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—Goldie Goldman

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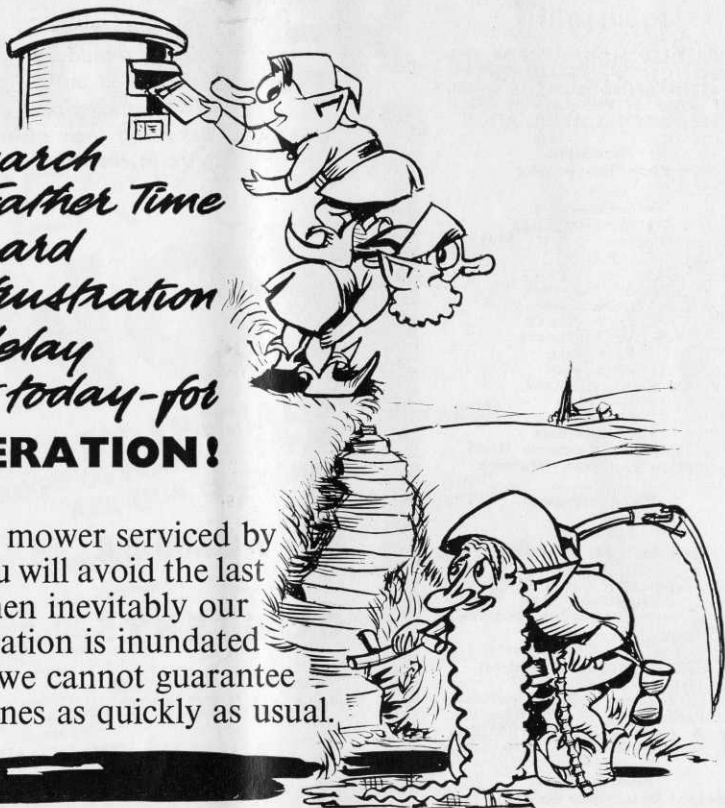
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# TEE SHOTS



by the Editor

The "length" fetish still influences Green Committees and often leads to danger, boredom and bad holes. Too many think that because J. Nicklaus reduces a 550 yard hole to a drive and an iron there is a general need for more length to suit the modern game.

We ought to go by the facts. Jack Reddy, the U.S.G.A. Scoring Analyst, has been seen measuring again at the U.S. Open and his findings appear in the current U.S. Golf Association's *Journal*.

Drives were measured on the 435 yard par 4 17th of the Olympic Country Club in San Francisco.

The average drive for all players in all four rounds was 245 yards. This compares with 251 last year, 252 in 1964, 243 in 1963 and 253 in 1956. The average run was 12 yards and this year wind was not favourable hence the slight reduction.

Jack Nicklaus hit one 273 yard drive, the longest recorded, and had the highest average, 262 yards. But the long hitters were only 10 or 20 yards farther on than the general run of competitors.

Another interesting light on the matter is given by the number of players who hit the green with their second shot, 25 per cent — no more! Another 16 per cent came within 30 feet with their second shot.

Some of the erring 75 per cent may have been playing from the rough. The fairway was 38 yards wide in the landing area but even so 35 per cent failed to find it.

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# THE VALUE OF COMPOST

By J. K. CAMPBELL

Links Supervisor, St Andrews, Scotland

*John Campbell, President of the Scottish Golf Greenkeepers Association, discusses one routine task and others which his staff often have to face. These two articles originally appeared in Golf Illustrated and are reprinted by kind permission.*

A GOLF course more often than not is judged by the condition of the greens, and if the putting surfaces are bumpy, the turf soft and soggy, badly pitted with ball marks, the course will, with some justification, be considered poor. There is no good reason why this should be the case.

The ideal conditions to aim at for all the year round are those where the turf is firm, resilient, and with a true putting surface that allows the ball to run smoothly without being deflected by avoidable irregularities.

Normal practice during the autumn and winter months is to spread sharp sand on the greens to keep the turf firm and open textured, and this can be beneficial only if done lightly and the sand well brushed in.

On the other hand it has been found that a too liberal use of sand will inevitably result in a hard layer being built up in the soil, impervious to moisture, and through which grass roots cannot penetrate and so produce a poor thin quality turf.

A proved method of building up good putting surfaces and, perhaps to a lesser extent fairways, demands a sufficient supply of compost, which can be inoffensive and a necessary adjunct to any golf course.

There but few courses lacking in material and compost can be briefly described as a mixture of good top soil, suitable organic material such as well rotted horse manure, grass cuttings, leaf mould, and this mixed with a sharp lime-free sand into a workable mixture.

