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# TEE SHOTS



by the Editor

The record entry for the Annual Tournament at Little Aston found playing conditions almost unbelievably good for these days. Tuesday brought rain, but Monday and Wednesday were fine and it was hard to believe that this tranquil park setting with views to distant hills was only a few miles from the city centre. It was good to meet so many old friends, new ones, and the faithful group of wives. We hope they will all be at Walton Heath next year

Was shown the course equipment at Prestatyn recently. One novelty amongst others was the Overgreen trailing five Certes units instead of the usual three. Has anyone else tried this? Another time-saver was a long side-arm extending from the tractor trailing a harness with two heavy chains. These smooth all the sand bunkers on this links in something under 1½ hours.

Attended the last two days of the inaugural tournament of the new Pals golf course, first on the Costa Brava, later in the month. The first seed was sown on 1st November 1964, the last in Spring this year. There were competitions every day and receptions every night for a fortnight and the final dinner and prize giving was attended by over 300. Not bad for a new nine-hole course.

Bromley has started work on the first nine of a municipal 18 holes at Downe where Charles Darwin once studied earthworm activities. The ground is a public open space well furnished with trees. The scheme was started by Orpington, now merged into the Greater London Borough. The first nine holes of the Dartford Rural District's municipal course at Lullingstone Park opened in June is already said to be crowded though fairly remotely situated. There is still room for more.

# Studying Natural History on the Golf Course

*From a correspondent*

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SOME golf courses, well tended as they are and sometimes enclosed, are becoming better and better havens for wild plants, butterflies and moths, and resident and migratory birds. Many golf links have been encroached upon by the increased agricultural use of land or by tremendous building activity until they have become oases of unspoilt and to a great extent conserved countryside. It is a common mistake to think that a tract of countryside can be conserved without knowledgeable and regular attention, and although golf course upkeep may not be entirely perfect from the naturalists' point of view, for it may be a little too careful, it is obviously suiting plenty of animal, bird and plant species.

There have only been a few reports of cases where insect or weed-killing sprays used on greens have resulted in wholesale death of birds that fed on poisoned insects or coated weed seeds. There have, indeed, been far more records received of preserved species that are now scarce "out in the open". The very fact that links are often fenced and patrolled during daylight hours by golfers and greensmen keeps out many wild-flower pickers as well as itinerant butterfly collectors and bird-nesters. The mowing of the fairways seems to suit some plants, and the restriction of scrub in outer roughs is also helpful.

Early this year Mr Henry Longhurst reported that there were 147 varieties of wild flowers flourishing on the links at Saunton. There are at least 200 varieties on a Sussex coastal course, including some that are rare and that attract ardent botanists from a long way off. Certainly some of the 200 are grasses, like the unobtrusive Dune Fescue and the bulbous Meadow-grass or even sedges like the Salt-marsh Sedge, but these give clues to the types of habi-

tat that this golf course covers and thereby protects, and there are plenty more showy wild flowers as well. In some seasons Sand Catchfly, with its striped and swollen calyx and small, topping bright pink flowers, colours the ground. There is usually a brilliance of blue Viper's Bugloss in the early summer and wide treads of acid-yellow Stonecrop or Wall-pepper

## TRAMPLED PLANTS

The dunes on the open, sea side, are spoilt by hordes of picnickers who trample the small plants to extinction and leave tins and bottles about when they go home. On the other side, inside the fence, among the seashore grasses, there is a riot of small-flowered clovers, Fenugreek, and still some Sea Holly as well as streamers of Sea Bindweed with rosy bell-tent flowers and mats of Sea Sandwort. There is even a sandy bank, close to another fence, where "Little Robin", the often taller, but uncommon, relation of Herb Robert, grows.

Six-spot Burnet moths sling their cocoons by the score on the stems of high grasses beside the fairways and Painted Lady butterflies as well as Red Admirals coming in from across the Channel enjoy their first landfall without being chased and captured. This is one of the few places left to look for Clouded Yellows, for even during years when they are scarce there are generally a few here in early autumn. There are always Wheatears and Redstarts, too, in spring and autumn, and occasionally in September small gangs of Stone Curlews, Thick-knees or Great Plover pause before setting off over the sea.

Fifty or more miles away on a sandy inland golf course at the edge of an old forest there are even more extra pleasures for any members who may be nature-minded. A mass of Bog Pimpernel flowers smother the grass at the edge of one of the holes on the ladies' course. Lilac-flowered Ivy-leaved Campanulas decorate the sides of several narrow ditches. Marsh St John's Wort, its hairy

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leaves trapping drops of water and thus turning themselves silver, makes black-watered pools more attractive than they would be without any vegetation, even if it makes it more difficult to find balls that have been sliced across the rough.

