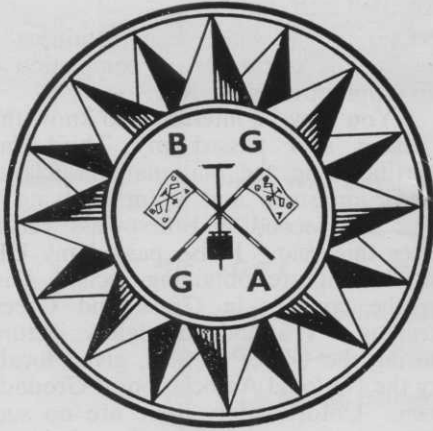


News



from the Sections

SOUTHERN

By W. Mason

Hon Secretary:

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Meeting

WE HAD A VERY GOOD ATTENDANCE for our special meeting on Wednesday, 14th December which was held prior to our lecture. Mr J K Glass, who was in the chair, told the meeting they had been called together to elect a vice-chairman for the whole of the association and that all head greenkeepers present should take part in the election. Mr S Morton and Mr C A Moore were then put to the meeting. Mr J Stobbs proposed that C A Moore should be elected and this was seconded by E Hall; and Mr Maidment proposed S Morton and this was seconded by H Hughes. The vote was then taken and it was left to two of our presidents, Messrs R C Craig and W J Holloway to collect and count, the result being 13 votes for S Morton and 20 for C A Moore. Mr Moore responded by thanking the meeting, saying he would endeavour to do his best for the association. Mr P Marshall (Messrs Ransomes, Sims & Jeffries) then took over the meeting by showing us wonderful slides on the various Ransomes machines with a running commentary as he went along. Afterwards a number of questions were asked and answered. In all a most interesting and enjoyable evening. Our next lecture will take place at the Stirling Castle, as usual, on Wednesday, 8th February at 6.30 pm and will be given by Mr W H Bartle, from the Research Institute, and the title he has chosen

is "Golf Course Maintenance". We look forward to a full house with plenty of questions for Mr Bartle to answer.

Annual Dinner

Our Annual Dinner will take place at the South Herts Clubhouse on Friday, 17th March. The Club has very kindly consented to the use of the course in the afternoon for anyone who wishes to play an 18-hole four-ball better ball competition. Will you please, when sending for tickets, let me know if you will be taking part in the competition. An early request will be greatly appreciated so that arrangements can be got under way.

I thought the following letter from C J Pitman, now greenkeeping in Portugal, might be of interest to members:—

Dear Mr Mason,—I have settled down to some hard work here at the New Vale da Lobo golf course. I am in charge of the already constructed nine holes. It is very warm and dry at present and we have the automatic pop ups on most nights. Henry Cotton, the architect, has put a layer of clay under the greens to hold some of the water and this is working extremely well.

Please convey my best wishes to the Southern Section members for a Happy New Year.

Yours sincerely,

Christopher J. Pitman.

Mr S H Battams

It is with very great regret I have to report the death of Mr S H Battams, who passed away on Saturday, 17th December. I would like, on behalf of all our members who knew Sydney so well, to express our very deepest sympathy to Mrs Battams and family in their great loss.

MIDLAND

By R. Goodwin

Hon. Secretary:

Chairman:

G. HART
(Gay Hill)

167 Birmingham Road
Lichfield, Staffs.

Apologies

I WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND MY sincere apologies to Mr D Greey, Mr B Baxter, Pattisson's Ltd and May and Baker for the omission of their names in the list of Prize donors at Blackwell, in the December issue of the Journal.

Spring Tournament

The Spring Tournament will take place at Whittington Barracks Golf Club by kind permission of the Captain and Committee, on Tuesday, 23rd May 1967.

Visit

A visit to Sutton & Sons Ltd is to be arranged for June. I hope to give further details in next month's Journal about this kind invitation.

NORTH-WEST

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

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

Lectures

OUR LECTURE FOR JANUARY WAS given by Mr J Castell, of Fisons Ltd, to a very interested audience. They were very quick to take up Mr Castell's offer to answer questions put to him on fungal diseases. It was another very successful meeting and well attended — thank you, gentlemen.

Our next lecture, which will be on 7th March at the usual venue, The Garrick Hotel, Fountain Street, Manchester, at 7.30 pm, will take the form of an open discussion amongst the members present, so if you have anything to ask or information to give please roll up and make our last lecture of this winter series as successful as all the others.

New Members

We extend a cordial welcome to Mr T Jenkinson, of Oldham Golf Club, to the Section and hope to see him at some of our future functions.

NORTHERN

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

By J. Parker
Hon. Secretary:
8 Goit Stock Terr., Harden
Bingley, Yorks.

Handicaps

THE FOLLOWING CHANGES IN handicaps have been made: A Robertshaw, 15 to 14; D Roberts, 8 to 7; J Scott, 13 to 15; A Cox, 14 to 15; G Bennison, 16 to 13; and C Ramsden, 24 to 22.

New Members

We welcome to the Section the following new members: K Dagers of Keighley Golf Club and I S Smith of West Bradford Golf Club.

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Spring Tournament

THE ANNUAL SPRING TOURNAMENT will now be held at the Leicestershire Golf Club on Monday, 8th May 1967. Details of this will appear in a later Journal.

Subscriptions

Will members and Vice-Presidents who have not already paid their subscriptions, please do so now as they are OVERDUE. Please send them direct to our Treasurer.

Monthly Journals

Will Head Greenkeepers please notify me if any of their staff are not receiving their Journals.

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