

# 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 Tournament

AS YOU ALREADY KNOW THE SPRING Tournament will be played at Kirby Muxloe Golf Club on the 25th May, first tee 12.45 p.m. Will all members wishing to play please notify me by the 16th May in order to make catering arrangements. Any member travelling by bus via Leicester will catch it to Kirby Muxloe Station from Leicester College of Art and Technology in "The Newarkes" bus No. 219 or 664.

### Subscriptions

Subscriptions are now due and it would be a great help if members would send them to save me having to write several times.

## MIDLAND

*Chairman:*  
G. HART  
(Gay Hill)

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

### Four Ball Alliance

THIS EVENT IS COVERED BY MR REG Pugh's report.

### President's Match

Just a reminder of our President's Match at Handsworth on 28th June.

### Spring Tournament

I hope to see you all at this event on 5th May

### Annual Tournament

At Little Aston Golf Club, 8th to 10th August. Start to get your Chairman of the Greens Committee interested in this event to enable you to represent your Golf Club.

## FOUR BALL ALLIANCE

### VICE-PRESIDENTS AND GREENKEEPERS

PLAYED AT HARBORNE GOLF CLUB, ON WEDNESDAY,  
16th MARCH, 1966

We were fortunate in having a fine day for the above event, when 30 players turned out and had a most enjoyable day

I would like to tender my thanks to Mr C. J Withers for making the arrangements and the Committee of the Harborne Golf Club for extending the courtesy of their course and clubhouse, also to Mr Ashworth, the Secretary, for his assistance.

We were "graced" during the day with a visit from Mr C. Bretherton, Mr F Evans, and Mr L. Foster

The thanks of the Midland Section are extended to Mr Frank Evans (President), Dr Tracey (Captain), and Mr Charles J Withers (Chairman of the Greens), who so kindly donated hampers and golf balls, also Mr Bretherton (President of the Association), golf balls.

After the Competition we were entertained to drinks for the entire evening, and the gentlemen responsible for this generous gesture were the Vice-President (Mr Len Price) and Mr Withers, who donated £10 and £5 respectively for this treat, thus rounding off a most enjoyable day

I carried out introductions at the presentation, and thanked all concerned, including the Greenkeeper and his staff, and also mentioned that this was the finest prize list we had received from one Club.

The same three gentlemen also gave us one dozen Penfold golf balls for the Spring Tournament to be played at Kidderminster on the 5th May, 1966.

Dr Tracey, assisted by Mr Withers, presented the prizes, and may I once again say "Thank you Harborne Golf Club" and the Association Chairman, Mr Frank Cashmore, for his assistance in officiating whilst I played a round in the Competition.

The Competition resulted as follows:—

1st prize

Mr C. J Withers and Mr R. J Pugh—  
1 dozen balls and £5 5s. 0d. Hamper  
67 nett

2nd prize

Mr L. Price and Mr W Barton—1  
dozen balls and £3 3s. 0d. Hamper  
69 nett

3rd prize

Dr M. Tracey and Mr V Smith—1½  
dozen balls 70 nett

The following Vice-Presidents joined us in this game:—L. Price, C. J Withers, W H. R. Lloyds, J T Mitchley, L. Wheeler, E. Ballinger, R. Parker, Mr Ashworth, Dr Tracey, and W N Dudley-Evans (Warwickshire Secretary).

*Signed* REG PUGH,  
*Tournament Secretary*

## SOUTH-WEST

*Chairman*  
H. SHEPPARD,  
(Warminster G.C.)

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

### A.G.M.

OUR A.G.M. WAS HELD AT HENBURY Golf Club on the 9th March. Items on the Agenda were to elect a new President in place of Mr Southgate who has retired, to invite Mr Payne and Mr Veals to become Vice-Presidents, and to elect the committee for the coming year.

