

# News



## from the Sections

### SHEFFIELD

By J. J. Dearlove

Hon. Secretary:  
63 Langsett Avenue  
Sheffield, 6

Chairman:  
G. HERRINGTON  
(Lindrick)

THE FIRST OF TWO EVENTS TO report is the S.U.G.C. competition when 30 greenkeepers were the guests of the Sheffield Union of Golf Clubs at Lindrick Golf Club on Monday, 20th June. Each greenkeeper was partnered by a member of the Sheffield Union in a better ball competition. It was a most interesting meeting in more ways than one and rather a wet one to start off with. Brollies and waterproofs were much in evidence on the first tee but the skies cleared for the latter half of the round. The most encouraging thing was the attendance which could probably be a record for the Section. It was rather a pity that there were not enough people to partner the greenkeepers but I am certain that Mr Wilkinson, Secretary of the S.U.G.C. did his utmost to meet the demand.

Deciding the winners proved a bit of a headache for the officials with three returns of 70 having to be decided on the last nine holes with the final result in the following order S. Inman and Mr Hulley, C. Chappell and Mr Swift, G. Herrington and Mr Butcher

Mr Jack Hulley, President of the Yorkshire Union, presented the prizes and thanked the Club for allowing the use of the course. He also remarked on the attendance as the best he had known for this event.

Mr Wilkinson added his thanks to the Club and Mr Roberts, of Lindrick G.C., replied. Mr G. Herrington, representing the

greenkeepers, thanked Mr Wilkinson and Mr Lomas for their work in running the competition and Mr Hulley for presenting the prizes.

### President's Prize

Twenty-one players teed off to do battle for our President's Prize at the Phoenix G.C., Rotherham, on Tuesday, 27th June.

Mr Shardlow, our President, was unable to be with us owing to the date of the fixture being rearranged. I hope he will accept my apologies for choosing a date that clashed with an outstanding commitment. We do, however, thank him very much for sponsoring this competition and providing the much sought after silver salver. We also thank the committee of the Phoenix Golf Club for the courtesy of the course which was in very good shape. Thanks also to Mr Elliott for contributing to the prizes and honouring us with his presence. Thank you, Mr Len Boyd (Professional) for the prize and the use of the trolleys. Our final thanks to Mr F. Croft for acting as recorder and supporting the event financially.

Making it a double victory for the season, Sam Inman coasted home a clear winner with a good score of 37 points, he carded 20 points for the first nine holes and kept a tight grip on his game to take home this lovely trophy and a voucher for £5. Close on his heels came Cyril Chappell, playing on his own course, with 25 points. Other prize-winner and leading scorers were A. Goldthorpe 32, W. Williamson and R. Whitehead 30, H. Herrington, J. Dearlove and A. Spencer 29, and J. Walker and G. Herrington 28.

### New Members

We welcome to the Section Eric Palmer who recently took over at the Abbeydale Club and his assistant P. Smith. We hope you enjoyed your first competition with us and that you will join us on many more occasions.

### NORTH-WEST

By H. M. Walsh

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

Hon. Secretary:  
78 Hadfield Street,  
Oldham, Lancs.

### In Memoriam

IT IS WITH DEEP REGRET I HAVE to inform members of the passing away of Mr J. Marshall who was Head Greenkeeper at Royal Lytham. Jim, who died suddenly about the end of June, was a very well known and respected member of the Association not only to his friends of the North-West, but to fellow members of the other sections, particularly the Southern, who will probably remember him best for his keenness for the game of golf and the success of our National Tournaments. He

had been a member of the Association for a great number of years and always had the welfare of his fellow members at heart. Jim, who was at Royal Lytham for approximately 18 years was also at Southport and Airdale.

On behalf of all the members I would like to extend our deepest sympathy to the relations of Mr Marshall in their loss.

#### Autumn Tournament

Will all members who intend to take part, please let me know as soon as possible so that I can make suitable catering arrangements. This is really important, especially for the people responsible for the catering.

On behalf of all members I would like to wish Mr Ben Ellis the best of everything on his recovery from a recent operation.