#### SPREADING FRINGE-CUPS

Early in the year Lousewort changes the colour of the grass on the fairway and in the autumn Saw-wort, heather and heaths, and dwarf gorse make the patterns of colour. There are places where Marsh Gentians grow and open their big blue flowers for a few bright hours and one tideside where "Fringe-cups" (*Tellima grandiflora*) were spreading well when I last saw them. To the purists they may be only garden escapes, but they are a long way from the garden here and getting a chance to grow well.

Silver-studded blue butterflies flutter their way all round these long and shorter courses and seem to maintain their numbers. In the open adjacent forest land, they are getting fewer and fewer. It is the same with Nightjars, they seem to stand a better chance on the golf course property than they do outside it. Often when I have left the clubhouse at dusk in the summer I have paused to hear their churrings coming from all round, together, when the wind was in the right direction, with the higher-pitched reeling of a Grasshopper Warbler.

Some of the downland links have great numbers of interesting plants in their precincts. The rare Moon Carrot belongs to the entrance of one club and is given three-star rarity rating in a wildflower handbook. It may not look very different from an ordinary wild carrot flower unless you are expert, but the green frill of bracts under the flower-head are undivided and, I am told, it shines out whiter than white at night. The fairways and roughs on the chalk hills are wonderful places for such eye-catching butterflies as the black-and-white Marbled Whites, or "Half-mourners" as they used to be called, and for the rapidly scarcening Blues, the Common Blue that is no longer at all common and the even more local Chalk-hill Blue and Adonis Blue. The

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last two lay their eggs on the Horseshoe Vetch, a plant that is actually and literally losing ground yearly now that so much of these hills (or "mountains" as Gilbert White called them) is ploughed.

There used to be hundreds of butterflies in and over the grass on Cissbury Hill and on one slope a strong stand of Maiden Pink. Now they all seem to have gone but on the golf course near by there are still plenty of Meadow Browns, Gatekeepers, Small Coppers, and Brown Argus butterflies and one small colony of the Pink. Bee orchids decorate the valley sides above the long fairways, just after the creamy Dropwort is over and sometimes there are numerous Fragrant Orchids too. Tree and Meadow Pipits and Linnets and Yellowhammers all do their best to distract the players.

There are links where the attractions are so great that it is difficult to concentrate. An elderly golfing naturalist once told me that she had found Orange Birdsfoot on a Hampshire golf course and I have searched for it to the detriment of my game ever since. I have repeatedly lost balls into the woodland where Martagon Lilies were reputed to grow beside another remote course. I listen, with envy, to stories about the Sand Crocus which grows on a golf course in Devon and nowhere else in this country, for I have never been able to go at the time of the year when it flowers. I remember, when I was a child, abandoning my game altogether on the course on Wimbledon Common when I heard that Dartford Warblers were breeding in the gorse there. And there have been times, more recently, when I have got to the car park of a course near my home and spent several hours watching spring migrants and finding Shepherd's-cress, or Teesdalia, Hoary Cinqufoil, and Moenchia there without getting as far as the clubhouse.

#### LOSS OF A HOLE

Watching White Admirals and Silver-washed Fritillaries basking on bramble flowers in high summer on a golf course where wild daffodils grow earlier in the year has often led to the loss of a hole, and the hope of seeing rare plants and

butterflies on any of the New Forest courses never improves my game. Possibly if I ever had the chance to play at Churston, or Mullion, or up by the Brecks at Thetford, it might be as well to explore the courses first and play afterwards.

From a natural history point of view the golf course where the Lizard orchids grow is the most famous. I cannot give a clue to its locality for the tall, grotesque-flowered plants are sometimes abundant and sometimes very scanty. Considering their weirdness, they do not show up well but they smell, when you are near enough to notice, as bad as billy goats. It is possible on this course to pick a small bunch of asparagus, growing wild, and to enjoy the sight of a dense patch of blue Meadow Cranesbill. Creaking-voiced, husky Corn Buntings sing all day and there is a tale that black-veined White Butterflies are still seen here. There are sprawls of golden and white bedstraw which have hybridised to produce a pale yellow-flowered offspring, and skylarks nest on the ground beside such rarities as clove-scented Broomrape.



