

News



from the Sections

SHEFFIELD

Chairman:
G. HERRINGTON
(Lindrick)

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

Annual General Meeting

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING was held in the Brunswick Hotel on Thursday, 28th April, at 7 p.m.

It was decided that an annual dinner should be held this year, possibly in October, and details will be left to the Committee.

All officials were re-elected although our President, Mr A. Shardlow, expressed a point that we should seek a new president before the next A.G.M. as he feels that someone else should have the honour of guiding the section along and also that other commitments will not allow him to spend as much time with us as he would wish.

The committee, taking on a new look, now includes H. Herrington, C. Grimley, H. Gillespie, and J. Mardlin.

Mr P Booker was made an honorary life member of the section and said he looked forward to his continued association with the section and to give his services whenever required.

Handicap Revision

The following alterations were made with the new "standard scratch" in mind—F Crookes 16 to 17, A. Goldthorpe 6 to 7, R. Oakes 16 to 18, R. Whitehead 10 to 12, J. Lomas 15 to 17, B. Crookes 14 to 16, H. Tanfield 5 to 7, J. Walker 24 to 20.

Golf Competitions for 1966

The S.U.G.C. Greenkeepers competition is scheduled for the 20th June at Lindrick G.C. Other provisional arrangements are "President's Prize" at the Phoenix G.C. on the 7th or 8th June, Annual Tournament at the Renishaw Park G.C. on the 12th or 19th July and the Sheffield Section versus Northern Section at Hallamshire G.C. on the 6th September

New Member

A warm welcome to the Section for Mr K. Hewitt of the Chesterfield G.C. with the hope that he will be able to make the long journey to attend our meetings. Also to Mr F W Gee who has joined Ron Whitehead at the Wheatley Club, Doncaster

MIDLAND

By F Cashmore

Chairman:
G. HART
(Gay Hill)

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

Spring Tournament

We were sorry our President, Mr Carl Bretherton, could not be with us as he had a meeting of the Playing Fields Association at Warwick. We were very pleased to have Bill Payne doing his usual job. The entry was very poor—two clubs were unable to compete as they had tournaments on their own courses and others had labour shortage.

President's Match

Our President's Match is at Handworth on the 28th June when I hope all members will make a special effort to play. The arrangements will be the same as in previous years. I do not know yet if I shall be there as I have to go into hospital for an operation, but I know if I am not there Reg. Pugh will look after things for me. He has relieved me of a lot of work and I appreciate it very much.



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New Members

The following joined us at the commencement of this year H. V. Lewis, Head Greenkeeper at Oswestry Golf Club, Harold Ballenger, Apprentice at Sutton Coldfield G.C., J. Davenport on the staff of the Coventry G.C.

Spring Tournament—Report by Reg. Pugh.

THE SECTION SPRING TOURNAMENT was held at Kidderminster Golf Club on Thursday, 5th May, by kind permission of the Committee. We had a good day's sport although the weather was stormy. Considering the weather we have been having over the past few months Les Greenow and his staff are to be congratulated on the good condition of their course. The winners of the Prizes, and which were presented by the President of the Kidderminster Club, Mr Viney, were as follows 27-hole Medal (Ransome Cup and Tankard), best net J. Grealy, (Sutton Cup and Electric Coach Lamp), best gross E. Benbow, (Kidderminster Carpet), 2nd net W. Barton, (Ingram's Nurseries Prize), 3rd net H. Drewitt, (Glass Bowl), 4th net D. Brazier; (Tea Service), 5th net A. Hastilow, (Bottle Whisky), 6th net R. Pugh, (Casserole Dish), 7th net R. Smith, (Tankard), 8th net G. Woodward, (Tea Tray), 9th net N. Markham, (Cheese Board and Knife), 10th net A. Willetts, (1 doz. Dunlops), 11th net J. Greenow 9 holes (50 Cigarettes), best net J. Grealy Booby Price (1 doz. Forsums Balls), T. Rawlone. 18 Holes (Bathroom Scales), best net H. Drewitt, (Bottle Champagne), 2nd net D. Brazier Visitors (8 Golf Balls), best net D. Ballenger, (4 Golf Balls), 2nd net R. Ramsden.

After the Competition I was asked to do the M.C.'s job and in doing so paid tribute to Mr Syd Leah, Chairman of the Greens Committee, to the Professional for the loan of Caddy Carts and also for the prize he gave to the Competition. Thanks to Mr and Mrs Berry, the Steward and Stewardess, for the meals which were excellent and also to Les Greenow and his staff for the condition of the course. To our old friend, Bill Payne of Ransomes, for his kindness in doing all the clerical work for which, Bill, this section is most grateful.

