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TEE SHOTS



by the Editor

Bill Mason, honorary secretary and treasurer of the Southern Section since 1934, is retiring and is handing over his duties to F. N. Ford who lives at 68 Salcombe Gardens, Mill Hill, N.W.7. Bill's 33 years as hon. secretary have seen the Southern Section grow in strength and he himself sees many changes in the greenkeepers' work. Looking through the minutes he was amused to find a record of the meeting at which he was elected when our founder said: "I am pleased to know that young Bill Mason will take the job". The Southern Section and the whole association will wish to express their thanks to Bill Mason for a fine job and a worthy one.

* * *

Arundel Golf Club has decided to buy its 58-acre course from Major Watts Russell for £10,000. They hope to obtain a grant for half the value and to raise the remainder by a gift scheme and an annual loan of £5 per member for the next two years.

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Harwich and Dover Court Golf Club has been without a greenkeeper for more than five weeks. The Green committee, led by the captain, have been keeping greens, fairways and rough in condition.

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Cheltenham Trades Council moved a resolution last month viewing with concern the spending of £96,000 on golf courses. Mr L. M. Reay had however noted at trade union conferences that delegates arrived with golf clubs ready for the leisure periods. Mr Reay was charged with the task of moving an amendment to restrict grants to municipal courses.

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TEES ON THE MODERN GOLF COURSE

By M. B. BROWN

The Sports Turf Research Institute

IT all starts on the tee and there can be no denying that the facilities offered on the starting point can make or mar a round of golf.

The golfer requires an area which presents a level firm surface from which he can assess the problems and the traps which are between him and the hole—an area which preferably blends in well with the surrounding course and is not too obviously artificial. The greenkeeper requires an area which is readily accessible to machinery and on which it is possible to carry out regular and routine maintenance with a minimum expenditure of time and effort.

A series of pocket handkerchief tees, perhaps raised a foot or two above the general levels of the area, often terraced and extending well into the fairways, pleases neither the golfer nor the greenkeeper—particularly the latter. What effort is required to mow those pocket handkerchief tees and their banks twice a week! Especially, as is so often the case in this country, when the greenkeeping staff is below strength. And consider the space wasted by those small terraced tees.

To meet the demands of modern golf and busy courses larger tees are essential—an area of at least 200 sq. yd. will enable wear and tear to be evenly spread—and, most important, will give the greenkeeper an opportunity to carry out progressive renovation and even rest sections of the tee as necessary during the main playing season. On short holes where iron shots cause so much devastation to tees even larger teeing areas should be considered.

The maintenance advantages of one large teeing ground as opposed to the motley collection of pocket handkerchief tees which was—and in some cases still is—evident on many of our courses, are readily apparent. Operations such as mowing, weedkilling and fertilizer distribution can be more readily, evenly and quickly carried out

despite the possible increase in overall area.

In short, the greenkeeper is being given more opportunity to implement the type of maintenance programme required to produce teeing surfaces of good standard and one hopes that his interest in the tees will thereby be increased.

To achieve the conditions which the golfer nowadays expects maintenance of tees must be regular. A sward which will make regular and steady growth and which will withstand heavy wear is required and appropriate fertilizer treatment in spring and again if necessary in mid-summer will encourage such a sward. A suitable granular fertilizer is satisfactory and is easy to apply—alternatively a general fertilizer dressing such as is used on the greens but at a somewhat lower rate of application may be used. Excessive fertilizer application must, however, be avoided since it will lead to a too lush growth which in turn may well result in too soft surfaces.

Mowing twice a week during the growing season is necessary but on no account should tees be mown too closely, a height of cut of $\frac{1}{4}$ in. being regarded as the minimum. Although it is time-consuming, boxing off clippings is advisable—the constant return of clippings will certainly encourage soft surface conditions.

Solid tine aeration in autumn will relieve the compaction caused by the season's play as well as encouraging deeper and more vigorous rooting. Further aeration in spring preferably with slit tines will again improve rooting. A strong root system will improve resistance to wear and drought and the sward will recover more readily from the effects of play.

