

# News



from the Sections

## MIDLAND

By F Cashmore

*Chairman:*  
G. HART  
(Gay Hill)

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

THE SPRING TOURNAMENT WILL BE held at the Kidderminster Golf Club, on Thursday, 5th May closing date for entries 20th April.

### Four Ball Alliance

The Committee of the Harborne Golf Club has allowed us the courtesy of their course for playing this match on Wednesday, 16th March, each member playing with a Vice-President. You will all have received the details from Reg Pugh by now

### President's Match

Mr Bretherton has given me the date of his evening match at Handsworth Golf Club, which is Tuesday, 28th June. Please make a note of the date. I am sure the Vice-Presidents would like to keep it in mind as it is a red letter evening in our section events.

### Lecture and Film Show

I have received a letter from the National Association of Groundsmen to say they have arranged a lecture and film show (colour slides) with Mr Hudson of Villiers Engines, to be held at the Warwickshire County Ground, Edgbaston, on Tuesday, 15th March, at 7.30 p.m. They extend a cordial welcome to our members to join them bar facilities will be available. I hope as many as possible of our members will avail themselves of this kind invitation.

### Subscriptions

A few of our members are still owing their subscriptions. I shall be receiving a request from the S.T.R.I. for the addresses of members to receive their Research Journal and I cannot include anyone who has not paid up.

## SOUTHERN

By W Mason

*Chairman:*  
W. E. MOORE  
(Romford)

*Hon Secretary:*  
18 Albert Road, Hendon, N.W.4.  
Tel.: SUNnyhill 0245

I NOW HAVE THE TICKETS FROM THE printers for the Dinner. Will members wishing to attend please write and let me know how many tickets they will require and I will send them along with pleasure at a cost of 20s. per head including gratuities. An early reply will greatly assist final arrangements to be made by the North Middlesex Golf Club. As in previous years we hope for a good attendance you are invited to bring guests who we hope will join you in a friendly game of golf beforehand.

### End of Season

Our final lecture of the winter will be as usual a Quiz and we look forward to plenty of questions on problems you may have encountered, to keep the Quizmaster busy

The date Wednesday, 16th March, time 6.30 p.m. at Messrs Whitbreads Club Room.

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## NORTH-EAST

**By D. Earsman**

*Chairman:*  
**J SIMPSON**

*Hon. Secretary:*  
Arcot Hall Cottage  
Dudley  
Newcastle on Tyne 3

(Ponteland G.C.)

### **Spring Competition**

**WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY, 28TH** April at the City of Newcastle Golf Club with the kind permission of the Captain and Committee.

This will be an 18 medal event, commencing at 1 p.m.

### **Tom Auld**

Here is a letter I received from the son of Tom Auld. Tom was Chairman of the North-East section for many years, and we shall never forget him. He was Head Greenkeeper at Ravensworth Golf Club for 40 years but has been retired for a number of years now.

Dear Mr Earsman,

I should be grateful if you would please convey my parents' sincere thanks to the North-East Section of the British Golf Greenkeepers Association for the kindness shown towards them at Christmas.

My Father wished me to say how grateful he is, and would like to wish all concerned a Happy and Prosperous Year.

Yours sincerely,

**R. AULD.**

I am sure you will join me in wishing Mr and Mrs Auld, a long and happy retirement.

### **New Member**

We are pleased to welcome to the section Mr G. B. Doyle who has been elected a Vice-President.

## 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 REGRET I HAVE TO INFORM** members of the death of Mr H. Jackson, Head Greenkeeper of Mere Golf Club, Cheshire. On behalf of the Members, I send our deepest sympathy to his relatives in their bereavement.

### **Film Show**

Our thanks to Mr Hewitt of the Longton Service Branch, Actos Ltd., for the very interesting lecture illustrated by films which made an entertaining evening. Twenty-four members attended.

### **Spring Tournament**

The Captain and Council of the Wallasey Golf Club, Cheshire, have very kindly granted us the courtesy of their course and clubhouse for our Tournament and A.G.M. which will be held on Thursday, 28th April. This is an early notice further details will be given in the April issue.

### New Members

We are pleased to welcome to the section the following new members:—

T Holmes of Huyton and Prescot Golf Club and J. MacDonald of Royal Lytham and St Annes Golf Club.