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## ANNUAL REPORT: 1966

### Administration

We congratulate our Chairman, Mr J Simpson, on a most successful year of office, and thank him for his endeavours. We all appreciate how much his efforts have helped to re-establish the North-East Section as a very valuable part of our Association.

We offer sincere congratulations to Mr F Cashmore who is nominated to succeed Mr Simpson. No member, we feel sure, could be more worthy of this office.

The Annual Draw again proved a financial success, thanks to the efforts of members who sold tickets. We congratulate the winners of prizes, and trust that all members will continue their efforts in this field, which is so important for the satisfactory running of our affairs.

Once again our thanks are due to the R. and A. for allotting 12 passes for the Open Championship, and we are sure that those who were able to attend were appreciative of this privilege.

It would appear from the number of inquiries received both from members and golf clubs, that the Wage Scale Survey, amended in March, is still supplying useful information, and we are confident that these inquiries are proving beneficial to our members.

The Apprenticeship Scheme has once again proved its value and the number of would-be greenkeepers is on the increase. The latest figures show that there are now 42 signed apprentices, and a further 28 deeds issued.

### Membership

The figures as provided by the Sections at the year ended showed our membership to be a fraction lower than last year, 676 against 680, but it is gratifying to note that the increased numbers last year are still with us.

### Annual Tournament

The 48th Annual Tournament was held at Whitley Bay Golf Club, and

## AT THE TOURNAMENT



*Messrs Ford, Hastilow Sumner Dixon,  
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whilst again the entry was on the small side, it must be understood that the venue meant a long trip for a large number of our members. Those who took part had a very enjoyable tournament, with admirable weather. Our very sincere thanks are due to the Secretary and his staff for all their efforts to make our visit such an enjoyable one and we must again emphasise our appreciation and thanks for all the generous donations and prizes presented for the tournament.

### Sections

Our thanks are again due to Section Secretaries and their Committees for their continued efforts within the Sections in arranging tournaments, lectures and visits of interest, also to the firms and organisations who assist in making these arrangements possible.

It is with the greatest pleasure that we can advise members that the Irish Section has been re-formed, and are now in action for the current year

## “ British Golf Greenkeeper ”

Our sincere thanks are again due to the Hon. Editor of our Journal and his staff, also to Section Secretaries for local news, and those who assisted with articles for publication. It is regretted that there have been cases where members have not been receiving their Journals, and it must be emphasised that Section Secretaries must keep the editorial staff fully advised of all new members, changes of address, and cancellations.

### Benevolent Fund

There have been four calls on the Benevolent Fund during the year under review, and a total of £50 was paid out. We again received the proceeds of a special competition run by one club for this fund, and would again express our sincere thanks. Unfortunately this idea, which was mentioned last year, has not so far spread to other clubs.

### F. G. Hawtree Memorial Fund

This fund again made provision for four reservations at Bingley during the year, and it is very gratifying to know that these were all taken up by members. The trustees of the fund are again very appreciative of the assistance given by clubs with the expenses of the greenkeepers who have attended these courses.

### Sports Turf Research Institute

Once again we would express our sincere appreciation for all the assistance and interest shown to our members by the Sports Turf Research Institute.

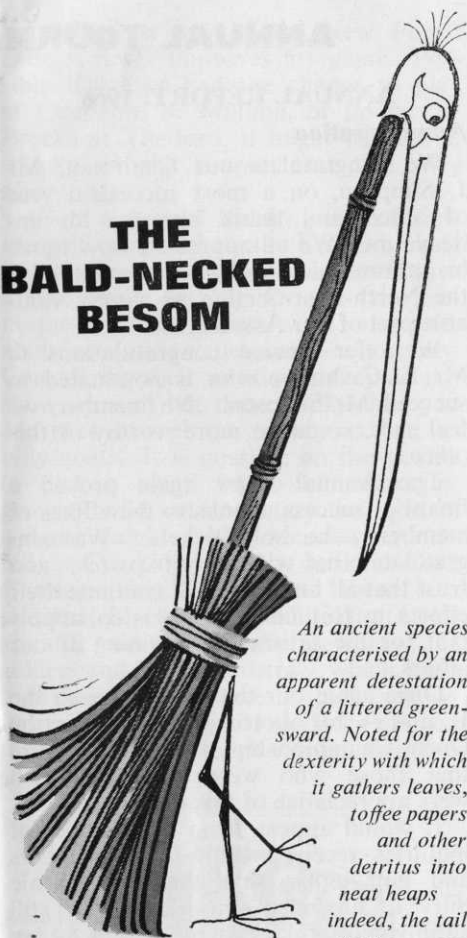
### In Memoriam

We record with sorrow the death of the following members announced in the *British Golf Greenkeeper* since our last report Messrs Leslie Bakes, Bill Lawrence, H. Jackson, Fred Key, A. Thompson, T. Bridges and J. Marshall.