Any member not receiving his journal should let either Mr Dix, the National Secretary, or myself know as soon as possible, when the matter can be rectified.

#### New Members

We extend a most cordial welcome to the following new members and hope they have a long and enjoyable association with the Section. H. Lawler, Bootle Golf Club, Liverpool, D. Macavoy, Royal Birkdale Golf Club, Southport; T W Hamilton, Royal Birkdale Golf Club, Southport.

## NORTH-EAST

By D. Earsman

Hon. Secretary:  
Arcot Hall Cottage  
Dudley

Newcastle on Tyne 3

#### Annual General Meeting

OUR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING was held on the 25th June at the Duke of Wellington Hotel, Newcastle, 18 members being present.

Our Chairman, J Simpson, welcomed the members and thanked them for their support during the last year.

Officers elected for the ensuing year: President, L. A. Jones, Vice-Presidents, C. H. Storey, K. B. Hood, J V Todd, F.R.C.S., A. Harrison, T Oliver, I. T Johnstone, K. B. Doyle, J McKenzie, K. J Hilton, D. Lowes, R. Atkinson Chairman, J Simpson, Vice-Chairman, R. H. Nicholson, Committee, T Nutman, L. Lowery, R. Raine, N Fraser, T Kirkley R. Derham, W Harker, H. Somerville, J Taylor D. Gray, T Oliver; Hon. Auditors, Messrs Marton, Hilton, Blakey; Hon. Secretary and Treasurer D. A. Earsman.

Our Chairman, on behalf of the Committee and Members, thanked our Hon. Auditors for their work with the accounts, L. Lowery for his help with the cards at our Golf Competitions and our Vice-Chairman, R. H. Nicholson, for his work with the sweep tickets.

#### ABOUT TURF DISEASE—contd

so essential to the fungus. Providing a free air flow across the sward will also deter the rapid multiplication of a fungal parasite. Obviously the factors associated with Ophiobolus patch disease, i.e. excess moisture and high surface pH, are capable of being changed thus assisting in prevention and control of the disease.

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#### SITUATIONS VACANT

**ASSISTANT GREENKEEPER REQUIRED** on our new Course. No accommodation. Write stating age and experience, etc., to The Secretary Folkestone and Hythe Golf Club, Sene, Folkestone.

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**HEAD GREENKEEPER** with outstanding ability required owing to retirement of present Head Greenkeeper after 35 years' service. Excellent salary Accommodation will be either provided or assistance given. Applications, in writing, giving details of past experience, to the Secretary, Wildernesse Golf Club, Seal, Sevenoaks, Kent.

# MIDLAND

By **F Cashmore**

Chairman:  
G. HART  
(Gay Hill)

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

## PRESIDENT'S MATCH

We again had a very enjoyable and successful evening at the Handsworth Golf Club, on 28th June. After a damp and windy morning it was a fine and bright evening. Mr Bretherton had a very strong team in the field, and, as it turned out, much too strong for us as results will show

### President's Team

R. Hiatt and P. Skerritt, 3 and 2	1
A. Pullar and J. Mitchley, 5 and 4	1
F. Church and J. Urry, 3 and 2	1
R. Yates and D. Wheeler, 8 and 6	1
R. Kirkby and W. Dudley Evans, 2 up	1
T. Hodgetts and E. Moggs Wright, 4 and 3	1
R. Whittington and J. Baldwin, 6 and 4	1
C. Withers and J. Richards, 5 and 4	1
C. Moore and Dr H. Mitchell, 5 and 4	1
J. Cooke and H. Lunt	0
Dr V. Milne and N. Russell, 2 up	1
T. Phillips and R. Hunt, 2 up	1
L. Wheeler and R. Parker, 2 up	1

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### Greenkeepers

E. Benbow and G. Woodward	0
J. Grealy and R. Pugh	0
W. Barton and T. Jones	0
R. Goodwin and W. Handy	0
H. Drewitt and V. Smith	0
A. Boraston and A. Stephens	0
D. Haynes and G. Busby	0
D. Brazier and W. Boyce	0
T. Rawbone and B. Baxter	0
G. Smith and S. Allen	1
A. Derbyshire and P. Ricketts	0
E. Ballinger and R. Ramsden	0
G. Bunting and R. Bailey	0