These materials are usually built in alternate layers of about 4 or 5 inches

thick until a heap of some 6 feet high is reached, after which a period of time should be allowed for settlement and decomposition. The heap should be turned over at least twice during the year and allowed to stand for another 12 months to give adequate time for fermentation and elimination of weeds.

Regular light applications of this material well rubbed in will improve the texture of the soil, imparts humus, help to make the turf drought resistant and gradually build up true and firm surfaces capable of withstanding the wear and tear of the constantly increasing every day golf.

The preparation of suitable compost is often neglected perhaps due to shortage of labour or unavailability of suitable materials, (e.g. sand). Whatever the difficulties, attempt should be made to overcome them as every well-maintained golf course cannot have enough of this material in stock for top-dressing bulking fertilisers, and dealing with divot marks. The nature of compost is both cheap and valuable.

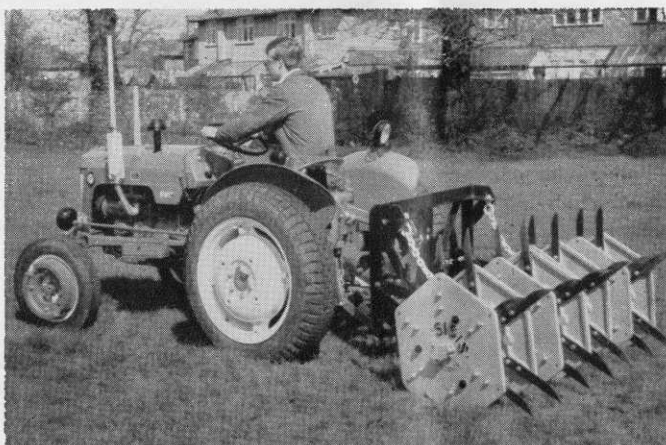
Soft greens, often the result of poor surface drainage, can be improved by more regular mechanical maintenance to assist aeration. Spiking and slit-tining is extremely beneficial and not nearly enough of this is done.

Scarification, which was hard work for the greenkeeping staff when done by hand, is eased by the use of one of several powered machines now available. The gentle combing action of this operation done lightly and frequently is beneficial to the turf particularly if matted and helps to produce firm and true putting surfaces.

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# THE BACK ROOM BOYS

By J. K. CAMPBELL

Links Supervisor, St Andrews, Scotland

**T**OURNAMENT golf today is a spectacle world wide in its aspect, the modern championship course is the arena where the leading players are attracted to exploit their skill against one another and for lucrative prizes.

Much is being done to improve the facilities for spectators, and at the main championship courses permanent amenities have been installed such as toilets and drinking water, while miles of permanent cable have been laid for use by officials, T.V. and the Press to give up-to-the-minute information. Vantage points have been built, and ground levelled around the perimeter of the course to ensure reasonable walking conditions.

The construction of "natural" vantage points to accommodate spectators by the thousand involves considerable thought, time, material, and a co-ordinated programme for transport and other mechanical devices. Essentially the work is done by the greenkeeping staff in the winter months as weather and regular course maintenance permits.

As to the siting of these vantages many are obvious, and after an event the treading of many thousands of spectators give a clear indication of others which can be improved at little cost and so spread the load. Connecting pathways around the perimeter, and this includes to and from the back tees, are of equal importance and all new work has to be consolidated and turfed over to present spectators with the best possible conditions underfoot. The whole layout must be pleasing to the eye as well as practical, and the traditional appearance of the course left undisturbed. Where necessary tubular stands can be left in the hands of the erectors, but the main object devolves on the greenkeeper whose task it is to make best use of natural amenities which in the course of time will thoroughly blend with the surroundings, so that, apart from maintenance, the first cost of which is the last.

In the process of toughening up the course it often means the construction of special tees to lengthen or improve some of the holes. While as this is being done it is important that the regular routine of course maintenance should proceed unhindered, and club members enjoy their daily game with as little inconvenience as possible.