Mr Viney, the President, paid tribute to the members of the Association in general. He and members of the Kidderminster Committee were delighted with the improvement in their course since Les Greenow took over last October. I thanked Captain McCarthy, the Hon. Secretary, and all concerned. Captain McCarthy replied and invited all present to take liquid refreshment with the members of the committee.

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Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting will take place at the Habberley Golf Club, Kidderminster, on Monday, 4th July at 7 p.m. During the after-

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noon, starting at 2 p.m., we shall play a 7-club competition with prizes provided by the Committee of the Habberley Club.

NORTHERN

By J. Parker

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

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

Spring Tournament

THE ANNUAL SPRING TOURNAMENT was played over the course of the Pannal Golf Club, Harrogate, on Tuesday 26th April, by kind permission of the Captain and Committee of the Club. Forty members took part in the competition and were favoured by one of the few fine days we had for a long time.

Results

R. Barnes (Sandmoor) 79-76—156 Scratch Prize. First Division 1st D. Roberts (West Bowling) 72-68—140, 2nd D. Crosland (St Ives) 77-71 148, 3rd A. Robertshaw (Otley) 75-75—150. Second Division 1st G. Bennison (Otley) 76-69—145, 2nd D. Spurden (Otley) 73-74—147, 3rd H. Marshall (Cleckheaton) 73-76—149. Veterans Prize (One round) S. Smith (Alwoodley) 79. Vice-President's 1st E. Foulds (Keighley) 76-71—147, 2nd A. Brophy (Sandmoor) 76-71 147

Following a most satisfying and tasty tea the Prizes were presented by our President, Mr W. Mountain. In a short speech he thanked the Officials and staff of the Pannal Club for their

help and kindness to us, making it an enjoyable day out for the members. Mr D. Roberts (Chairman) seconded the vote of thanks.

Our thanks are due to the following Trade firms who so kindly donated to our Prize Fund Hayter Ltd., Ransomes, Sims & Jeffries, H. Pattison & Co., Stewart & Co., Anderton Richardson Ltd., Pressure Jet Markers Ltd., Fisons Ltd., Woodhead Seeds Ltd., Rigby Taylor Ltd., Thomas Green & Sons Ltd., Stephen Toulson Ltd., E. G. Jepson & Sons Ltd., and Sisis Ltd.

New Members

We welcome to the Section the following new members G. H. Bryant, Greenfield Lodge, Barkisland, Halifax, and J. Tynan, 63 Moorend Road, Pellon, Halifax, both of Halifax.

West End Golf Club

Blazer Badges—I have in stock a number of Association Blazer Badges and would be pleased to supply any member of the Association with one on the receipt of £1 10s.

SOUTHERN

By W Mason

Hon Secretary:

Chairman:
W. E. MOORE
(Romford)

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Annual Subscriptions

I WOULD LIKE TO REMIND MEMBERS that their annual subscriptions are now due as from the 1st May. For all those who have already paid, thank you, and I hope that others will do likewise.

Spring Tournament

Our Spring Tournament had an entry of 54 but owing to the very bad weather a number gave up and did not attempt to go out in the afternoon. For those who did prizes were awarded to the following 27 holes—P Ainsworth, 1st net 72-36—108, L. F. Millar, scratch, 74-39—113, E. Maule, best morning Prize, 71, P Ainsworth, best afternoon Prize, net 36. 1st Year Competitors, B. Payne. Coming of Age, T. Mason. 2nd aggregate 27-hole—W Machin, with other prizes going according to merit. R. plain, P. Staines, F. Ford, L. F. Millar, J. Kirk-Patrick, F. Dulake, A. Millar, E. Maule, T. Mason, S. Freeman, E. Foulkes, D. Mayer, B. Pearse, J. Corner, C. Stillwell, C. A. Moore. Among these prizes were four vouchers given by the S. Herts G.C., a. to the value of £3 to be spent in the shop.

Mr W. E. Moore, our Chairman, thanked the Captain for presenting the prizes, also Mr P. Marshall and D. Craig for attending to the cards, etc. Thanks, too, to the inside staff for the most excellent luncheon and tea, and the outside staff. The Captain, in reply, thanked all greenkeepers for their good work and said that he would do his best to encourage young apprentices to come along and fill the gaps left by the older ones.

I would like to thank all members of the Trade who contributed towards our prize list, including yourself, Mr Editor, for the lovely Tankard to go with your Coming of Age Challenge Cup.

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Members

Mr J. Greenfield writes to say he has been appointed Head Greenkeeper to the Goodwood Golf Club, his new address is Goodwood G.C., Nr Chichester, Sussex.

