

News



from the Sections

SOUTHERN

By W. Mason

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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 greenkeeping.

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

Chairman:
M. GEDDES
(Royal Porthcawl)

Hon. Secretary:
36 Clase Road
Morriston
Swansea, Glam.

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

Chairman:
W. BURGESS
(Ringway G.C.)

By H. M. Walsh
Hon. Secretary:
78 Hadfield Street,
Oldham, Lancs.

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.

These were won by the following: Best Gross: W. Bridges, 113. Best Net, H. Smith (13) 104½; 2nd, R. Hayhurst (20) 106; 3rd, R. Fielding (17) 106½; 4th, R. Janovskis (10) 108; 5th, W. Sumner (12) 108; 6th, G. Davey (5) 109½; 7th, W. Bridges (1) 111½; 8th, J. Catlow (4) 112; 9th, K. Gardener (5) 112½; 10th, E. Macavoy (3) 114½; 11th, D. Macdonald (7) 116.

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
Hon. Secretary:
8 Goit Stock Terr., Harden
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
(Lindrick)

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

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.

NORTH-EAST

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

By D. Earsman
Hon. Secretary:
Arcot Hall Cottage
Dudley
Newcastle on Tyne 3

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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Kirby Muxloe, Leicester

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.)
Chairman:
H. SHEPPARD,

By A. Cockfield
Hon. Secretary:
(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

By G. Angier
Chairman:
J. TEMPLE
(Portmarnock G.C.)
Hon. Secretary:
50 Ballinless Avenue
Dundrum, Dublin, 14

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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