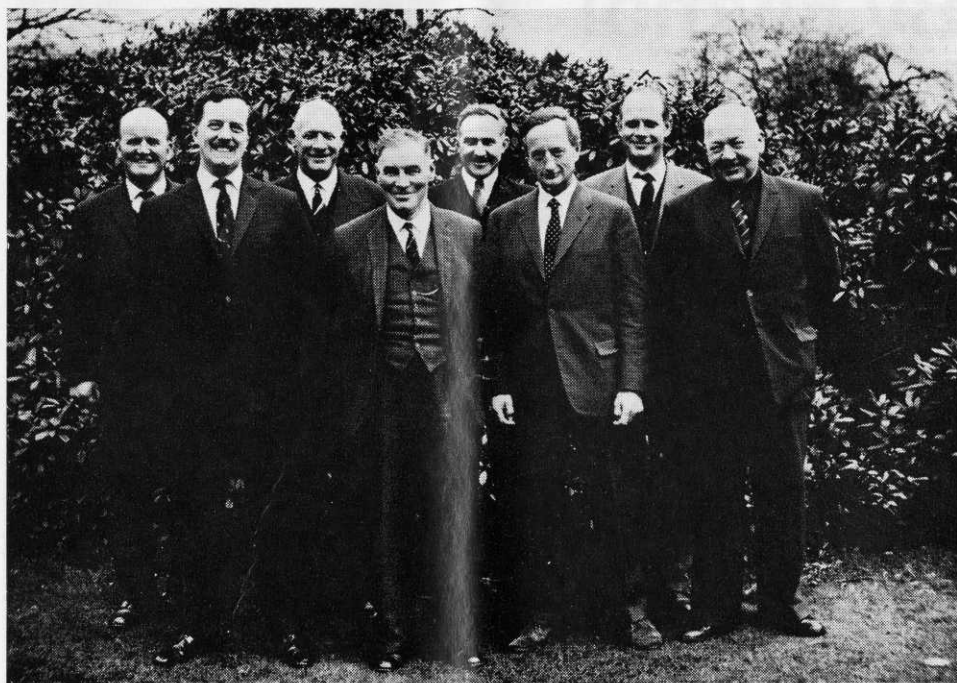
As the day of the tournament draws nearer the greenkeeper's services are much in demand, liaison with the committee is important to decide where the holes will be placed each day, the tees to be used, and to establish the sites for prefabricated stands if necessary, television towers, marquees and tents, scoreboards, mobile caravans, fences for crowd control, notice boards, collection and disposal of litter. When the lorries and vans arrive with gear of all sorts it is only the greenkeeper with his intimate knowledge of the terrain who can pilot them out to the pre-selected sites without fear of getting bogged down with heavy loads anywhere on the course.

When the players arrive they expect and must find the course groomed to perfection, so by this time preparations have been completed. Greens, tees and fairways have been given their final trim, bunkers also meticulously dealt with including the fringes. Flags freshly painted flag-pins and hole cups stand out against the background of emerald greens carefully manicured showing the familiar striped lines, which is the pleasing effect produced by the greenkeeper with his mowing machine.

During the course of a tournament the players and spectators see very little of the greenkeeper as his work must be done before play begins. This means a daybreak start every morning to cut greens, tees and fairways, move pole positions and rake bunkers. Irrespective of the weather all this work must be done on schedule though often it may mean wet skins.

By the time the spectators and players arrive the work of course grooming by





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*Members of the Joint Council after their Annual Meeting at Bingley  
on Tuesday, 11th October.*

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**BACK ROOM BOYS—continued**

the staff will be completed—then they may be employed to help with car parking, posted at strategic parts of the course for dealing with bunkers, etc., and any other tasks of suitable maintenance.

This schedule of work continues throughout the course of the event, jobs such as cutting fairways can begin when the days play is over. In the event of drought pre-conceived plans would be brought into operation for watering greens and tees, etc., in the evening and overnight. This considerably adds to the greenkeepers many tasks as it involves moving equipment with care

being taken to ensure that all areas receive the same amount of water and the run of the ball will be uniform at every hole. When this is done all equipment must be out of the way before play begins in the morning.

After the event the work of the staff really begins with the task of cleaning up and storing away all the paraphernalia. Bottle tops, nails and studs, etc., are a menace to the mowing machines and make routine maintenance more arduous for the next few days.

When next you view a satisfying event either on the spot or on television and possibly admire the look of the course, remember those behind the scenes and particularly the Back Room Boys.

