

The Cottage,  
Thorpe Hall Golf Club,  
Thorpe Bay, Essex.

24th July 1966.

Dear Mr Editor,

On Thursday, 14th July, the annual invitation match between the Society of Essex Golf Captains and the Essex Greenkeepers took place at the Romford Golf Club. Although this match is mainly intended for Essex Greenkeepers, a few guests are invited, and this year we had the pleasure of the company of Tom Mason. Although retired after 55½ years at Hendon Golf Club, he is still very active and capable of playing a good game of golf.

We assembled at 12 o'clock and after a few pints and a very excellent lunch, we proceeded to do battle. A Stableford four-ball was played, the Captains winning by 16 points.

After the match more beer was drunk, before another very good meal. Mr Harry Shearcroft, the Captains' captain, said how delighted his society were to entertain us for the match. He also thanked the Greenkeepers for the very hard work they put in to give pleasure to all persons playing golf. He also thanked the Romford Golf Club for allowing the match to take place, and the staff both outside and inside for their excellent service.

I had the pleasure of thanking the Captains for the very excellent day they had provided, and one which we looked forward to annually. I also stated that as most of the Greenkeepers present were getting on in years, great efforts should be made by clubs to encourage new blood into the profession.

Yours sincerely,

JOCK GLASS.

<b>Essex Captains</b>		<b>Greenkeepers</b>	
	<i>Pts.</i>		<i>Pts.</i>
J K. Herve and Dr McCarthy	41	J Glass (Capt.) and E. Foulkes	42
Mr Clarke and G Smart	35	F Read and E. James	37
A. Young and W Player	41	J Rennie and F Smith	34
W Bridge and H. Seymour	40	P Moore and R. Hollington	35
J Wignall and E. Brown	45	J Noakes and D. Craig	39
R. Wyeth and W Wacland	40	C. Moore and T Mason	40
G H. Parke and Mr Bird	47	P Staines and Mr Gould	46
Mr Goss and Mr Francis	40	F Ford and Mr Bennett	40
<i>Total</i>	<hr/> 329	<i>Total</i>	<hr/> 313