Tees must be level and firm, a condition which can be brought about by top dressing in autumn and during the season. The autumn top dressing is perhaps the most important since a greater quantity of material can be

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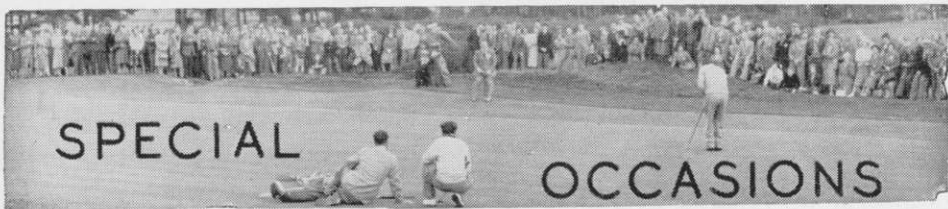
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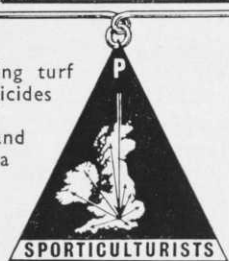
- JULY** 3rd Midland Summer Cup and A.G.M. — Habberley G.C.
 18th Sheffield Tournament — Lees Hall G.C.
- AUGUST** 7th, 8th, 9th Annual Tournament — Walton Heath.
 27th Northern President's Match — Filey G.C.
- SEPTEMBER** 14th Southern Autumn Tournament — Langley Park G.C.
 21st Northern Match with Sheffield — Otley G.C.
 22nd Midland Annual Dinner — Merry Vale Hotel, Langley Green.
 28th North-East Annual Competition — Northumberland G.C.
- OCTOBER** 4th Welsh Autumn Meeting — Pennard G.C.
 4th North-West Autumn Tournament — Haydock Park G.C.
 26th Northern Autumn Tournament — Alwoodley G.C.

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safely applied and worked in at a period when the course is quieter. A good quality medium loam soil—or alternatively a well made screened compost—and a sharp lime-free sand mixed in equal quantities (or more or less according to circumstances) is ideal and should preferably be applied immediately after aeration.

During the season progressive maintenance will mean that teeing grounds can survive the main season without ending up resembling the goal-mouth area of a football pitch in April. Such renovation may be carried out by seeding or by turfing after worn areas have been scarified and aerated—where seed is used further light top dressing could beneficially be applied before sowing. A seeds mixture containing the compact and harder wearing grasses such as crested dogstail, smooth stalked meadow-grass, creeping red fescue and bent is to be preferred but if ryegrass is present in the sward a proportion of a suitable strain of this grass, e.g. S. 23, should be included to maintain a sward reasonably uniform in composition. If turf is used it must match as closely as possible the existing sward and the establishment of a turf nursery solely for the renovation of tees is something which many clubs in this country would do well to consider. If possible renovated areas should be

rested to allow at least initial establishment.

Progressive renovation during the course of the season does not mean that end of season renovation can be avoided and major renovation should be carried out in autumn.

Golf is played all the year round and although there is much less play during the winter months weather conditions are such that tees suffer badly as a result of winter play. Special winter tees—which could even be areas of the fairways or artificial surfaces—should therefore be considered particularly on courses where teeing space is limited.

Drainage, worm and weed control are further points which must be considered when discussing tees, and all are important. There is a tendency for many tees to be situated in close proximity to trees and tees in this position are at a disadvantage from the start. The construction of tees under a tree canopy should be avoided but if, for specific reasons, tees are sited near trees overhanging branches should be cut back and root pruning carried out where necessary.

It is realised that the establishment of teeing grounds as described will not be practicable in every case—especially on existing courses—but there are very few holes on most courses where some useful modification cannot be achieved, to the satisfaction of both the golfer and the greenkeeper.

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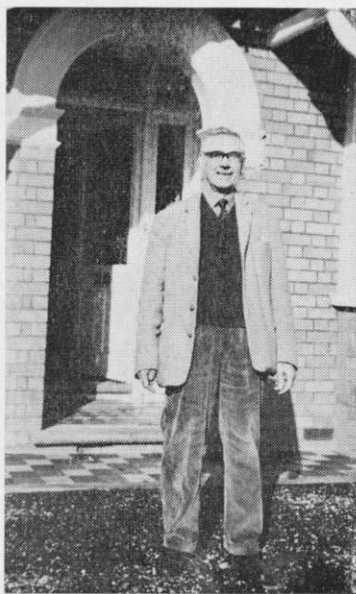
William Moor, who has been with Messrs Suttons for more than 53 years, has now retired apart from one or two more visits to Italy where he still has some business interests in a turf advisory capacity.