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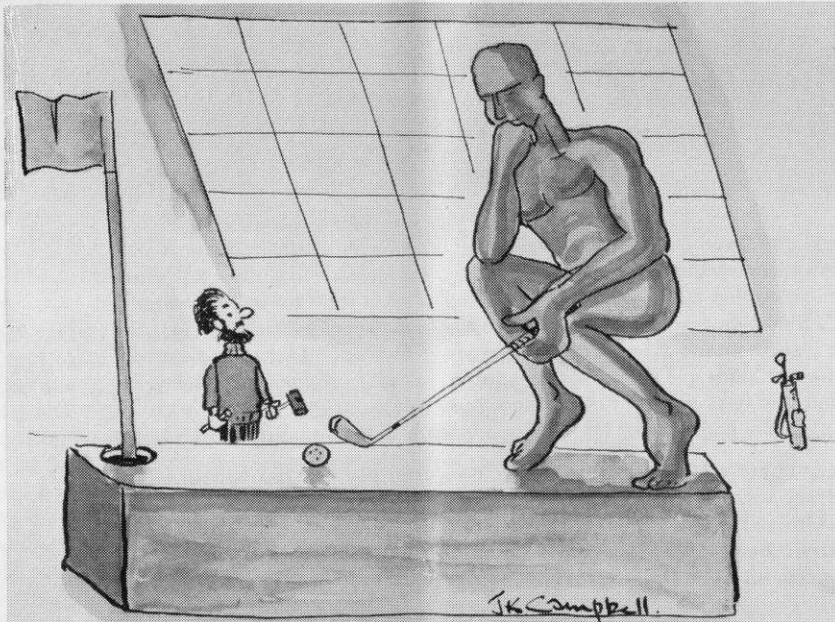
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from the Sections

## SOUTHERN

By W. Mason

Hon. Secretary:

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Mr W. E. MOORE

ON WEDNESDAY, 5TH OCTOBER, a large number of greenkeepers and Vice-Presidents of the Southern Section and members of the Romford Golf Club attended the South-East Essex Crematorium to pay tribute to Bill Moore, Chairman of the Southern Section and Chairman-elect of the B.G.G.A. He was elected Vice-Chairman at the last Tournament and was looking forward to taking the Chair, an honour he deserved as he had devoted the whole of his working life to the benefit and welfare of golf green-keeping.

He was loved by all who came in contact with him and also by the members of the Romford Golf Club whom he had served faithfully for the past 13 years. The minister, in his sermon, stated that in years to come many more important men than Bill would be forgotten but his name would always crop up when the course at Romford was mentioned.

There is no doubt that greenkeeping has suffered by his passing; his loss will be mourned but his name will live on.

I would like, on behalf of the members of the Southern Section, to express to Mrs Moore and family our very deepest sympathy in their great loss.

J. K. GLASS.

The following letter was received in acknowledgement of floral tribute sent for Mr W. Moore.

Dear Mr Mason,

Would you please convey to all members of the Southern Section of the B.G.G.A. on behalf of my mother and myself our grateful thanks for the floral tribute sent for my father.

He will, I am sure, be sadly missed by all.

Yours faithfully,  
P. G. Moore.

### Autumn Lecture

Our next lecture will take place as usual at the Stirling Castle Hotel, London Wall, Moorgate, E.C. and will be given by a representative from Ransomes, Sims and Jefferies, starting at 6.30 p.m. I hope every effort will be made to attend.

### New Member

We welcome to the Section L. R. Johnson, head greenkeeper at the North Oxford Golf Club.

## WELSH

By S. A. Tucker

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### Autumn Meeting

OUR AUTUMN MEETING WAS HELD at Pyle and Kenfig Golf Club on 28th September by the kind permission of the Captain and Committee. Many thanks to the staff outside; Bert and his boys have done a fine job of work in the change of the course and I thought his greens were in very good shape. The meals the steward and stewardess put up for us were excellent and everybody enjoyed their day. The weather was good with not much wind, and sunny and not too warm. The scores and winner over a 27-hole aggregate, 9 holes before lunch and 15 after, were as follows:—

1st, J. Rees, net 100½—the President's Shield and blanket; 2nd, J. Martin, net 103½—pouffe; 3rd, D. Jones, net 107 (won on last three holes)—table cloth; 4th, L. Dunster, net 107—pair of towels.

20-24 handicap: 1st, W. Hooper, 106—pair of towels; 2nd, T. Finch, net 107—chair and settee backs.

We were very pleased to welcome to our section Mr J. Moore from the East Midland section. I hope he will be very happy working in his new surroundings. He is situated on a cliff-top and overlooks the sea. I hope he is interested in fishing in his spare time as there are many good fish to be caught. We hope his stay will be as long as Frank Venn's who has just retired. Our best wishes for your retirement, Frank.

