

News



from the Sections

SOUTH-WEST

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

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

Competition and Dinner

OUR SECOND ANNUAL CHRISTMAS Competition and Dinner took place at Shirehampton Golf Club on the 13th of December

For the Greenkeepers taking part in the competition, a trophy was very generously presented by Mr Veals. This trophy plus a silver plaque which the winner retains is to be played for each year at this event. The first name to go on the trophy was none other than our Annual Tournament winner, Mr A. Meaker of Henbury Golf Club with a nett score of 67. Congratulations. For the visitors taking part, there was a triple tie for 1st place between Mr T Dingle, Mr G. H. J. Holland and Mr S. Veals again with a nett score of 67. Each received a half bottle of Scotch. Prior to the Dinner Mr A. Hines, Captain of Shirehampton Golf Club, presented the prizes.

Including guests, thirty-five sat down to an excellent Christmas Dinner. Formalities were brief. Mr Hines again welcomed all. Our President, Mr Southgate, replied on behalf of the Association and Harry Sheppard expressed our thanks to the Captain for granting us the courtesy of their course and clubhouse, and all members of the staff for looking after us so well.

But on behalf of the Section let us all add a special word of thanks to our Vice-President, Mrs Snell, who did such a lot behind the scenes. Undoubtedly, a little feminine know-how on these occasions is very

valuable and we are all most grateful. Also a special word of appreciation must go to the steward and stewardess for their excellent effort. It is often remarked that to keep the right side of man you have to feed the brute. Well, they will be on our side for a very, very long time.

To conclude, I believe everyone had a very enjoyable evening and once again on behalf of the Committee may we thank all who came along and helped to make the day the success it undoubtedly was. May we look forward to seeing you all again next year?

All members please note the A.G.M. will be held at Henbury Golf Club on Wednesday 9th March, at 7.30 p.m.

NORTHERN

By J. Parker
Chairman:
D. ROBERTS
(West Bowling G.C.)

Hon. Secretary:
8 Golt Stock Terr., Harden
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Grand National Sweep

MEMBERS WILL NOW HAVE received books of tickets for the Annual Grand National Sweep. It is hoped that all will make every effort to make it a success by selling the tickets sent. I would be obliged if members, when returning counterfoils, would put some identification as to who has sent them so that I know who to send draw lists to. Closing date 14th March.

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February Meeting

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Subscriptions

There are still quite a number of members who have not paid those that became due 1st May 1965. I would be much obliged if those "guilty" would forward them as soon as they see this notice and so save me writing my annual crop of individual letters.

SOUTHERN

By W. Mason

Hon. Secretary:

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Lecture

WE HAD A MOST INTERESTING lecture on Wednesday, 12th January, given by Mr F. W. H. Pyne, representative from Messrs. Suttons. His main topic was drainage and the best methods of coping with it. The various pipes required, and how it should all be planned, he demonstrated by drawing on a blackboard.

The question of whether open or piped drainage was most convenient was discussed. Mr Pyne considered that piping would save a lot of labour, cleaning out, etc., and serve the same purpose.

We had a very good attendance thanks to the help of Mr John Field and D. Craig telling all the members they came in contact with, about the lecture. The Chairman in conclusion thanked Mr Pyne for a very educative lecture.

Mr William Finch will give us a lecture on Wednesday, 16th February—6.30 p.m.—at the Whitbread Club Rooms.

The committee have asked that all members wishing to take part in the friendly game on the day of the Annual Dinner please let them know in good time, to enable all arrangements to be made.

New Member

We are pleased to welcome as a new member J McWilliam, Head Greenkeeper at the West Byfleet Golf Club.

WELSH

By S. A. Tucker

Hon. Secretary:

Chairman: M. GEDDES
(Royal Porthcawl)

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Spring Meeting

I HAVE NOT YET HAD CONFIRMATION of the dates for the Spring Meeting, 6th or 13th April, but hope to have it in plenty of time for journal publication. I hope you all can arrange to be there.



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George Brennan

I am very pleased to be able to tell you that George Brennan is home from hospital and is getting on, although very slowly. Let us hope that it is slow but sure. We are all very pleased about it, George, and hope you continue to improve.

NORTH-WEST

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

By H. M. Walsh
Hon. Secretary:
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 Oldham, Lancs.

Lectures

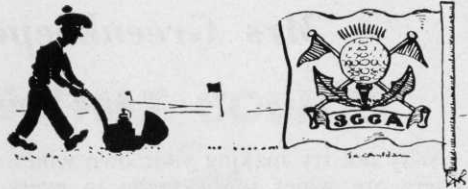
I WOULD LIKE TO THANK MR Lidgate of S.T.R.I. for the very instructive talk he gave the section on "Methods of Weed Control" I would also like to thank the members for the wonderful support we are now getting for these important occasions.

The next lecture will be carried out with the help of films and will be given by the Longton Service Branch of Messrs Charles H. Pugh Ltd., on 7th February at 7.45 p.m.

The last of this series of lectures will be given by Mr Joss of S.T.R.I. on the 1st March and I am looking for the same kind of support you have given for previous talks.

New Member

We are pleased to welcome to the section K. Howe of Romiley Golf Club.



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Winter Lectures

WITH ONLY ONE LECTURE LEFT ON this year's programme, I hope we will have as good numbers as at the last three. In December we had a very interesting talk given by Mr Kitson of S.A.I. on the work done producing new fertilisers and weedkillers.

In January we once again had a very interesting talk by Mr Palin of Suttons. This was more a question and answer night than a lecture, which I am sure everyone enjoyed. I am sure all who turned out on this cold and frosty night will agree with me when I say, it was a night when Greens' Conveners and Club Committees would have learnt a lot about damage done to courses during winter conditions. To both these speakers I send the Association's thanks.



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