. I'm sure we all hope that he will soon be fully recovered and back home. Before his retirement Tom was for many years head greenkeeper to Bradley Hall Golf Club and a committee member.

New Member

We welcome to the section David Ward, of Scarcroft Golf Club, who will shortly be starting his apprenticeship with the club.

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Chairman:
G. GILBERT,
(Warmminster G.C.)

By A. Cockfield
Hon. Secretary:
(Shamcastle G.C.)

Annual Tournament

OUR ANNUAL TOURNAMENT WAS held by courtesy of the Bristol and Clifton Golf Club on the 22nd September. Playing conditions were perfect, one of those autumn days which begins with an early mist then when the sun breaks through it turns out a glorious sunny day. By far the most enjoyable time of year for golf.

Our President, Mr Southgate, who usually works so hard looking after our score cards and sweep moneys, etc., was unable to be with us, but Mrs Snell, one of our Vice-Presidents, kindly stepped in and did an excellent job for which we are very grateful.

The results were as follows:—

Greenkeepers—

- 1st A. Meaker (14) 147 net.
- 2nd A. Butler (16) 149 net.
- 3rd A. Cockfield (7) 151 net.
- 4th D. Cheetham (18) 156 net.
- 5th S. Frappell (16) 157 net.

Assistant Greenkeepers—

- 1st B. Reeves (4) 148 net.
- 2nd H. Burge (15) 152 net.
- 3rd W. Light (10) 153 net.
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Veterans' Prize, 18 holes, morning round—
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Highest Score, 36 holes—C. West, 208 gross.

The prizes were presented by the club Captain, Mr K. G. Trotman, who was presented to us by our Chairman, Mr Harry Sheppard, who expressed our thanks to all who had helped to make the day such a success.

The Captain in his short speech welcomed members to the club and expressed their pleasure in allowing us the use of the course and clubhouse for the occasion and would be glad to welcome us again at a future date.

Without question this was a very successful day and I am certain the Bristol and Clifton course improves each time we play on it, also the catering—a very important factor. No section could receive better attention than we do at the B. & C. Club. (We haven't visited Knowle Golf Club yet.)

A word of congratulation must also go to four of our senior members, average age well over 65, who not only played the 36 holes but carried away the major share of the prizes. Well done! They are certainly tough in the South-West.

We sincerely thank the various firms and local golf clubs who continue each year to give so generously to our prize fund.

EAST MIDLAND

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

By S. Fretter
Hon. Secretary:
Portland Lodge Farm
Portland Road
Kirby Muxloe, Leicester

Autumn Meeting

OUR ANNUAL AUTUMN MEETING was held at Birstall Golf Club by kind permission of the Captain and committee. Many thanks to them for their kindness, also to the inside and outdoor staff, especially the steward and stewardess.

The weather was not so good as it rained heavily most of the time, affecting the scores returned. Our thanks also to Messrs Ransomes' representative for starting and marking the cards.

We are grateful to the following for the prizes—Lunevale Products; Sutton & Sons; Carters Tested Seeds; H. Pattison & Co.; W. Hargreaves & Co. Ltd.; May & Baker Ltd.; G. E. Bromley Ltd.; S. Long, Esq., Hon. Sec.

The following were the prize winners—
1st D. J. Tolley (24) 7 down (last 9); 2nd R. Willars (22) 7 down (last 9); 3rd S. Fretter (10) 7 down (first 9); 4th F. Frost (8) 8 down; 5th B. Mott (13) 9 down (last 9); 6th D. Bull (7) 9 down (last 9); 7th P. Rodwell (24) 10 down (last 9); 8th D. W. A. Tolley (24) 10 down (last 9); 9th D. Whitehead (24) 11 down (last 9). Vice-President's prize—S. Long (scr.) 4 down. Visitors' prize—H. Newton (18) 1 down.

WELSH

By S. A. Tucker

Chairman:
M. GEDDES
(Royal Porthcawl)

Hon. Secretary:
36 Claise Road
Morrison
Swansea, Glam.

OUR AUTUMN MEETING WAS HELD at the Neath Golf Club by kind permission of the Captain and committee. We had a very nice welcome. In the absence of the Captain Mr Lewis presented the prizes.