I am pleased to report that Mr Geddes, our Chairman and Treasurer, has semi-retired after about 45 years with Royal Porthcawl Golf Club. I am sure that all members will join with me in wishing Mac and Mrs Geddes a long and happy retirement after a tedious and painful illness from which we are all pleased to see him recover. I can look back to 1946 and note that he was

Chairman then, so you can imagine the amount of work he has done for the section and the benefit of golf as a whole. Mac, you have earned your rest and we wish you good luck and the best of health.

### The Annual Draw

On behalf of the Committee I would like to thank all members for their efforts in selling so many books of tickets. Over 500 were sold which is a wonderful effort for a small section. A special word of thanks to T. E. Lloyd—his effort was supreme—we are very proud of you, Tom, and to Henry Fry who sold the winning ticket, your efforts were not in vain. Keep up your good work, boys.

## NORTH-WEST

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### Autumn Tournament

OUR AUTUMN TOURNAMENT WAS held at Hazel Grove Golf Club on Thursday, 22nd September, 1966 and we sincerely extend our thanks to the Captain and Council for granting us the courtesy of the course and facilities of the Club House. Our thanks also to Mr H. Needham and his staff for the excellent condition of the course; also to Mr and Mrs O'Connor and staff for two most enjoyable meals. I would also like to thank Mr M. Hill, the Club Professional, for the use of his caddy cars and for the prize he donated to our prize list.

The weather was very kind to us, warm and sunny for most of the day. Nine holes were played in the morning and 18 in the afternoon. Our prize list was made up of donations and prizes presented by the following: A. J. Cordell, Esq., R. Fielding, Esq., O. P. Jones, Esq., M. Hill, Esq., Messrs. T. Henderson and Son, Ransomes, Sims and Jefferies, H. Patisson and Co. Ltd., Stewarts of Edinburgh, W. Hargreaves, "Sisis" Ltd., C. H. Pugh Ltd. (Atco), Northern Section P.G.A.

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In the afternoon our Hon. Members and visitors played an 18-hole competition and this was won by Mr Stanley with a score of 94 less 24 handicap—70 net. We were ably assisted by Messrs. H. Needham, N. Barlow, and W. Greaves who spent most of the day collecting cash and checking scores and cards thus enabling me to play and have an enjoyable day.

The prizes were presented by the Vice-Captain owing to the unavoidable absence of the Captain.

### Winter Lectures

The attendance at the first of our lectures for the winter series was disappointing when comparing it with the very good support we had last

winter but still I am hoping for better support for the remainder of the series.

A very interesting talk was given to about 16 enthusiastic members by Mr Finch, of Maxicrop Ltd., to whom we extend our thanks for an interesting evening.

The next lecture will be given by Mr R. V. Davies, of S.T.R.I., on 7th November followed on 5th December with a talk on "Fertilisers for Fine Turf" given by one of the Staff of S.A.I. Horticulture.

### New Members

We welcome to the Section the following new members and hope their association with us will be long and happy: A. Styles, Reddish Vale G.C., Stockport; D. S. Robinson, Hazel Grove G.C., Stockport; J. H. Birch, Hillside Golf Club, Southport.

## NORTHERN

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

By J. Parker  
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Bingley, Yorks.

### Sheffield Match

EIGHTEEN MEMBERS OF THE SECTION visited Hallamshire Golf Club on Thursday, 22nd September for the Annual Match versus Sheffield Section. Though unsuccessful in retaining the "Slater Trophy" members had an enjoyable afternoon's golf. Results:—

- D. Copland and D. Storey lost to A. Spencer and C. Chappell by 1 hole.
- K. Driver and A. Money lost to A. Shardlow and L. Haynes by 4 and 3.
- A. Brophy and A. Robertshaw beat A. Goldthorpe and J. Hickling by 5 and 4.
- D. Spurden and C. Geddes halved with G. Herrington and E. Palmer.
- T. Toulson and H. Marshall lost to S. Inman and C. Grimley by 5 and 4.
- C. Moore and S. Bailes halved with G. Travis and J. Lomas.

Our thanks are due to the Sheffield Section for their kind hospitality.

### Lecture

A lecture will be given in the clubhouse of the West Bowling Golf Club, Bradford, on Thursday, 24th November, at 1.15 p.m. The speaker will be Mr B. C. Clayton, Senior Advisory Officer of the Sports Turf Research Institute, who will take for his subject "Top Dressing". Arrangements are well in hand for a complete winter session to include a dinner for members and wives in the new year. Members will be circularised for all events.

### Mr L. Beetham

Mr L. Beetham, of Fixby Golf Club, has been appointed Head Greenkeeper to the Royal Lytham and St Annes Golf Club in succession to the late Mr Jock Marshall. I am sure all members will wish Leslie every success in his new position.