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After a most delicious meal Mr Bretherton introduced Mr W. N. Dudley Evans, who in the course of his speech said that golf clubs had to look at greenkeepers' wages and conditions in the light of present-day standards. Mr Whitehead, the Captain of Handsworth, also spoke and said how pleased they were to see us at Handsworth. In the absence of our Chairman, George Hart, I thanked our President on behalf of the Midland Section for his kindness and help to us greenkeepers for many years. I also appealed to our members to send in their entries for the Annual Tournament at Little Aston.

### Subscriptions

Please, will members let me have their subscriptions as soon as possible. When you read this if any member has not returned his counterfoils for the "News of the World" draw, please do so at once.

### New Members

We welcome two new members, G. Busby, apprentice at Little Aston Golf Club and P. J. Trafford, head greenkeeper at Marston Green Golf Club, who has succeeded Harry Monkhouse on his retirement.

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## Annual General Meeting (Report by Reg. Pugh)

On Monday, 4th July, the Section were the guests of the Directors, Committee and Members of the Habberley Golf Club, Kidderminster. This is a picturesque 9-hole course set in one of the most wooded and hilly parts of Worcestershire, and is part of the well-known Midland beauty spot, Habberley Valley. Twenty players and friends turned out for this event. We were entertained to a Buffet by Stewardess Mrs Greely, to whom we are much indebted. To her husband, John Greely, we offer our thanks for his work in going round his members for a most beautiful collection of prizes, all of which were given by Members and Directors of the Club.

The atmosphere of this club was most homely and the members of my Section were quite a contented group after a good game and excellent dinner.

### Prizewinners

1 W. Handy, 65 Summer Cup and Carpet; 2. A. Boraston, 65 Carpet; 3. J Greely, 65 Garden Seat; 4. G Woodward, 68 — Bath Towel and  $\frac{1}{2}$  bottle Whisky; 5. W Barton, 69 Bottle Sherry and  $\frac{1}{2}$  bottle Whisky; 6. J Stephens, 69 Shirt and  $\frac{1}{2}$  bottle Whisky; 7 R. Pugh, 69 Briar Pipe and bottle Sherry; 8. E. H. Benbow 71 — Shirt and  $\frac{1}{2}$  bottle Gin, 9. H. Drewitt, 74 — bottle Sherry; 10. W Smith, 74 bottle Sherry; 11 T Jones, 75  $\frac{1}{2}$  bottle Whisky; 12. R. Goodwin, 82  $\frac{1}{2}$  bottle Gin, 13. M. Markham  $\frac{1}{2}$  bottle Gin. Visitor: 1 Mr Ramsden, 67  $\frac{1}{2}$  bottle Gin.

At the prize presentation I was asked to do the job of M.C. We were welcomed by Mr W E. Robinson in the absence of the President and the Captain. He also kindly presented the prizes and remarked on the splendid job that John Greely was doing at the Club both inside and outside as green-keeper-steward and he was doing it alone.

I thanked the Directors and Committee and Members of Habberley on behalf of all concerned for a wonderful day and a truly fine display of prizes and a welcome back next year. Our thanks, too, to Mrs Greely for her wonderful meals and for the assistance given by Mrs Robinson.

### Autumn Tournament

The Autumn Tournament is to be held at Blackwell Golf Club, Nr Bromsgrove, Worcs., on Wednesday, 12th October 1966, over 27 holes. Entries to me at 6 Eva Road, Warley, Oldbury, by 24th September and state if requiring lunch and tea, for the benefit of the steward.

### 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.

## EAST MIDLAND

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

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

### Autumn Tournament

THE ANNUAL AUTUMN GOLF Tournament will be held at Erewash Valley Golf Club on Wednesday, 21st September 1966, First Tee 12.45 p.m. Will all members wishing to play in this Tournament and also have a meal, please notify the Treasurer, A. Thornton, 15 Trent Road, Beeston, Notts., by the 7th September as I shall be away on holiday.