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“News of the World” Cup (36 holes Scratch) — 1st Prize, transistor radio, J W Kirkpatrick, 164 gross.

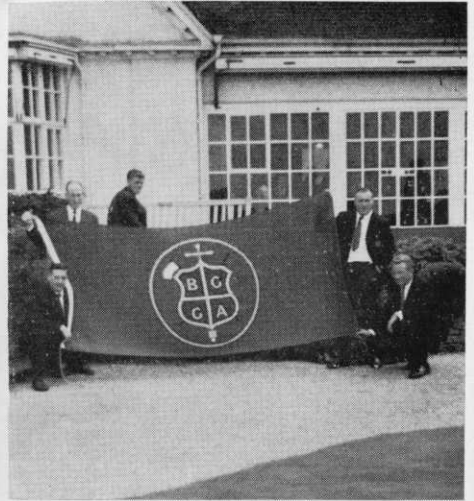
The Artisan Medal (18 holes Medal) — R. H. Plain, 71

Jubilee Cup Inter-Section (36 holes Medal) — 3 tankards, Midland Section, 472.

“Coming of Age” Cup (60 years and over) (18 holes Medal) — 1st Prize, 4-piece tea set and tray, W Barton, coffee percolator, A. G. Hastilow

Senior Division (“plus” to 11) (36 holes Medal) — 1st Prize, Ransomes Cup and gold watch, R. H. Plain, 150; 2nd, “Golf Illustrated” Cup, electric toaster and voucher, J Rees, 154; 3rd, “Universal” Cup, travelling case, E. R. West, 154; 4th, blanket, R. J. Pugh, 155, 5th, canteen of cutlery, G S. Payne, 155, 6th, Pyrex tea set, V W Smith, 156; 7th alarm clock, D. H. Major, 156; 8th, Pyrex set, K. Driver, 157, 9th, wallet, G Woodward, 158, 10th, fruit set, E. H. Benbow, 159

Junior Division (12 to 24) — 1st Prize “Pattison” Trophy and gold watch, A. Boraston, 149; 2nd, President’s Cup



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and clock, O P Jones, 152, 3rd, “May’s” Cup and barometer, A. J. Kite, 157, 4th, golf bag, H. J. Drewitt, 159; 5th, table, E. R. James, 163, 6th, holdall, G Piggott, 164, 7th, Pyrex dishes, W Sumner, 167, 8th, towels, C. Garnett, 168.

The “Allan Taylor” Cup (18 holes Medal) — 1st Prize, Allan Taylor Cup and canteen of cutlery, G. S. Payne, 69, 2nd, Verdone Cup and bedside clock and lamp, E. R. James, 74; 3rd, steak knives, A. Goldthorpe, 75, 4th, car lamp, G Herrington, 75

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#### MINUTES OF THE 49th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

held at the Clubhouse, Little Aston Golf Club, Sutton Coldfield, on Monday, 8th August 1966, at 2.30 p.m.

The Chairman opened the Meeting at which 72 members were present, and invited the President, Mr Carl Bretherton, to occupy the Chair

Mr Bretherton asked those present to stand in silent tribute to those who had died during the year, as named in the Secretary's Report.

The Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting were read, confirmed and signed.

#### Annual Report

This was read by the Hon. Secretary, and its adoption was proposed by Mr Pugh, seconded by Mr Barton.

#### Financial Report

Copies of the accounts as presented had been circulated among the members. The Hon. Treasurer reported a satisfactory state of affairs, with a substantial increase in the Journal balance, due

mainly to increased advertising. The adoption of the accounts was proposed by Mr Lord, seconded by Mr Sheppard.

#### Executive Committee Report

The Tournament Committee had been elected as last year, namely Messrs Simpson, Cashmore, Sheppard, Herrington and Folkes, three to form a quorum.

The Hon. Secretary reported that the Southern Section had nominated Mr W. E. Moore as Vice-Chairman to succeed Mr Cashmore.