### Tournaments

Any new members wishing to take part in Tournaments are reminded that three cards must be submitted for allocation of handicap before being allowed to play.

# SHEFFIELD

**Chairman:**  
G. HERRINGTON  
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**By J. J. Dearlove**  
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## Slater Trophy

THE HALLAMSHIRE COURSE WAS very neat and in excellent condition when the Northern and Sheffield Sections met to play for the Slater Trophy on Thursday, 22nd September.

Fielding a strong team which included our President, A. Shardlow and Vice-Presidents L. J. Haynes and J. Hickling, the Sheffield Section won quite convincingly by 3 matches to 1 and 2 halved. The results were as follows with Northern Section names first: D. Copland and D. Storey lost to A. Spencer and C. Chappell, K. Driver and A. Money lost to A. Shardlow and L. J. Haynes, A. Brophy and A. Robertshaw beat A. Goldthorpe and J. Hickling, D. Spurden and C. Geddes halved with G. Herrington and E. Palmer, T. Toulson and H. Marshall lost to S. Inman and C. Grimley, C. Moore and S. Bailes halved with G. Travis and J. Lomas.

Mr Shardlow received the Cup from Mr Mountain, the Northern Section President, and said how pleased he was to see the Trophy return to Sheffield. Mr Mountain thanked the Sheffield Section and the Hallamshire Club for allowing us the use of the course and Mr Vale, captain of Hallamshire, suitably replied

A belated thanks to those who donated prizes for the Annual Tournament which were as follows: H. Pattisson & Co. Ltd., May & Baker Ltd., Ransomes, Sims & Jeffries, Fearnco Ltd., Rigby Taylor Ltd., Stewarts of Edinburgh, T. Green & Sons Ltd., The Cannock Agricultural Co Ltd., Fisons Ltd, Carters Tested Seeds Ltd., Sisis Equipment Ltd., Suttons & Sons Ltd., W. Mountain Ltd., Lunevale Products Ltd. and Mr B. Elliott.

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## Autumn Competition

OUR AUTUMN COMPETITION WAS played over the course of the Wearside G.C. on Thursday, 6th October, by kind permission of the Captain and Committee.

Results: The best Scratch Score over 27 holes D. Gray, Whitley Bay, 111. The Ransome Cup was won by C. Baxter, City of Newcastle, for the best net score, 113. Other prize-winners: N. Snailham, South Moor, 114; T. Kay, South Moor, 114½; T. Green, Ravensworth, 115; J. Smith, Morpeth, 115½; J. Simpson, Ponteland, 116; S. Pope, Tyneside, 116½; R. Hinson, Bamburgh, 117; R. Derham, South Shields, 118;

T. Nutman, Tynemouth, 119; R. Bird, Brancepeth, 120; H. Somerville, Alnmouth, 121; J. Snowden, Gosforth, 122; A. Gunn, Ravensworth, 123.

The Vice-President's Competition was won by Mr W. Wroath with a net score of 118.

The Chairman, Mr J. Simpson, thanked the Captain and Committee for the courtesy of the course and the clubhouse and said how pleased he was to see so many of the young greenkeepers, and gave them a special welcome. He then introduced Dr Lloyd, Captain of Wearside Golf Club, who had kindly consented to present the prizes and say a few words on our behalf. Our Chairman then thanked the steward and stewardess for a very enjoyable meal, and P. Crombie and his staff for the splendid condition of the course. This was heartily endorsed by all.

## New Members

We welcome to the Section the following new members: T. Kay, T. Wright, M. Appleby, and P. Watson.

## In Memorium

It is with deep regret that I have to inform members of the death of Mr J. Wroath, a Vice-President of the Section. Jack, who died suddenly on Saturday, 8th October, was a very well known member of the Section, and to fellow members of the Ravensworth Golf Club who will probably remember him best for his keenness for the game of golf and for his concern for the welfare of his fellow members. On behalf of all members I would like to extend our deepest sympathy to his wife and family in their loss.