Our new President is, I am honoured to say, Mr John Ireland the very popular match Secretary of Salford Golf Club. Mr Ireland has done an untold amount of work for golf in this district. Assisting at Alliance Meetings, running Junior competitions, and arranging fixtures for

Somerset Colts are just a few of his many interests. But perhaps his greatest joy has been the running and ever increasing success of the Saltford Golf Festival Week. There, on the Monday evening the Amateur/Greenkeeper competition is, without question, our most enjoyable event of the year.

Our retiring President, Mr Southgate, we regret to say, has not enjoyed the best of health for the past couple of years, but we all sincerely trust that a month or so of well-earned rest will only be the beginning of a long and happy retirement. Mr Southgate, like all Ransome's representatives, has in the past, done an enormous amount of work for the section in which he has been residing. In particular his assistance on competition days will always be greatly appreciated. Should he at any future date wish to come along to our meeting he will always be most welcome.

To Mr Payne, his successor, we extend a warm welcome. After many years in the Industrial Midlands we trust that his new life amidst the tranquil green hills around Cheddar will be long and enjoyable.

### The Committee

In order that all members should have the opportunity of serving on the committee, it was decided that the senior member should retire each year. This being passed W Light takes the place of G Gilbert and S. Baber will take his place and represent the Assistant Greenkeepers at all meetings.

### Congratulations

The news has recently been brought to my attention that Barry Reeves will shortly be forsaking his Greenkeeping career to become Assistant Professional at Clevedon Golf Club. To this fine young golfer, who in two successive years has won the Senior Prize at the National Tournament, also playing a major part in the South-West, winning the Jubilee Cup at Weston-super-Mare. We wish him every success.

### Future Events

May 20th. President's Team v Greenkeepers—  
Knowle Golf Club.

July 26th. Annual Tournament—STINCH-  
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## SOUTHERN

By W Mason

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### Quiz

OUR QUIZ, HELD ON 16TH MARCH, was again most interesting with plenty of questions being asked, among which was the use of Chlordane for wormkilling and the best way to get rid of Thatch on the Greens. In all our Quiz Master, Mr Glass, was kept very busy

### Annual Dinner

Quite a few took part in the golf in the afternoon preceding the Annual Dinner. It was nice to see our Chairman, Mr J Simpson, who made the long journey down from Newcastle. The usual toasts were given with a hearty vote of thanks to the North Middlesex Golf Club and staff for a most enjoyable dinner and get together. The Captain and President expressed to me the hope that we would come again. The winning pair for the afternoon golf was S. Battams and his professional from Finchley, Mr Tony Moore.

### Visit to Bingley

My Committee have decided on a visit to Bingley which will take place in June. Arrangements will be made for a coach to take them down on Sunday, 12th June and return on Tuesday, 14th June. Will any member wishing to go let me know as early as possible so that arrangements can be made. Bingley say they will be pleased to do all they can for our visit and to find accommodation for the Sunday and Monday nights. The coach fares will be paid for out of Section Funds.

### Annual General Meeting

A special note for your diary—The Annual General Meeting will take place on Wednesday, 8th June at the Stirling Castle, 50 London Wall, Moorgate, E.C.1 at 6.30 p.m. It is hoped that every effort will be made to attend.

## SHEFFIELD

By J. J. Dearlove

Chairman:  
G. HERRINGTON  
(Lindrick)

Hon. Secretary:  
63 Langsett Avenue  
Sheffield, 6

### March Lecture

TO CONCLUDE THE LECTURE PROGRAMME for another season, we were treated to a talk on golf course construction and design. About 40 people turned up to listen to Mr F W Hawtree give a flowing commentary, with the aid of film slides, on this subject.

Mr A. Shardlow, our President, was detained at a late hour and, unfortunately, could not attend. He did, however, telegram his apologies to Mr Hawtree and the assembled company.

On opening the meeting, Mr George Herrington remarked on the good attendance and said how pleased he was to have a number of club officials in our company. He then introduced Mr B. Elliott who in turn welcomed the Speaker and those present.