New Members

A welcome to the Section to the following new members A. W. Anderson, J. Hearn, and G. C. Bates.

Obituary

Mr A. Thompson, whom I wrote about and wished many happy years and good health in his retirement, has passed away and was buried on the 6th May. I feel sure you would all wish me to add a note of sympathy to his family. Mr Torrences, Head Greenkeeper at North Middlesex, represented the Section with a wreath at the funeral.

NORTH-EAST

By D. Earsman

Hon. Secretary:

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

Arcot Hall Cottage
Dudley
Newcastle on Tyne 3

Spring Competition

OUR SPRING COMPETITION WAS played on Thursday, 28th April, at the City of Newcastle Golf Club, by kind permission of their Committee. Results President's Putter was won by R. Hinson (Banburgh), R. Derham (South Shields) 2nd, A. Gunn (Ravensworth) 3rd.

Our President, Mr L. A. Jones, was unable to attend owing to other commitments, but the Vice-President, Mr J. Wroath, kindly consented to present the President's Putter and other prizes. Our Chairman, Mr J. Simpson, thanked Mr Wroath and said how pleased he was to see such a large turn out for our Spring Competition, and a special welcome to our young Greenkeepers. We hope to see more at our Competitions and Meetings. Mr Simpson thanked the Committee of the City of Newcastle Golf Club for allowing us the use of the course, the Steward and Stewardess and Staff for a very enjoyable meal, Mr S. McRae, the Professional, for the use of the Caddy Cars, and again our thanks to Mr L. Lowery for attending to the cards.

New Members

We welcome to the Section the following new members George Gainford, 22 Lime Grove, Parkfield, Ryton-on-Tyne, Co. Durham, Duncan Blair, 3 Urpeth Hilltop, Beamish, Stanley, Co. Durham, Vice-President John McKenzie, Tulloch Ard, Ponteland Road, Blakelaw, Newcastle Upon Tyne, 5.

Vice-President Wroath I am sure you will join me in wishing the following all the best in their new appointments M. Hudson, who has been appointed Assistant Greenkeeper at Leicester Golf Club, and R. Robb as Professional Greenkeeper to Kirkcaldy Golf Club, Kirkcaldy, Scotland.

NORTH-WEST

By **H. M. Walsh**

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

Chairman:

D. PATE
(Royal Birkdale G.C.)

Spring Tournament

OUR SPRING TOURNAMENT WAS held at the Wallasey Golf Club on Thursday, 28th April. We thank the Captain and the Council most sincerely for the courtesy of the course and the facilities of the Club. Our thanks also to Mr Bridges and his staff for the wonderful condition of the course, to the Steward and Stewardess for the two excellent meals. We were very fortunate with the weather, it being both warm and sunny. We played nine holes in the morning and eighteen in the afternoon. In the afternoon our honorary members and visitors also played an 18-hole competition.

Our Prize list consisted of prizes and donations presented by the following The Wallasey Golf Club, The Ladies, Wallasey Golf Club, Mr W Bridges, Mr H. Needham, Mr Hesford, Mr Bishop, Messrs Rigby Taylor Ltd., Sutton and Sons, Carters Tested Seed, Lunivale Products, W Sowerbutts, Ltd., S.A.I. Edinburgh, W Burrows Ltd., Fisons Ltd. (Horticulture), J. Peak & Co. Ltd., W Wilcock & Son.

These were won by the following Scratch, G Davey 118 (Tartan Rug), Best Score, J. Gillett 106½ (Rose Bowl and Umbrella), 2nd Best Score, G. Davey 107½ (President's Cup and Holdall), 3rd, T Brennan 109 (Travelling Case), 4th, W Summer, 110 (Tankard), 5th, R. Janouskis 111½ (Tray), 6th, K. J. Gardiner 112 (Tankard), 7th, J. MacDonald 114 (Holdall), 8th, R. Fielding 114½ (Travelling Clock), 9th, K. Holmes 116 (Tankard), 10th, H. Smith 117½ (Travelling Clock), 11th, E. Macavoy 117½ (Watch), 12th, H. W Walsh 118½ (Whisky), 13th, F Halstead 119 (Mats), 14th, R. Hayhurst 119 (Token).

The Visitor's Prize was won by K. Gibson, Esq., with a net score (18 holes) of 73, a shirt.

We are indebted to Messrs W Earnshaw, J. Wilcock and N. D. Barlow for their valuable help in marking and checking of cards, also the collection of moneys. The prizes were presented by the Captain, who said how pleased he and his council were to have us play on their course. The members of the Section showed their appreciation in the time-honoured manner

Annual General Meeting

The A.G.M. was held at the Garrick Hotel, Fountain Street, Manchester, on Monday, 9th May.