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### Autumn Tournament

OUR AUTUMN TOURNAMENT WAS held at the Erewash Valley Golf Club on 24th September. A very enjoyable day was had by all, especially as we had excellent weather and a course which was in fine condition. We would like to thank the committee for the use of the course and the Captain for presenting the prizes. Also our thanks to the inside and outside staff for helping to make it such an enjoyable day. Many thanks, too, to the Trade for donating to our prize list. The winners of the prizes were as follows: Greenkeepers; 1st, S. McNiece, 2 up; 2nd, F. Frost, 1 up; 3rd, J. Burnham, 1 down; 4th, F. Oliver, 2 down; 5th, D. Bull, 5 down last nine; 6th, P. McCarron, 5 down; 7th, D. Whitehead, 6 down last nine; 8th, J. Rimmer, 6 down; 9th, R. Buchanan, 7 down last nine; 10th, I. Toone, 7 down. Vice-Presidents: 1st, Mr Ezard, all square; 2nd, Mr Holmes, 4 down. Visitors: Mr Newton, all square.

## SOUTH-WEST

(Warminster G.C.)  
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H. SHEPPARD,

**By A. Cockfield**  
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(Shamcastle G.C.)

### Annual Tournament

ONCE AGAIN WE HAD PERFECT weather conditions for our Annual Tournament at Stinchcombe Hill. The popularity of this course rewarded us with a record turn out, 22 taking part in the competition, plus four of our old stalwarts, A. Butler, G. Gilbert, H. Warrender, and J. Jenkins who only imagine their golfing days are over, and now prefer to walk round and watch us all amidst our toils.

Our new President, Mr Ireland, came along in the afternoon to present the prizes, and also on our behalf thank the Stinchcombe Hill Golf Club for granting us the courtesy of the course, and members of the staff, indoor and outdoor who helped to make the day the success it was.

The results were as follows:—

Greenkeepers: 1st, D. Cheetham (18), 141 net—Lady Lester Cup and Ransome Tankard; 2nd, I. Scoones (14), 149 net—meat tray; 3rd, W. Light (10), 149 net—Pyrex dish; 4th, H. Waygood (10), 152 net—50 cigarettes.

Assistant Greenkeepers: 1st, F. Tucker (12), 143 net—Ransome Cup and clock; 2nd, C. King (22), 143 net—lighter; 3rd, H. Binge (14), 144 net—towels (Patissons); 4th, T. Moore (16), 146 net—50 cigarettes.

Best Gross: A. Cockfield, 155—President's Prize, golf umbrella; Veterans' Prize: F. Meaker, wallet (May and Baker).

This was perhaps our most successful meeting; it ran smoothly all day and for that our grateful thanks are due entirely to our Vice-Presidents Mrs Snell, and Mr Payne of Ransomes. Also Mr Ireland's very presence brings about a lot of good organisation. Our thanks must also go to Tom Green, the local professional, for providing trolleys free of charge. Then there are the numerous firms and all the local golf clubs who give so generously each year to our prize fund list. Again thank you all very much indeed.

It was also good to see four new members, all under 25 years of age, taking part in the competition. During the last two years we must have had a dozen joining the section, and our present average age must be around 35. Very encouraging.

## IRISH

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### Mr Philip Cullen, Sen.

IT WAS WITH REGRET THAT WE heard of the death of Mr Philip Cullen, Sen., on 28th September. He was the father of Phil Cullen of Milltown Golf Club, who, with other members of the Committee, helped to re-organise the Irish section of the B.G.G.A.



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**WEST SECTION**

**Annual Meeting**

BY COURTESY OF THE LANARK GOLF Club, the West Section of the Scottish Greenkeepers held their Annual Autumn Meeting over the Lanark Golf Course on the 27th September. The Scoring was as follows:—  
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*First Class*

1st D. Paterson, Paisley	(6)	69
2nd W. Miller, Irvine G.C.	(6)	69
3rd S. Bulloch, Kirkintilloch	(6)	70

*Second Class*

1st T. Weymss, Hags Castle	(12)	70
2nd R. Meldrum, Kilmacolm	(16)	72
3rd J. Bulloch, Kirkintilloch	(12)	73

*Third Class*

1st J. Young, Douglas Park	(20)	67
2nd J. McMillan, Cardross	(20)	70
3rd A. Jamieson, Prestwick St Nicholas	(22)	71

*Veterans*

1st J. Robertson, Troon Municipal	(4)	73
2nd J. Wilson, West Kilbride	(11)	74

*New Members Prize*

T. McKenna		88
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**SGGA EAST SECTION**

**Annual General Meeting**

The Annual General Meeting was held at Liberton Golf Club on the 6th October. Altogether there were 45 members present. The following appointments were made:—  
*Chairman* — Mr W. Paton, Dunbar. *Vice-Chairman* — Mr D. Herd, Longniddry. *Secretary and Treasurer* — Mr G. Cameron of 34 Muirfield Crescent, Gullane, E. Lothian.

