

News



from the Sections

NORTHERN

Chairman:
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Hon. Secretary:
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November Lecture

THIRTY MEMBERS ATTENDED THE lecture on Thursday, 24th November, held in the clubhouse of the West Bowling Golf Club. The speaker was Mr B. C. Clayton, Senior Advisory Officer at the S.T.R.I., who took for his subject "Top Dressing". In a most interesting talk Mr Clayton detailed the various materials used and the beneficial effects of this operation. Many questions were raised and discussion took place. A vote of thanks was proposed and seconded by our chairman and vice-chairman, Mr D. Roberts and Mr A. Robertshaw.

Christmas Social

Thirty-two members sat down to an excellent and satisfying meat and potato pie supper on the occasion of our Annual Christmas Social held in the Clubhouse of the West Bowling Golf Club on Thursday, 8th December. A short session of bingo, and the usual raffle brought success to some members and "the one-arm bandit" helped the three poorest members of the Section! Our thanks are due to our president, Mr W. Mountain, and vice-president, Mr R. Bradley, for their generous contributions to the evening's entertainment. In short speeches our president and chairman extended their seasonal greetings to all members.

January Lecture

This will be held on Thursday, 18th January, in the clubhouse of the West Bowling Golf Club. The speaker will be Mr R. Bradley, who will take for his subject "The Trials of a Contractor". This is one angle of our work on which we have not had a talk and should prove most interesting and enlightening.

Grand National Sweep

Members will shortly be receiving books of tickets for our Annual Sweep and I hope all will do their utmost to help make a success of this effort from which most of the profit goes into our Benevolent Fund.

SOUTHERN

By W. Mason
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Lecture

AS ALREADY MENTIONED IN THE December notes our January lecture will be given by Mr W. Finch on Wednesday, 11th January 1967. Our next lecture will be given by Mr W. H. Bartle, from the Research Station, under the title "Golf Course Maintenance" which will be held on Wednesday, 8th February 1967; as this will be the first time Mr Bartle has lectured to our section we do hope all members will make every effort to come along. As usual, it will be held at the Stirling Castle, London Wall, Moorgate, E.C., at 6.30 p.m.

New Appointment

Mr D. B. Battrick has written to say he has taken up a new appointment as Head Greenkeeper to the Piltdown Golf Club.

New Members

We should like to welcome to the section three new members: Mr D. Campe (Class B) of 420 Fairfax Drive, Westcliff-on-Sea, Essex; Mr J. Paine (Class C) of 10 Colson Road, East Croydon, Surrey; and Mr F. C. Reed (Class A) of Ilford Golf Club, 41 Albany Road, Manor Park, E.12.

SHEFFIELD

By J. J. Dearlove
Hon. Secretary:
G. HERRINGTON
(Lindrick)

63 Langsett Avenue
Sheffield, 6

Lecture

MR A. A. WAGER OF LINDSEY & Kesteven accompanied by Jim Aldous of the same firm travelled up from Lincoln to give a further talk to our members on the subject of fertilisers on Thursday, 24th November. It was, once again, a most successful evening with 30 people attending to listen attentively to a rather complex but

interesting talk. We were treated to a good account of how various types of soil were originally created and their contents, also about the supplements often required to ensure a constant supply of plant food. Question time was again very popular and to the point, and I think everyone was satisfied that the answers were very clearly and honestly explained.

Mr Shardlow thanked Mr Wager for the interesting talk and Mr Aldous for assisting.

Secretary's Farewell

As these will be my last notes as secretary of this section I would like to take this final opportunity to say a big Thank You to all members of this section for their marvellous support over the last three years; also for entrusting me with this office. I am leaving on the 9th January to take a post with the Wilderness Club, Sevenoaks, Kent, and hoping that I will be able to continue my interest in the association.

I would also like to ask you to continue your support of the section, and encourage others to do so; this is the best way to show appreciation to your secretary, and encourages him to arrange interesting evenings for your benefit. It has been a pleasure to share your company and most rewarding to be a member of your section and I will look forward to news of future activities from Sheffield.

Mr Ron Whitehead is taking over until the A.G.M. in April and any correspondence should be addressed to him at 1 Southmoor Avenue, Armthorpe, Doncaster.

NORTH-EAST

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

By D. Earsman
Hon. Secretary:
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Annual Dinner

OUR ANNUAL DINNER AND SOCIAL Evening will be held at Shepherds Panorama Restaurant, Gateshead, on Friday, 27th January, at 7 p.m. for 7.30 p.m. We hope that you will do your best to attend and wives and friends are invited. The tickets are 19s. and obtainable from me.

Subscriptions

There are still quite a number of subscriptions outstanding and I should be pleased if members would let me have them as soon as possible, or notify me if they no longer wish to belong.

New Members

We welcome to the Section the following new members: A. Phillips, 1 Bell Meadow, Brandon, Durham; J. P. Dickson, 9 Marine Road, Alnmouth, Northumberland; D. Barker, Caravan, Lime Villas, Beamish, Stanley, County Durham.

FOR SALE

OVERGREEN MK. 3 for sale, £100.
Reconditioned by Ransomes authorised service agent, L.H.E. Ltd., 195 Clarendon Park Road, Leicester.

MIDLAND

By R. Goodwin

Chairman:
G. HART
(Gay Hill)

Hon. Secretary:
167 Birmingham Road
Lichfield, Staffs.

MAY I WISH ALL GREENKEEPERS A Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Subscriptions

There are still a few members who have overlooked their annual subscription. Mr Cashmore, Hon. Treasurer, is looking forward to hearing from these members so that he can bring his books up to date.

Sixtieth Anniversary

The Sixtieth Anniversary of the Warwickshire Union of Golf Clubs was recently celebrated by a Grand Dinner. Among the many distinguished guests were Mr Frank Cashmore, Association Chairman, and Mr George Hart, Midland Section Chairman. A great tribute to two great stalwarts who, between them, have given many years valuable service to greenkeeping and the game of Golf.

I am sure all greenkeepers will join me in congratulating Frank and George on being invited to this memorable and, I am sure, most enjoyable occasion.

NORTH-WEST

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

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

Lectures

OUR LAST LECTURE WAS GIVEN BY Mr E. Kitson, Sales Manager of S.A.I. Horticulture Ltd., for which we once again had a very good attendance. The subject covered by Mr Kitson was "Fertilisers for Fine Turf" and a very interesting and instructive talk it was, as I think all members present agreed. Our Lecture for 6th February will be given by our friend Mr Hewitt of Atco Service Branch, Longton, so once again I ask for your very good support on this occasion at the usual venue. The Garrick Hotel, Fountain Street, M/C, 7.30 p.m.

Greetings

Once again I hope all members had a Happy Christmas and New Year.