

News



from the Sections

EAST MIDLAND

Chairman:
F FROST
(Derby G.C.)

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

Spring Meeting

OUR SPRING MEETING WAS HELD by kind permission of the Captain and Committee of Kirkby Muxloe Golf Club on Wednesday, 25th May 1966. The course was in very good shape and we thank the Steward and Stewardess and inside staff, and also the outside staff for looking after us so well. Also our thanks to the Professional, Mr R. Ball, for the use of the trolleys. The Cup was won once again by our old friend S. McNeice. The winners were as follows: Greenkeepers—1st, S. McNeice 72 (last nine); 2nd, F. Oliver 72 (last nine); 3rd, D. Whitehead 74 (last nine); 4th, L. Carrick 74 (last nine); 5th, D. Bull 75 6th J. Burnham 76 7th, F. Frost 77, 8th J. Hewitt 78 (last nine); 9th, P. McCarron 78 (last nine); 10th, L. Cressy 78 (last nine); 11th, B. Mott 79 (last nine); 12th, I. Toon 79 (last nine); 13th, P. Rodwell 79 (last nine); 14th, S. Fretter 80; 15th, Z. Socha 82; 15th, D. Topley 86. Visitors—1st, W. J. Green 76 (last nine); 2nd, R. W. Ball 76 (last nine). Highest score C. Yayas 92. Under-20 Prize G. Arnold 92. Vice-president's. Mr Freeman 80 net; Mr Whitcombe 82 net.

Prize Donors

We wish to thank all the following for the wonderful Prizes and also D. Bull and F. Oliver in whose capable hands we leave

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The members were told of the illness that prevented our President from attending, and from all the members we wish him a speedy recovery

Congratulations

We would like to congratulate P. McCarron of Leicestershire and wish him all the best in married life and also on his promotion as 1st assistant to S. McNeice.

New Members

We welcome to our section the following new members, may they have a long and happy stay with us. M. Hudson from North-East Section to Leicestershire Golf Club; S. Brown, Erewash Valley Golf Club; L. Hampson, Chilwell Manor Golf Club; G. Filler Northampton Golf Club; G. Andrews, Leicestershire Golf Club.

NORTHERN

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

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

Headquarters Sweep

MEMBERS ARE REMINDED THAT the closing date for the return of the counterfoils and moneys is Monday, 25th July. It is to be hoped that all will have done their utmost to sell their allocation.

Visit to S.T.R.I.

Twenty members visited the Sports Turf Research Institute at Bingley on the afternoon of 7th June prior to the Annual General Meeting. Many members were unable to visit owing to the pressure of work, aggravated by labour shortage. The party was conducted round the plots by Mr E. M. Baylis, Advisory Officer, the new variety grass trials creating a great deal of interest. Members were able to see the new watering system recently installed. The pop-up sprinklers round the golf green were a major point of interest. A visit to the Machinery Exhibition ended an interesting afternoon. Members then retired to the Mansion for tea and a chin-wag.

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting was held in the Mansion at St Ives, Bingley, on Tuesday 7th June. Nineteen members, a most dis-

appointing number, attended. The meeting was opened by Mr D. Roberts who asked members to stand in silence in memory of the late Mr L. Baker before calling upon the Secretary to read the minutes of the last A.G.M. which were approved and matters arising dealt with. The Treasurer then gave his report of the financial position and activities of the Section during the past year. He thanked the Chairman and Committee for their support during the year and the President, Mr W Mountain, for his behind-the-scenes generosity to the Section.

Election of Officers

The following were elected for the following year: President, Mr W Mountain, Chairman, Mr D. Roberts; Vice-Chairman, Mr A. Robertshaw; Committee, Messrs S. Bailes, J. Mawson, C. Garnett, A. Routledge, G. Bennison, D. Copland and R. Thomas; Executive Representative, J. Parker.

Mr Tommy Hullah and Mr Stanley Smith were elected Vice-Presidents of the Section.

Mr D. Roberts then took over the Chair and thanked Mr Hullah for officiating during the election and members for again honouring him with the position. The President in a short "thank you" offered a President's Prize to be played for a Sunday outing, details of which members will be informed later.

SOUTHERN

By W Mason

Chairman: W. E. MOORE (Romford) Hon Secretary: 18 Albert Road, Hendon, N.W.4. Tel.: SUNnyhill 0245

Annual General Meeting

OUR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING took place on Wednesday 8th June with our President, Mr J. Wallis Arthur, in the chair. Although not so well attended as we would have liked it went off well with all the existing officers being re-elected. I am sorry to have to inform Mr B. Wood at Bingley that we could not pay a visit as expected owing to the poor response of our members.

Autumn Tournament

Our Autumn Tournament will be held with the kind permission of the Thorndon Park Golf Club over their course on Wednesday, 7th September. This as in previous years will be open to all members who can invite a member of his parent club as partner to play in a four-ball, better-ball competition. When sending in your entries to me will you please state your club and the handicaps of both yourself and your partner. The closing date will be 22nd August and the draw will take place on the 23rd.