A Competition prior to the A.G.M. was played over the Liberton Golf Course. The winners were as follows:—Scratch — J. Gray 73. 1st Class — W. Shepherd 66, 2nd Class — J. Wood 72, 3rd Class — R. Cunningham 61.

**GREENKEEPER RETIRES AFTER FORTY YEARS**

Walter Holland, who lives at Ivy Chimneys, Epping, has retired after forty years as full-time greenkeeper at Theydon Bois Golf Club.

He was guest at the Club's cocktail party on Saturday, 15th October, when he was presented with a cheque by Mr Peter Rogers, the Club Captain. A similar presentation was made by Mrs Pat Burnell on behalf of the ladies' section.

Mr Holland, who is sixty-five-years-old, has not severed all connection with the club, for he is staying on as a part-time groundsman.

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## **Curry Beef**

1 lb. beef, 1 oz. of flour, 1 level teaspoon of salt, 1 onion, half a garlic clove, 1 apple, 1 tomato, 1 oz. dripping, 1 level tablespoon of curry powder,  $\frac{1}{2}$  pint of water, rind and juice of half a lemon, 1 level teaspoon of brown sugar, 1 tablespoon of raisins.

Cut the meat in pieces. Peel and slice the onion. Peel and chop the garlic, apple and tomato. Mix flour and salt, and coat the meat with it.

Heat the dripping in a saucepan and fry the meat in it. When brown, add the vegetables, apple and tomato and fry for a few minutes longer. Pour off any excess fat. Add the curry powder and any flour left after coating the meat. Mix well and stir in the water. Add the remaining ingredients, and simmer two to three hours; the longer the better.

The amount of curry powder in this recipe gives a moderately hot curry. Vary the quantity to suit your own taste. A curry can be kept hot for a long time without spoiling. It could be made the day before and re-heated but be sure to bring it to the boil before serving. To serve 3-4 people.

## **Goulash**

1 lb. lean beef, 1 oz. dripping, 2 onions, 2 level teaspoons paprika pepper 1 level teaspoon of salt, 2 tomatoes, a pinch of caraway seeds,  $\frac{1}{4}$  pint of hot water, 1 lb. of potatoes.

Peel and slice the onions, cut the meat in cubes. Peel the potatoes and keep in cold water until needed.

Fry the meat and dripping in a saucepan until brown and add the onions. Cook for a few minutes and then add all the other ingredients except the potatoes. Cover and simmer until tender (long, slow cooking gives the best flavour). This may need a little more water during cooking. Boil the potatoes for about 20 minutes, and cut them in quarters. Add them to the Goulash for the last 10 minutes. Mix carefully. To serve 3-4 people.

## **Beef Casserole, with Wine**

2 oz. mushrooms, salt and pepper, 1 tablespoon of red wine,  $\frac{1}{2}$  pint of hot water, 2 level tablespoons of flour, 1 lb. lean beef, 3 oz. of bacon, 3 oz. of onion, 2 oz. of butter.

Cut the beef and bacon up into small pieces, peel and slice the onion, wash the mushrooms.

Melt the butter and brown the onion and bacon in it. Remove, and brown the meat. Sprinkle in the flour and brown it. Add the hot water and fried onions and bacon. Add wine, mushrooms and flavourings (be careful not to add too much salt because of the bacon). Cover and cook slowly for about  $2\frac{1}{2}$  hours.

Serve with it either boiled, mashed or baked-jacket potatoes, green peas, beans or spinach. To serve 3-4 people.

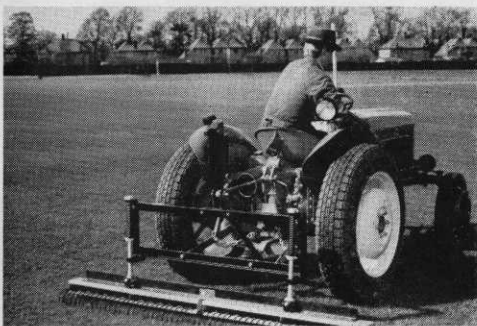
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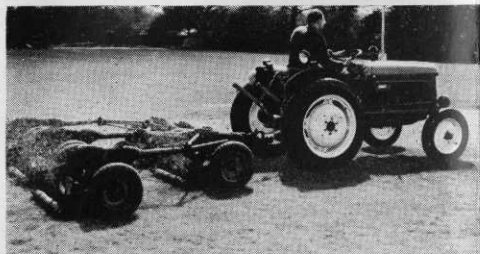
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