## SHEFFIELD

*Chairman:*  
G. HERRINGTON  
(Lindrick)

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

THE FIRST LECTURE OF 1966 WAS given by Mr Hicken, a technical advisor to Miln & Co. Ltd., (seedsmen) of Chester. His talk was on the subject of grass seeds and by all accounts, a most interesting and remarkable talk it turned out to be. I was not able to be there, much to my disappointment, but send thanks to Mr Hicken from the 20 or so people present, for a most enjoyable evening.

### March Lecture

You will be pleased to know that our Editor Mr F W Hawtree will be the speaker at this meeting, on the subject of Golf Course Construction and Design. He is at present concerned in one or two projects in the area and if his last visit is anything to go by we should look forward to a bumper attendance.

### Retiring

It will come as a surprise to all who know him that Percy Booker is retiring after 30 years with the Abbeydale Golf Club. His interest in green-keeping is as keen as ever and he seldom misses the opportunity to further his knowledge in turf culture. There is still a lot of greenkeeping in Percy and I feel sure we will see much of him for many years to come.

However, Percy, I would like to extend the best wishes of our members to you on reaching retirement age. Your support of B.G.G.A. has been second to none and I notice that you took the chair of this section at the 1948 A.G.M. in the early years of reformation of the section after the war.

We look forward to your presence on many more occasions and to sharing your valuable experience.

## WELSH

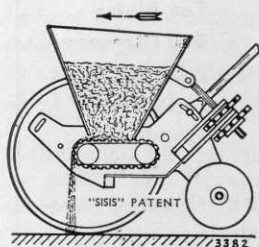
*Chairman:*  
M. GEDDES  
(Royal Porthcawl)

**By S. A. Tucker**  
*Hon. Secretary:*  
36 Clase Road  
Morriston  
Swansea, Glam.

THE SPRING MEETING WILL BE HELD on Wednesday, 13th April, at the Whitchurch Golf Club, Cardiff. Please notify me by 5th April if you will be attending, to enable me to arrange catering facilities, etc.

I am pleased to be able to tell you that George Brennan continues to improve health wise and we hope to see him at Whitchurch.

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## HON. SECRETARY'S NOTES

### ANNUAL TOURNAMENT

Little Aston, August 8th to 10th, 1966.

Our Vice-Chairman, Mr F Cashmore, 76 Four Oaks Common Road, Sutton Coldfield, has been making inquiries with regard to accommodation for members attending the above Tournament.

He informs me that he has received a lot of assistance from Mr Dennant, the Secretary of the Sutton Coldfield Artisans Golf Club, who has supplied him with a number of addresses, and if any of our members have difficulty in finding suitable accommodation, Mr Cashmore will be only too willing to help if they will get in touch with him.

## NORTHERN

**By J. Parker**

*Hon. Secretary:*

*Chairman:*  
D. ROBERTS 8 Goit Stock Terr Harden  
(West Bowling G.C.) Bingley Yorks.

### Spring Tournament

WILL BE PLAYED OVER THE COURSE of the Pannal Golf Club, Harrogate, on Tuesday, 26th April, 1966 (by kind permission of the Club Committee).

### Handicaps

The following adjustments have been made:—  
J. H. Readhead 18 to 16, C Garnett 22 to 20,  
H. Marshall 21 to 20 and A. Robertshaw 16 to 15.

### Grand National Sweep

Members are reminded that the closing date for the return of counterfoils and monies for the sweep is Monday, 14th March.

### January Lecture

This was held on Thursday, 27th January, in the clubhouse of the West Bowling Golf Club when thirty-two members attended. The speaker was Mr P Horner, Northern representative of Hayter Mowers Ltd., who illustrated his talk with films of the whole range of machines describing them in detail and pointing out many features. This was followed by a long session of questions and discussion. A vote of thanks was proposed and seconded by our Chairman and Vice-Chairman respectively. A most enjoyable evening was brought to a close with eats and drinks kindly provided by Messrs Hayters to whom we express our sincere thanks. I expect also there will be certain members playing in the Spring Tournament with a new ball for the first time in their lives!

### Mr Leslie Bakes

It is with deep regret that I have to inform members of the death of Mr Leslie Bakes, an Honorary Vice-President of the section, at the age of 76.



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Leslie, as he was familiarly known by a wide circle of greenkeepers, was a staunch supporter of the Section and took a prominent part in initiating a pension scheme for members.

He was secretary of the Sand Moor Club and before that was Secretary at Moor Allerton. He was also Secretary of the North-Eastern Section of the Association of Golf Club Secretaries and of the Society of Leeds Golf Club Captains.

On behalf of the members I have written to Mrs Bakes offering our deepest condolences.