Mrs S. Smith, Mrs R. Smith and son,  
Mr and Mrs K. Driver

The venue for the 1967 Tournament had been agreed on the recommendation of the Southern Section to be held at Walton Heath Golf Club, who had very kindly offered the Association the courtesy of the course. Disappointment was expressed by Messrs Kingston, Geddes, Herrington and others that it had not been possible to find a seaside course for the tournament. After some discussion Mr Lord proposed and Mr Fretter seconded that the offer from Walton Heath should be accepted, with the proviso that every effort should be made to obtain a seaside course for 1968, even if it be necessary to alter the date of the meeting. This proposition was carried by 49 votes to 7. The date of the 1967 Tournament would be 7th to 9th August.

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## Election of Officers

### President

It was proposed by Mr Burgess and seconded by Mr McNeice that Mr Carl Bretherton be re-elected President of the Association. Carried unanimously Mr Bretherton thanked the members for their generous support of the proposition, and said he would be pleased to continue in office.

### Vice-Presidents

It was proposed by Mr Barnes and seconded by Mr Kingston that the Vice-Presidents as listed in the Journal be re-elected. Carried.

### Chairman

It was proposed by Mr Drewitt and seconded by Mr Fretter that the Vice-Chairman, Mr F Cashmore, be elected Chairman. Carried unanimously Before vacating the Chair Mr Simpson thanked the officers and members for the generous support they had given him during his year of office. Mr Cashmore took the Chair and expressed the great pleasure he felt at the honour bestowed upon

him, and hoped he would be a worthy successor to Mr Simpson. He then presented a Tankard to Mr Simpson as a mark of appreciation for his efforts during the past year, who in response duly acknowledged the gift.

### Vice-Chairman

It was proposed by Mr Lord and seconded by Mr Ford that Mr W E. Moore be elected Vice-Chairman. Carried unanimously It was regretted that owing to illness Mr Moore was not able to be present at the meeting.

### Hon. Secretary and Treasurer

It was proposed by Mr Herrington and seconded by Mr Folkes that Mr C. H. Dix be re-elected Hon. Secretary and Treasurer Carried unanimously Mr Dix thanked the members and expressed his willingness to continue in office.

### Executive Committee

It was proposed by Mr Benbow and seconded by Mr Drewitt that the Executive Committee should be elected as nominated by the Sections. Carried.

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### *Hon. Auditors*

It was proposed by Mr Lord and seconded by Mr Barnes that Messrs Smallfield Rawlins be re-elected as Hon. Auditors. Carried.

### *Hon. Solicitor*

It was proposed by Mr Walsh and seconded by Mr Sheppard that Mr R. A. Beck be re-elected Hon. Solicitor for the ensuing year

### **Any Other Business**

It was proposed by Mr Lord and seconded by Mr Barnes that the Hon. Secretary should approach the English Golf Union and the Welsh Golf Union with a view to supplying copies of the Wage Scale Survey for distribution to golf clubs.

The Hon. Secretary reported that he had received an invitation from the Secretary of the Association of Golf Club Secretaries for a match to be played annually between the Secretaries and the Greenkeepers. The Executive Committee were strongly in favour of accepting this invitation, and the meeting were unanimous in agreement.

The Hon. Secretary reported that the Artisan Association were most anxious that the Greenkeepers should enter a team in the Artisan Tournament, to consist of one senior entry and one junior entry, and he would be inviting entries through the Journal. Entrance fees for this team would be met from Head Office funds.

The Meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Chair

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(Lindrick)

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

#### Annual Tournament

WE HAD A GOOD FIELD OF 30 FOR our annual tournament played over the Renishaw Park Course by kind permission of the committee. The day was Tuesday, 19th July, with a prompt start on a fine but rather breezy day which threatened to make scoring a bit difficult. Harold Tanfield, playing his own course, had no trouble at all to lead in the morning returns with a fine nett score of 67 off 7 handicap. He continued the good scoring in the afternoon with another 67 to become section champion and winning the best nett and best gross cups. Congratulations, Harold.

Congratulations also to John Waddoups, of Abbeydale, on winning the best 18 holes nett cup with a sound afternoon round of 65, reducing his two-round total to 138. The full list of prize-winners is a bit too lengthy for this column but I would like to mention the next six with all scores being nett R. Whitehead 140, J Lomas 141, A. Spencer 142, S. Inman 143, H. Herrington 143, G Herrington 145. I would just like to say at this stage that I hope the non-prize-winners were not too disappointed and will join us next year and try to put that little matter right.

"A very successful tournament indeed."