### Honorary Member

We now welcome Mr Gray of Sleaford Golf Club, as honorary member, having to retire from work through ill health after 33 years. We wish him all the best in his retirement.

### New Members

We welcome to the Section the following new members P Thompson and R. Miller, Belton Park Golf Club, and A. Calvert, of Chilwell Manor Golf Club.

## NORTHERN

Chairman:  
D. ROBERTS  
(West Bowling G.C.)

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

### Mrs G. T Geddes

IT IS WITH DEEP REGRET THAT I inform members of the death, after a long illness, of Mrs Geddes, wife of Mr George Geddes, our well-known member and former Chairman of the Section. Unfortunately, I was away on holiday at the time and was unable to represent the Section at the funeral. I have, however, written to George expressing deepest condolences which I am sure is the feeling of all the members.

### Hooliganism

One of the worst examples of vandalism we have seen on a golf course in the Bradford area has occurred on our Chairman, Mr Roberts' course at West Bowling. I suppose most members are used to flags and tee boxes disappearing. Here, however, practically the whole of the sixth green has been dug up. In the words of Donald, "I felt sick when I came out to look at it"

### Winter Lectures

Any suggestions for talks during the Winter session would be welcome from members. We hope once again to hold our talks and socials at West Bowling which proved so successful last time.





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By **W Mason**

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### Lectures

FOR YOUR DIARY, LECTURES will be held at the Stirling Castle, London Wall, Moorgate, E.C., on the second Wednesday of the following months October, November, December 1966 and January, February March 1967. Details will be given prior to each meeting in the monthly journal.

### New Members

We welcome the following new members C. J. Fowler (Hon. Vice-President), W. B. Kelly, E. J. Cox, A. R. Lomax, D. E. Davis.

### Autumn Tournament

A reminder that the Autumn Tournament will take place at Thorndon Park on 7th September and the closing date for entry is 22nd August.

### Subscription

Will all those who have not yet paid their subscription please do so at once.

## WELSH

By **S. A. Tucker**

*Chairman:*  
M. GEDDES  
(Royal Porthcawl)

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

### Annual General Meeting

OUR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING was held by kind permission of the Captain and Committee of the Southerdown Golf Club on 5th July. The meeting is always held on the same day as the Secretaries hold their meeting and we have an evening meal together which is a very pleasant day for all concerned. The weather was very good with very little wind and no rain. It made such a difference to the day's golf and scores. The following were the winners Mr John Duncan Cup G Phillips, net score 64 (we always let the winner choose his prize from our selection and he chose the lighter given by H. Pattison & Co.), the first prize in the scratch to 18 competition was won by J Rees (he received a blanket); the John O'Gorman Cup given to the Section by the family in his memory 2nd, D. Jones — tankard given by Ransomes, Sims & Jefferies; 3rd, D. G. Lord tablecloth and napkins. The 19 to 24 handicap was as follows The Birdie Cup, T Finch — tablecloth and napkins, 2nd, W Lewis pillowcases, 3rd, R. Doubler — wallet given by May & Baker. The first year winning competitor was L. Dunster — a condiment set given by Lister James of Cardiff.

I would like to thank the Trade and Golf Clubs and all who have been so kind in helping me with prizes and cash to make our day such a pleasant one. We were all very pleased to see Mr Geddes at the meeting; he is recovering from his illness very well and we wish him well. I have not heard from Mr G. Brennan so I am sorry I can give you no news of him. I hope, George, that no news is good news.

We were very happy to increase our membership by having eight new members this year and I hope they will stay in the work and enjoy themselves as I have with all the members. I thank my committee and all concerned for helping me to carry out my duties. To our Chairman, Mr Geddes, we all thank him for doing so well, and not being well, thank you, Mac.

### Subscriptions

Now that subscriptions are overdue will you please send them to our Treasurer, Mr M. Geddes, 23 Fenton Place, Porthcawl, Glam., and NOT TO ME, as soon as possible so that he can clear up that section of his accounts.