Mr Moor was educated at the Reading Blue Coat School where he became head boy. He was a Sergeant Instructor in the 1914-18 war and served in the Home Guard in the Second World War being subsequently gazetted an Honorary Captain.

He has made many friends in the golfing world and looks back on some who will not be known to the present

generation. Some of the best known greenkeepers he recalls are Hugh MacLean (Jim's father at Sunningdale), Sid Suanders (Walton Heath), Alf Hindley (North Hants), Charlie and Fred Venn, Messrs Arnold (Addington), Nye (Camberley Heath), Norris (Henley), Tom Bridges (Royal Liverpool) and many others.

As you will see from the photograph reproduced here Mr Moore still wears his years lightly and would, we believe, always be glad to see any of his friends at his home in Peppard Road, Emmer Green, Reading. We wish him many happy years of retirement.



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HON. SECRETARY'S NOTES



Walton Heath

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the fiftieth Annual General Meeting of the British Golf Greenkeepers' Association will be held at the Walton Heath Golf Club, Tadworth, Surrey, on Monday, 7th August 1967, at 2.30 p.m. Notice of resolutions must be sent in writing to the hon. secretary TWENTY-ONE DAYS before the date of the meeting. Under Rule 29, proxies may be voted at all General Meetings. A Form of Proxy may be obtained from the hon. secretary and returned not later than the first post on Wednesday, 2nd August.

The Annual Tournament

The fiftieth Annual Golf Tournament will be held at the Walton Heath Golf Club, Tadworth, Surrey, on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, 7th, 8th, 9th August 1967. Entry Forms were enclosed with the June Journal.

Programme

Monday, 7th August: Morning—18 holes Stableford; Afternoon — Annual General Meeting 2.30 p.m.

Tuesday, 8th August: 36 holes Medal; "News of the World" Cup (scratch); Senior Division (plus to 11); Junior Division (12 to 24); the Artisan Medal; the Jubilee Cup (Team Prize off handicap); The Coming of Age Cup.

Wednesday, 9th August: Morning—18 holes Medal; Afternoon — Prize distribution at 3 p.m.

Handicaps

Section secretaries will be asked to verify the handicaps of all competitors from their records before the tournament. All handicaps must be based on the National Golf Union's handicapping system.

Executive Committee

A meeting of the executive will be held at the Walton Heath Golf Club, Tadworth, Surrey, on Sunday, 6th August 1967, at approximately 5 p.m.

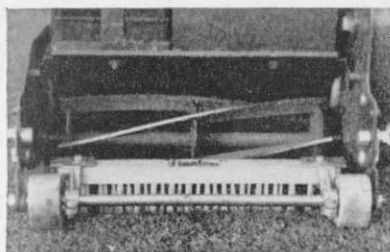
Trophies

May I remind holders of trophies from last year's tournament who are not taking part this year to ensure that these are returned to the Walton Heath Golf Club before Saturday, 5th August.

Annual Draw

May I remind members that all counterfoils and moneys should be returned to their Section secretary and NOT to me.

C. H. DIX.



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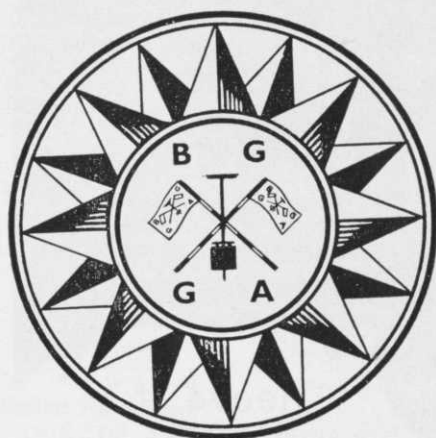
The Handsworth Golf Course was in magnificent shape for this popular event which Mr Bretherton arranges each year between a team of Midland Club members and another from the Midland section of the British Golf Greenkeepers' Association. The automatic watering system had obviously coped satisfactorily with the recent dry spell and Mr Drewitt in particular found the greens to his liking, holing five putts said to be of the length of a cricket pitch and another chip shot of 50 yards or thereabouts. His activities led to his side's victory against H. E. Roe and Rod Davies by a handsome margin, and another notable victory was that of E. Benbow and R. Smith over Mr Jack Urry, Chairman of the Warwickshire Golf Union and Hon. Treasurer of the English Golf Union, who played with Mr M. Ingram. T. Jones and V. Smith managed to win on the last green while R. Goodwin, Midland Section Secretary and A. Boraston halved their game, as did Messrs L. Greenow and D. Brazier.