New Members

A welcome to the section to B. W. Gibbs and D. A. Blackman.

Mr A. J. Thame, aged 65 and a member since 1958, writes to say he will now retire on pension after 40 years with the Frilford Heath Golf Club.

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WEST SECTION

Annual Spring Meeting

BY THE COURTESY OF THE Prestwick St Cuthbert Golf Club, the West Section held their Annual Spring Tournament over the St Cuthbert course on Thursday, 21st April. A good day was had by all who took part. The scoring was as follows Scratch, M. Travers (Gourock) 72. 1st Class S. Bullock (Bellisle) 7-71, D. McLellan (Elderslie) 6-73, J. Graham (Glasgow Gailes) 4-74; 2nd Class S. Duncan (Barassie) 15-69, A. Ferguson (Douglas Park) 16-70, H. Boyd. 3rd Class A. McLean (Gourock) 20-66, A. Bayfield (Buchanan Castle) 22-69, D. Gall (Dumbarton) 18-71 Veteran's J. Robertson (Troon Municipal) 4-74, D. Paterson (Paisley) 7-75. New Member's Prize A. McGregor (Largs) 80.

Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting will be held over the Lanark Course on Tuesday, 27th September

NORTH AND MIDLAND SECTION

Tournament

THE TOURNAMENT FOR THE George McLean Trophy was held at Deeside Golf Club by kind permission of the Council. We were made very welcome and had a wonderful day. The course was in excellent condition and I want to thank Mr Donnachie and staff for their efforts. We had our largest turnout yet, 53 in all counting members and

friends and I want to thank everyone for making it such a success.

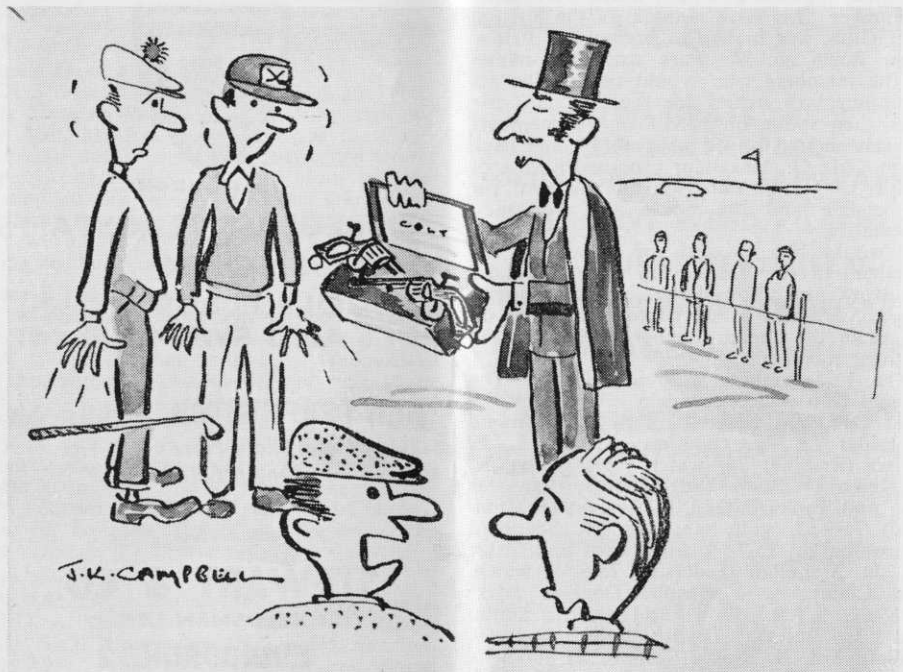
The Prize-winners were as follows. 1st handicap, A. Connell (St Andrews); 1st scratch, J. Falconer (Panmure); 2nd handicap, W. Ritchie (Kirriemuir); 3rd handicap, D. Livingstone (Ballater); 4th handicap, D. Whamond (Kirriemuir); 5th handicap, W. Elder (Monifreth); 6th handicap, J. K. Campbell (St Andrews); 7th handicap, I. Simpson (Alyth); 8th handicap, W. Donnachie (Bandorg). New members 1st, R. Roy (Forres), 2nd, W. Cruickshank (Nairn). Trade J. C. Pirie. Visitors T. Durdan. Highest score W. Milton (Downfield).

Congratulations

I wish to congratulate Mr G. Leighton on being made an honorary member of Bandorg Golf Club. It is indeed a very great honour and it shows that his services are very much appreciated.

EAST SECTION

THE ANNUAL OUTING TO THE Royal Burgess Golf Course was held on the 12th May, at which there was a very good attendance. The Prize-winners were as follows Scratch, W. Darling (77); New Members Prize, W. Shepherd (81). 1st Class D. Flynn (75), W. Brown (79), I. Purvis (80); 2nd Class H. Wright (77), D. Shade (78), W. Huish (82); 3rd Class R. Cunningham (67), A. Patterson (69), G. Cameron (75).



"It's going to be a sudden death play off!"