The meeting opened with Mr D. Pete in the chair. He asked the members to stand in silence for a short time in memory of the late Mr T Bridges and Mr H. Jackson.

The minutes for the last A.G.M. were read and confirmed. The Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were also read and approved. The Chairman then gave his report and thanked all the members for their support during his term of office. He also thanked the Officers and Committee for their valuable support given wholeheartedly during the past twelve months.

Other items that came up were the trip to Atco's, Charles H. Pugh Ltd., Birmingham, which was a great success, the series of Winter Lectures and where the next annual trip was to be

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a suggestion that Mr R. Fielding and the Secretary should get together to see about visiting one of the Dunlop factories was carried.

A suggestion that the Section hold a Dinner and Dance some time in October or November was passed over to the Secretary for insertion in the Journal so that members could write to him with their views for or against—so come on and let me know how you feel as early as possible so that arrangements can be made if the support is strong enough.

Election of Officers

The election of officers was as follows: President, Mr W Kinsey, Chairman, Mr W Burgess, Vice-Chairman, Mr F Halstead, Secretary, Mr H. M. Walsh, Treasurer, Mr E. Macavoy

The Vice-Presidents were elected en bloc with the addition of Mr B. Ellis, who was unanimously elected a V.P. to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr T Bridges. There were seven nominations for the five vacancies on the Com-

mittee and the following were elected, Messrs W Earnshaw, W Bridges, D. Pate, O. P. Jones and M. Vizard. T Brennan and H. Needham did not seek re-election.

Congratulations to Mr J. Metcalf of Haydock Park Golf Club on completing 46 years as a Greenkeeper, also to wish him every happiness in his retirement. Also the honour afforded him and Mrs Metcalf by his Club in making them Honorary Life Members.

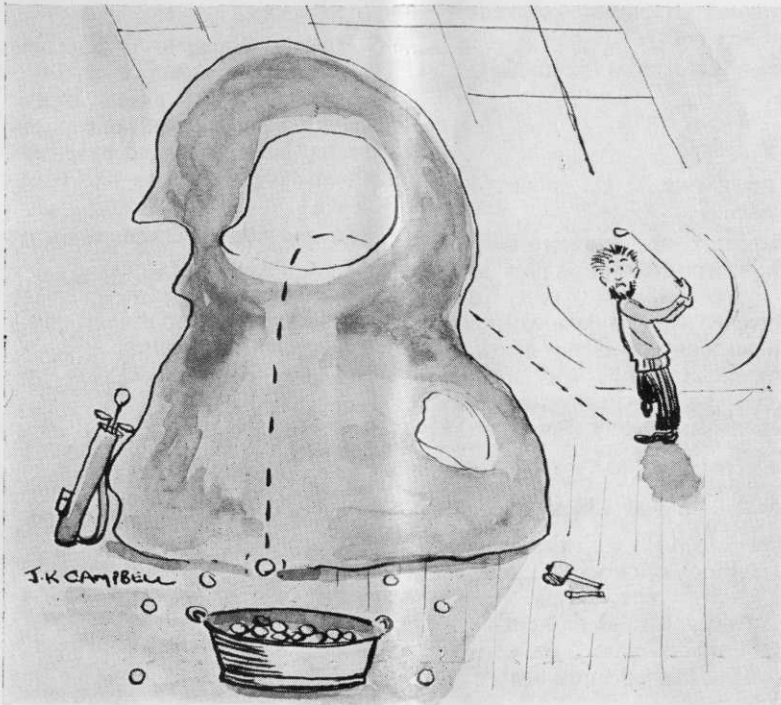
Autumn Tournament

Mr H. Needham invited us to play our Autumn Tournament at his course, Hazel Grove. I am happy to say I have now confirmed this with the Club and the date is 22nd September. Further details will be given in the Journal nearer the time.

If you have missed the Section notes for the last month you will find them with our friends' notes of the Welsh Section.

New Members

We welcome to the Section Mr J. H. Pearson of Bramhall Golf Club, Cheshire.



(Tee Shots contd. from page 3)

Kenya can be as green as the best of them given the right tippie (which happens to be water).

Their health, once Man leaves them alone, is good and the absence of heart, liver, and teeth gives them a clear lead over the obsolete mammal. The risk of social distinctions arising between the finer and the coarser grasses is not a serious one when one considers that the Bamboo would be one of the underdogs.

We can be sure that our present change is the one best fitted to take over where we leave off.

As a matter of fact, so far as you and I are concerned, it has taken over already