We played a 27-hole aggregate medal; 9 holes before and 18 holes after lunch. The morning was nice and dry but after lunch the rain came on and things were not too pleasant. Our grateful thanks to the stewardess, Mrs Jack Rees, who gave up her day off to provide us with two excellent meals. We were very sorry not to see any members from the Glamorganshire Golf Club and hope they will manage to come along to the next meeting. Owing to the very bad weather in the afternoon our scores were not up to standard, but in the circumstances were not too bad.

Results were as follows:—

Scratch to 18 Handicap—1st A. Price (12) 104 net, President's Shield and Bedspread; 2nd J. Rees (9) 106½ net, Windcheater; 3rd D. G. Lord (9) 108½ net, Pair Towels.

19 to 24 Handicap—1st T. Finch (20) 133 net, Blanket; 2nd W. Woodham (22) 154 net, Overtrousers; 3rd D. Kenealy (24), 164 net, Pair Towels.

Retirement

I understand Mr F. V. Southgate, of Messrs Ransomes Sims & Jefferies, is retiring. All members of the section wish him a very long and happy retirement and may I add many thanks for introducing his successor, Mr W. F. Payne; we shall be pleased to see him at our meetings. We would like to thank them for their good work in helping with the cards, etc., for our competition.

MIDLAND

By F. Cashmore

Chairman:
G. HART
(Gay Hill)

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

Autumn Tournament

EARLY IN THE MORNING OF 16th September it seemed that we were going to be unlucky for our tournament at Bloxwich but about ten o'clock it cleared up and we had as nice a day as any we have had this summer. We must congratulate Roy Smith on the condition of the course which was immaculate. The attendance was very poor again with only 18 entries and a dozen entries for our invitation match.

The prize winners were as follows:—

1st (Clayton Cup and Watch) G. Woodward, 108½ net.

2nd (Golf Jacket) J. Grealy, 109 net.

3rd (Putter) D. Brazier, 109½ net.

4th (Lighter) A. Boraston, 114½ net.

5th (Bone China) A. Stephens, 115 net.

6th (Carving Dish) E. Benbow, 115 net.

7th (Silver Pencil) H. Drewitt, 116½ net.

8th (Sandwich Dish) C. Fudge, 117 net.

9th (Bottle Gin) T. Jones, 118½ net.

10th (50 Cigarettes) R. Pugh, 119½ net.

11th (Condiment Set) E. Walford, 120 net.

12th (12 Golf Balls) G. Bunting, 120 net.

13th (Bottle Whisky) V. Smith, 121 net.

Player with 2 on his card—A. Boraston, Golf Ball.

Visitors—1st T. Harold, 4 Golf Balls; 2nd E. Ballinger, 2 Golf Balls.

The prizes were presented by our President, Mr Carl Bretherton, whom we were very pleased to have with us. In the absence of our Chairman, one of our old members, Reg Pugh, proposed a vote of thanks to Mr Bretherton, the Bloxwich Golf Club for granting us the courtesy of their course, Roy Smith for the condition of the course and the professional for the use of his caddy carts. We are grateful to the donors of the grand display of prizes who were—Thomas Clayton Ltd.; Swallow Raincoats Ltd.; British Steel Golf Shafts Ltd.; H. Pattison & Co. Ltd.; C. H. Pugh Ltd.; Rigby Taylor

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By W. Mason

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New Members

WE WELCOME TO THE SECTION THE following new members—S. H. Holden, Mid Herts G.C.; E. Webb, Braxted G.C.; H. M. Stinson, Gillingham G.C.; and C. E. Ryan, Class A.

NORTH-WEST

By H. M. Walsh

Hon. Secretary:

Chairman:
D. PATE 78 Hadfield Street,
(Royal Birkdale G.C.) Oldham, Lancs.

Winter Lecture

THE FIRST OF OUR WINTER lectures was held at the Garrick Hotel, Manchester, on Monday, 11th October. A very interesting and instructive talk was given by Mr Castell of Fisons Ltd., who spoke on the very important subject of "Selective Weedkilling". Afterwards the meeting was thrown open to discussion and some pertinent points were raised and given an airing; all in all an evening well spent.

The next lecture will be on Monday, 8th November, Garrick Hotel, 7.30 p.m. and the speaker will be our old friend Mr Finch, of Maxicrop Ltd., followed on 6th December by Mr Ratcliffe, of Rigby Taylor Ltd.

New Members

We extend a welcome to the following new members, S. Wyatt of Stand Golf Club and N. Houldsworth of Hazel Grove Golf Club.

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