Talking of prizes, my intention was to give a complete list in these notes but, unfortun-

ately, it is not at hand but I will have it ready for the next issue. In the meantime a very sincere thank you to all who contributed. Thanks also to representatives from Stewarts of Edinburgh and Fearnco Ltd., for doing a good job of recording.

It is more than pleasing to note that a number of club officials turned up to give a little moral support to their staff and particularly one gentleman who kindly made the journey to bring along his greenkeepers and returned in the evening to transport them home.

A final thanks to Mr Pearce, Captain of Renishaw, for very expertly presenting the prizes and welcoming the players, also to our President Mr A. Shardlow for his support once again and inviting all to take a drink with him.

#### Sheffield Section v. Northern Section

This match will take place at the Hallamshire Golf Club on Thursday, 22nd September. The tee is kindly reserved for us for 2.15 p.m. Please let me know of your intention of playing in order to be more accurate when ordering meals.

#### New Members

Welcome to the section for John Smith who has joined his brother Philip on the staff of Abbeydale and to Allen Townsend apprenticed to the Sickleholme club.

### NORTHERN

*By J. Parker*

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

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

#### Autumn Tournament

THE ANNUAL AUTUMN TOURNAMENT of the Section will be played over the course of the Woodhall Hills Golf Club, Pudsey on Thursday 20th October, by kind permission of the Club Committee.

#### Sheffield Match

The match for the "Slater Trophy" against the Sheffield Section will take place on Thursday, 22nd September, and will be held on the course of the Hallamshire Golf Club, Sheffield. Members are reminded that the closing date for acceptance of the invitation to play is Thursday, 15th September

#### Handicaps

The following changes of Handicap have been made D. Roberts (10 to 8), G Ben-nison (18 to 16), D. Spurden (24 to 22), H. Marshall (20 to 19), F Fox (18 to 20), G. Gommershall (19 to 20).

#### New Members

We welcome to the section the following new members J Falkingham, of Selby Golf Club, and P Webb, of Fixby Golf Club.

## NORTH-WEST

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

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

### Autumn Meeting

THE AUTUMN MEETING WILL BE held at the Hazel Grove Golf Club, Hazel Grove, nr Stockport on Thursday, 22nd September and will consist of a 27-hole competition, 9 in the morning and 18 in the afternoon. Associate members and visitors are very welcome to play in a special competition. Members are also reminded that they are limited to one visitor. This competition will be over 18 holes. Will members please note the date of the meeting and at the same time inform me if they will be attending, also meals required so that I can complete catering arrangements as soon as possible. Our thanks are due to the Captain and Council for extending to us the courtesy of their course and Club House.

### Winter Lectures 1966/67

The following speakers have agreed to give us talks on their special subjects 4th October, Mr Finch of Messrs Maxicrops, 7th November, Mr R. V Davies of S.T.R.I., 5th December, Messrs S.A.I. Horticulture Ltd., 6th February, Mr T L. Hewitt of Atco Service Branch, Longton, January, J Castell of Messrs Fison, 7th March, Open debate and get together Please note these dates in your diary

### New Member

We welcome to the Section the following new Member J J Boucher, Hillside Golf Club, Southport, and hope his stay in the Section will be a happy one.

## MIDLAND

*Chairman:*  
G HART  
(Gay Hill)

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

### Annual General Meeting

I WANT TO APOLOGISE TO THE members who went to Habberley to attend the A.G.M. when it was not held. Owing to circumstances which I could not help I was unable to get to Habberley but it will be held at Blackwell Golf Club on the evening of our Autumn Tournament, which is 12th October. If for the same reason I am not able to be there I shall hand over the books to the Committee's nominee.

### Autumn Tournament

You will have read Reg. Pugh's notes in the August Journal concerning the Autumn Tournament so please send your entries for the match early, and at the A.G.M. in the

evening express your views on the Section's management.

### Annual Dinner

Our Annual Dinner will again be held at the King's Head, Hagley Road, Bearwood, on Friday 28th October, when we hope to see all our members and friends who join us for this very enjoyable evening.

### Mr Les Wheeler

The many friends who knew him when he joined us at our tournaments, will be sorry to learn of the sudden death of our Vice-President, Les Wheeler, while on holiday. I wrote to Mrs Wheeler expressing the condolences of the Section and I am sure all members will join in that expression.

## SOUTHERN

**By W Mason**  
*Chairman:*  
W E. MOORE  
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### Winter Meeting

OUR FIRST WINTER MEETING WILL take place on Wednesday 12th October at the Stirling Castle, London Wall, Moorgate, E.C. at 6.30 p.m. This will be a quiz with Mr J Glass in the chair. This in the past has always been very popular, so we look forward to a good attendance with plenty of questions and the various problems to be answered.



