

ANNUAL TOURNAMENT and A.G.M.

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,
Smith, Walsh, Drewitt.*

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.

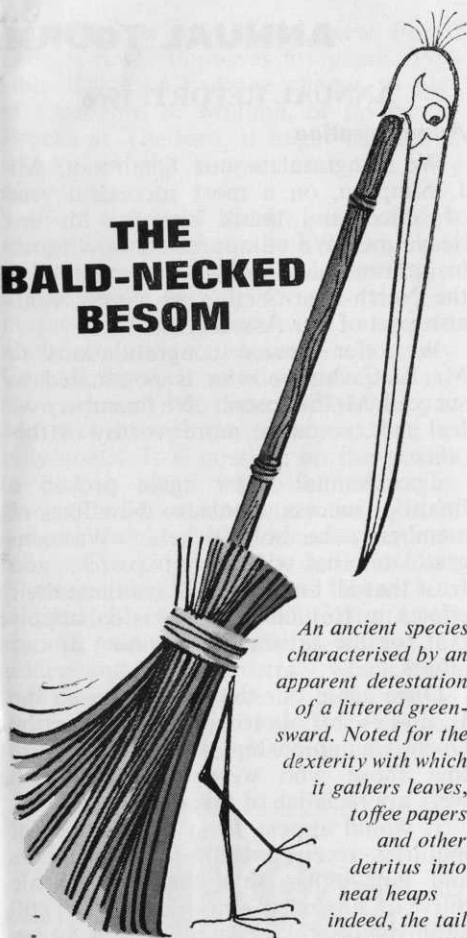
In Memoriam

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.

By order of the Executive Committee,

J Simpson, *Chairman.*
C. H. Dix, *Hon. Secretary*

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"News of the World" Match Play Championship, Walton Heath