Mr Elliott, a keen supporter for a new course in the area, recalled Mr Hawtree's last visit of four years ago and said how he'd looked forward to this evening. He also stressed during his opening remarks that every method should be explored in order to keep courses playable in the winter months.

Mr Hawtree was soon in action and left no one in doubt as what golf course making was all about. We were slightly surprised, however, to learn that the cost of the average golf hole is similar to four years ago. There was the usual question and answer time before Mr Elliott moved a vote of thanks which was ably seconded by Mr Herrington.

### New Members

A hearty welcome to the section for the Tankersley Park Club staff of Charlie Grimley and his assistants George Travis and apprentice Malcolm Beardshall. We look forward to seeing you at our meetings.

### Change of Club

Congratulations to Harry Herrington (son of George) on his appointment as Head Greenkeeper to the Thrybergh Park Club after four years in the same capacity at Sherwood Forest.

### Obituary

It is sad to note the death of Mr Fred Key, a life member of the section, at the age of 78. Fred was not in the best of health in the latter years but will be well remembered by the older members for his keen support of the section. We send our deepest sympathy to Mrs Key and family.

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# NORTHERN

By J. Parker

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Bingley, Yorks.

## Annual General Meeting

THIS WILL BE HELD IN THE MANSION, St Ives, Bingley, on Tuesday, 7th June at 6 p.m. Arrangements have been made for members to visit The Sports Turf Research Institute during the afternoon preceding the meeting. Those members making the visit are requested to assemble outside the offices at 1.45 p.m. Afternoon tea will be available in the Mansion following the visit.

## Subscriptions

Members are reminded that subscriptions became due on 1st May and prompt payment would be much appreciated.

## New Members

We welcome to the section the following new members, K. Dakin of Sand Moor Golf Club and H. A. Lees of Wilton Golf Club.

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Swansea, Glam.

### Spring Meeting

OUR SPRING MEETING WAS HELD, BY kind permission of the Captain and Committee of the Whitchurch Golf Club, on Wednesday the 13th April. The Course was in very good shape and we thank the Steward and Stewardess for looking after us so well. The only thing that was not so good was the weather but I am sure that everyone enjoyed themselves. Under such conditions the scores were very good. We played a 27 hole aggregate and our Cup winner was Jack Rees with a score of 111½ net, he received the Cardiff Cup and an umbrella given by Mr J Clay

Our next winners were as follows:—D. H. Jones 114 net who received a blanket, G Phillips 115 net—pair of towels, D. Jones 116 net—80 cigarettes. 2nd Division—T Finch 122—pair sheets, J Beaumont 129—pair of towels, D. Keaneally 143—tankard. There was no prize for the highest score or I may have stood a chance of getting a prize. Many thanks to Mr Payne of Ransome and Mr Jones of Whitchurch Golf Club for their help in doing all the work with the cards and cash for me.

### News of Members

I am sorry I did not let you know in last month's issue about Mr Geddes. He has been ill in hospital for a few weeks but I am pleased to report he is out and getting along nicely. He has retired from work now, so on behalf of members and friends we wish him a long and happy retirement, and, good health and good luck Mac.

I have not heard from Mr George Brennan for a while but I understand that he is getting on nicely. I had hoped to see him at Whitchurch but since the weather was so bad he was wise not to come out in it. So, George, from all the members, we hope to see you at the A.G.M. later on when the weather will be warmer—we hope.

### Spring Tournament

BY THE TIME MEMBERS READ THIS we shall have played our Spring Tournament, and I can only hope that the weather will have been much kinder to us than it is at the moment of writing, bitter cold winds, snow and sleet showers—not a bit the kind of weather we greenkeepers wish for at this time of year, but still I am keeping my fingers crossed and hoping for the best.

### New Members

We welcome to the section the following new members:—

Mr P F Partridge, Formby Golf Club,  
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