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*By S. Fretter*  
*Hon. Secretary:*  
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Kirby Muxloe, Leicester

### Autumn Tournament

ONCE AGAIN MAY I REMIND YOU that the Autumn Tournament is at Erewash Valley Golf Club on Wednesday, 21st September 1966, 1st tee 12.45 p.m. Please do not forget to let A. Thornton, and **not me**, know if you are playing and if you require a meal. I shall be away on holiday. A. Thornton's address is 15 Trent Road, Beeston, Notts.

### Subscriptions

May I remind you that subscriptions are now overdue so will you please forward them as soon as possible to A. Thornton and **not to me**.

### Annual General Meeting

Would you please note that the Annual General Meeting will be held at the Anchor Inn, Hathern, nr Loughborough, on the 12th October 1966.

## WELSH

*Chairman:*  
M. GEDDES  
(Royal Porthcawl)

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

### Section Notes

OUR AUTUMN MEETING WILL BE held at the Pyle and Kenfig Golf Club on the 28th September 1966, much thanks to the Captain and Committee for their help. Will all members who will be there please let me know by 18th September so that I can arrange the catering, etc.

### Special Note

On behalf of the members of the section, I would like to congratulate Harry Fry of Clyne Golf Club. I understand Harry has been made a life member of two clubs, namely Clyne Golf Club and Pennarol Golf Club. He has served the two clubs over 46 years and done much for the game of golf; it is nice to see that his service has been appreciated in such a way. I wonder if any other Greenkeeper has had the same honour bestowed on him, he is a great friend of mine and if anyone needs Harry's advice they need not be afraid to ask his help. Good luck Harry, from us all, a long and happy retirement.

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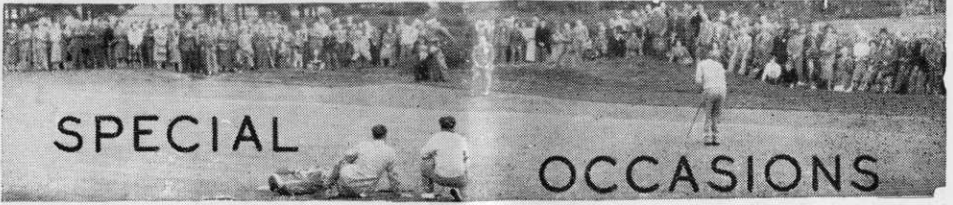
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### Annual Golf Competition

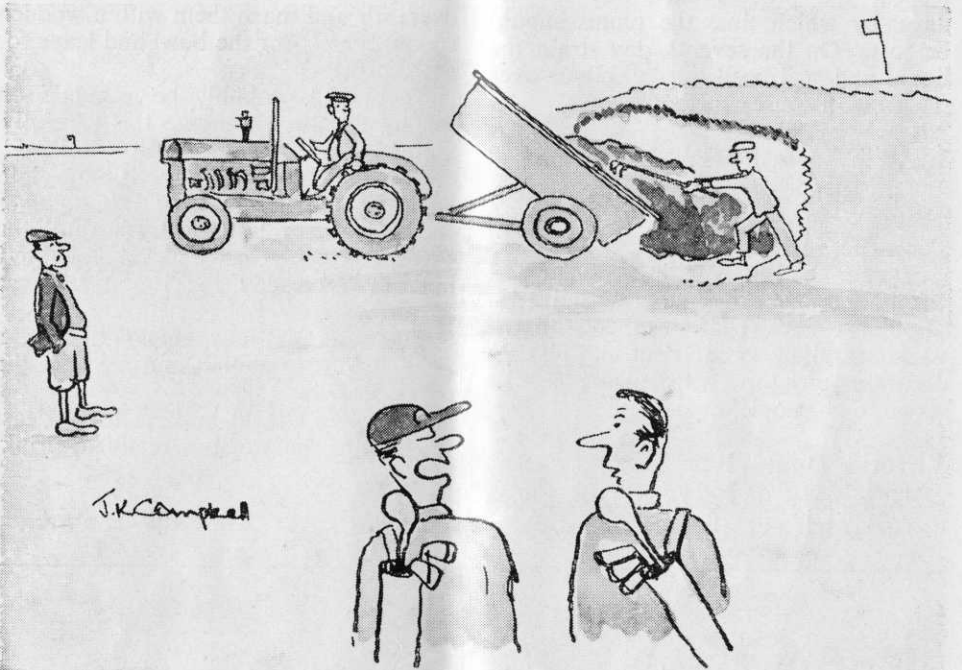
OUR ANNUAL GOLF COMPETITION will be held at Wearside Golf Club, Sunderland, on Thursday, 6th October, by kind permission of their committee. I hope to see a lot of the young ones come along and join us.