5th - 10th September

Tomlinson, G. D.	18142	Grubb, A. G.	01820	Stanton, R.	22497
Thorne, J. C. G.	16737	Adwick, K. W. C.	15472	Devetta, B.	24484
Wood, P. F.	00025	Mouland, S.	16504	Dodd, P.	14736
Waldon, M. D.	16583	Donoghue, J.	12511	Garner, J. R.	17584
Greenwood, M.	05046	Smart, D.	11102	Cunningham, G.	15650
Tallack, P. A.	03251	MacDonald, A. J.	00725	Cogle, E.	02669
Henning, G.	00830	Philp, J.	11107	Hitchcock, J.	17915
Nash, D. A.	01780	Wilson, G.	15373	Squires, T. R.	15158
Thompson, B.	02646	Bryant, S.	10171	Steele, T. C.	13961
Janes, R.	01778	Faulkner, M.	12780	Legrange, C.	03379
Moffitt, R. L.	17513	Vicenzo, R. de	02315	Greene, C.	23166
Inggs, H.	09345	Barnes, B. W.	05277	Campbell, A.	06536
Frew, J.	24132	Proudfoot, B. J.	02670	Martin, I.	16973
Flatman, H. G.	01330	Knight, R. A.	15455	Verwey, R.	11514
DeFoy, C. B.	06799	Bamford, B. J.	01099	Miller, D.	01508
Roberts, D. L.	03401	Atherden, M. F.	23366	Mace, R.	15296
Morris, F.	15365	Bailey, G.	02485	Fidler, R. S.	15560
Parcell, A. K.	01182	Hood, V. B.	17077	Lewis, P.	17144
Walker, A. N.	18501	Will, G.	00902	Pinner, T. R.	10653
Henning, A.	01127	Wiseman, R.	15855	Beattie, D. T.	06834
Bicknell, N.	17443	Lynch, J. M.	05275	Sadler, A. R.	21130
Clarke, T. P. B.	03230	Snell, D.	24160	Martin, A. R.	00148
McHardy, W.	17736	Hunt, S. A.	15792	MacDonald, N.	21456
Melville, D. L.	15003	Smithson, M.	16032	Ingham, M. B.	18776
Colseno, C.	07053	Sims, B.	23838	MacDonald, K. A.	21724
Brown, R. A.	02139	Muscroft, H. W.	18680	Thomson, R. A.	10169
Horton, T. A.	16004	Sutton, N.	09390	Hughes, M. A.	12176
Huggett, B. G. C.	15649	Strachan, D.	12389	Clark, C. A.	22034
Evans, G.	17696	Warburton, E. R.	08644	Craik, D. C.	10651
Christie, G.	03251	Lee, P. F.	23381	Hopkins, A. J.	15882
Blaze, P.	17179	Leonard, P.	10131	Woodman, S.	19319
Henderson, M.	20034	Redford, K.	14546	Stickley, A. F.	17767
Emery, R. H.	14020	McCombe, N. M. A.	24481	Moore, A.	10293
Bembridge, B. M.	24401	Bousfield, K.	16387	Murphy, P.	23067
Davies, B. N.	06789	Amm, C.	02425	Sharkey, J.	24142
Evans, W. W.	02234	Stoneman, G.	14658	Dalton, J.	10129
Davies, R. J.	16525	McCarthy, G.	15157	Dauthieu, J. A.	15029
Tomlinson, W.	02736	Prout, J. R.	12385	Panton, J.	19432
Fergus, J.	19160	Lambert, R. G.	17106	Boobyer, F. S.	21679
Livesey, R. A.	02135	Johnson, J. W.	01681	Douglas, M. C.	24010
Franklin, B.	15553	Jolley, J. M.	17374	Ellis, J. H.	12930
Jones, P. M.	00198	Job, N.	08898	Allen, T. W.	06110
Gillies, A. C.	02225	Davenport, R. R. W.	08647	Adams, J.	02402
Goodwin, T. M.	00212	Larrad, J.	21893	Hunt, B. J.	17059
Weetman, H.	01869	Law, V. R.	17556	Gregson, M. E.	16138
Newdick, R.	08702	Dawson, W.	08950	Fisher, T. A.	01634
Gunn, M.	05206	King, C.	15695	Talbot, D.	15854
Hannan, C. J.	02893	Hoyle, M. T.	12270	Murphy, M.	15540
Pietro, J. McRoca	21482	Gill, P. E.	21205	Meek, R. G.	05524
Kemp, R. H., Jnr	02424	MacDonald, A. M.	10666	Lester, E. G.	02876
Parton, G.	08756	Hodgson, A.	12714	Lewis, D. P.	21822
Pennington, C. G.	03053	Hutchinson, B.	14520	Murray, S. W. T.	01727
Gray, G. D.	02286	Simmonds, A. B.	10207	Alliss, P.	09016
Green, J. M.	10613	Brocq, T. S. le	07556	Leslie, J. T.	06637
Shankland, W.	16532	Broadbent, P.	01949	Firkins, B. A.	21575
Stirling, J.	24032	Thomson, W.	12609	Rees, D. J.	22946
Butler, P. J.	15497	Mulhall, O.	17859	Jacklin, A.	15324
Caygill, G. A.	11604	Ibberson, A.	03248	Howard, G.	15069
Slocombe, D.	10523	Gilbridge, F.	00773	Howett, R. L.	00804
Sutherland, W.	16584	Walker, R. T.	22730	Ford, D.	22356
King, A. G.	02220	Butler, D.	09482	Platts, L.	10654
Sewell, D. N.	06106	Christison, C. G.	02568	Clark, I.	23500
Godfrey, J. A.	02302	Connelly, I.	00288	Carter, J.	09279
Little, J. A.	14521	Liddle, R.	07118	Fearns, D. J.	03320
Small, D.	13559	Waites, B. J.	02295	Brown, P. G.	16189
Sandry, B. M.	23709	Roberts, E. P.	01560	Coop, A. B.	17650
Tuohy, R.	00273	Memmott, A. F.	15161	Boyle, H. F.	12384
Thubron, P. J.	15711	Wolstenholme, G. B.	22066	Jordan, A.	03324
Poole, D. S.	24121	McAlister, J.	21898	Mitchell, A.	12515
Clegg, R.	22744	Hay, A. G.	17453	Hutchinson, D. J.	12713
Aram, B. R.	16537	Hector, W.	21972	Whitehead, E. R.	14870
Notley, M. J.	24004	Green, P. O.	17382	MacDonald, I. D.	22339
Craddock, J.	12605	Hunt, G. M.	08897	Whitcombe, E. E.	11138
McNaughton, T.	08569	Patterson, B. W.	03300	Stainer, N.	15150
Common, J.	12494	Plumbridge, M. M. R.	18135	Huggett, G. W.	16107
Bailey, D.	07965	Brown, E. C.	03413	Lynch, N. C.	01838
Carter, W. H.	13680	Aitken, G. J.	16220	Low, G. W.	06862
Lund, H. H.	10113	West, W. F.	22580	Lait, D. E.	01934
Coombs, P. J.	21901	Donald, R.	17394	Lambert, R.	17697
Beard, D.	00704	Midgley, D.	16980	Bonthron, D.	22221
O'Connor, C.	09213	Wilson, P.	21776	Coles, N. C.	08147
Allen, B. H.	01724	Bannerman, H.	06739	Thomson, P. W.	15297
Cole, M. E.	00471	Large, W.	06303	Thomas, D. C.	23183
Burns, J. R.	06674	Martin, J.	01481	Charles, R. J.	03355
Wilkshire, J. W.	01807				

B.G.G.A. Annual Tournament, 1966 Prize Winners

The S.T.R.I. Cup (18 holes Stableford) — 1st Prize, S.T.R.I. Cup and linen, V W Smith, 38 pts., 2nd, Hargreaves Cup and vacuum jug set, R. J. Pugh, 37 pts., 3rd, table lamp, J W Kirkpatrick, 35 pts., 4th, cloth and napkin set, A. Boraston, 35 pts.

“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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