### New Members

We are pleased to welcome to the Section, George J Earl and J McKenzie.



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| SEPTEMBER | 7th  | Southern Autumn Tournament            | Thorndon Park Golf Club.           |
|           | 21st | East Midland Autumn Tournament        | Erewash Valley Golf Club.          |
|           | 22nd | North-West Annual Tournament          | Hazel Grove Golf Club.             |
|           | 22nd | Northern v. Sheffield Match,          | Hallamshire Golf Club.             |
|           | 27th | S.G.G.A. West Annual Meeting,         | Lanark.                            |
|           | 28th | Welsh Autumn Meeting,                 | Pyle and Kenfig Golf Club.         |
| OCTOBER   | 6th  | S.G.G.A. East A.G.M.                  | Liberton Golf Club.                |
|           | 12th | Midland Autumn Tournament and A.G.M., | Blackwell Golf Club.               |
|           | 12th | Southern Winter Meeting,              | Stirling Castle, London Wall, E.C. |
|           | 12th | Midland Autumn Tournament and A.G.M., | Blackwell Golf Club.               |
|           | 20th | Northern Section Autumn Tournament    | Woodhall Hills Golf Club.          |
|           | 28th | Midland Annual Dinner                 | King's Head, Bearwood.             |



*"Since becoming Chairman of the Greens Committee his game has improved by filling in all the bunkers he dislikes!"*

# *Mrs Greenkeeper's Own Corner*

*with Ann Mawson*

Plums are in season in the late summer, and early autumn. There are many kinds and the flavours vary according to the variety, but although the composition and texture does not change much the Victoria is still my favourite.

## **Plum Pickle (Sweet)**

The plums most suitable for this are Victoria — 5 lb. plums, 3 lb. sugar (preferably brown), 1 in. stick of cinnamon, 4 cloves, vinegar to cover

Wash and dry the plums. Place in layers in a large jar, and sprinkle each layer with sugar, cinnamon and cloves, finishing with a layer of sugar; cover with vinegar and stand overnight. Next day strain off the liquid, bring to boiling point, boil for three minutes and pour quickly over the plums; cover. Repeat the process each day for six days, by which time the plums should be soft. On the seventh day strain the liquid and boil until syrupy. Pour over the fruit, fill jars and cover

## **Victoria Plum Fool**

1 lb. Victoria plums,  $\frac{1}{4}$  pint yoghurt, 4 oz. sugar, 3 tablespoonfuls water glaze cherries.

Simmer the plums with the sugar and water, remove the stones and rub through a sieve, beat together with the yoghurt, allow to cool, put into glasses, decorate on top with cherries. To serve four people.

## **Victoria Plum Fluff**

Plum puree (made from 1 lb. plums cooked and put through a sieve), 1

tablespoonful honey, 4 oz. sugar, desiccated coconut,  $\frac{1}{4}$  pint yoghurt, 3 egg whites, grated rind and juice of 1 lemon.

Whisk honey and sugar into the plum puree, add the yoghurt and rind and juice of the lemon. Beat the whites of the eggs until stiff and fold into the puree. Pile into individual glasses, or a large bowl, chill and top with toasted coconut just before serving. To serve four people.

## **Victoria Plum Wine**

$3\frac{1}{2}$  lb. ripe Victoria plums, 4 lb. sugar,  $\frac{1}{4}$  oz. yeast, 1 gal. boiling water

Choose really ripe plums. Pick off all stalks and leaves, and wash the plums or wipe them over with a clean damp cloth. Put them in a large bowl and pour the gallon of boiling water over, stir and mash them with a wooden spoon, then cover the bowl and leave for ten days.

There will probably be a mould on top by this time; remove this carefully, try not to break any off into the liquid. Strain the liquid off the plums into another bowl, and add the 4 lb. of sugar and the  $\frac{1}{4}$ -oz. yeast, then stir until the sugar has dissolved. Cover the bowl but stir each day for the next three days.

The wine is now ready to bottle. Cork it loosely at first and see that the corks stop in.

This wine should be kept for at least six months, before it is ready to drink.

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