After the match the two teams and nearly an equal number of invited guests sat down to an excellent hot meal and in the short speeches which followed many thanks were expressed to our President for his hospitality and all the work which he does for greenkeepers everywhere. The teams and results were as follows:—

<i>President's Team</i>			<i>Greenkeepers' Team</i>		
R. Hiatt and P. Skerritt		0	T. Jones and V. Smith	1 up	1
R. D. Kirkby and R. W. Whittington	1 up	1	W. Marnock and W. Barton		0
A. Pullar and J. T. Mitchley	4 and 3	1	G. Woodward and R. J. Pugh		0
J. N. Urry and M. Ingram		0	E. Benbow and R. Smith	4 and 3	1
J. W. Jackson and T. A. Phillips		$\frac{1}{2}$	R. Goodwin and A. Boraston		$\frac{1}{2}$
H. E. Roe and Rod Davies		0	H. Drewitt and A. Stephens	8 and 6	1
S. Allen and E. H. Ballenger	6 and 5	1	A. Hastilow and R. Hughes		0
J. Johnson and N. H. Russell	6 and 5	1	G. Smith and G. Bunting		0
W. L. Jones and A. Derbyshire		$\frac{1}{2}$	L. Greenow and D. Brazier		$\frac{1}{2}$
R. D. Parker and R. W. Bailey	2 up	1	W. Royce and L. Halton		0
V. G. Bull and D. Davies	2 and 1	1	N. F. Horner and R. Ramsden		0
Dr V. E. Milne and H. Patchett	1 up	1	W. E. Lawley and G. Morris		0
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from the Sections

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Annual General Meeting

THIS WAS HELD IN THE QUEEN'S Head, Bingley, on Tuesday, 6th June. There was a most disappointing attendance, only 14 members being present and this included two retired members, F. G. Smith and Tom Iveson. It was nice to see Tom looking so well after his recovery from illness. The chairman expressed in his opening remarks his disappointment at the lack of interest shown in the Section affairs. The secretary presented his report on the activities of the year and reported once again a favourable financial position. The following were elected officials for the year: President, Mr W. Mountain; Chairman, D. Roberts; Vice-Chairman, A. Robertshaw; Committee, Messrs A. Routledge, R. Thomas, J. Mawson, C. Garnett, S. Bailes, H. Marshall and I. Smith; Executive Representative, J. Parker.

Subscriptions

Members are reminded that subscriptions for the current year became due on 1st May and prompt payment would be much appreciated.

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President's Prize

THE WHEATLEY PARK COURSE was in beautiful condition on 23rd May for the 23 members who took part in the President's Prize; a short thunderstorm during the round didn't dampen spirits and a delightfully prepared and served meal rounded off an enjoyable afternoon.

Congratulations to the winners; J. Walker (Wheatley) net 70, G. Herrington (Lindrick) net 71, and R. Whitehead (Wheatley) net 73. A Hidden Prize, G. Herrington; best score over short holes.

The prizes, very kindly given by our president Mr Croft, who was introduced to those present by the retiring president Mr Shardlow, were inscribed tankards for first and second and a tubular garden chair for third. The Hidden Prize, a "pop-up sprinkler", was donated by the company installing the pop-up system at Wheatley.

The Wheatley Park Captain, Mr Hay, presented the prizes and we thank him and the Club Committee for allowing us the use of course and clubhouse.

'Ton-Up' Boys

Mr Shardlow presented a golf ball to the three members, who in Mr Shardlow's words "attained a cricketer's dream", 100 plus net.

Annual Tournament

The section annual tournament will be held on Tuesday, 18th July, at Lees Hall Golf Club by kind permission of the captain and committee. An entry form will have been received by head greenkeepers who are asked to complete and return them as soon as possible. Only those entered will be eligible to play.

V.I.P.

Along with our president Mr F. Crofts it was nice to see one of our vice-presidents Mr B. Elliott, and a life member, Mr P. Booker, at Wheatley. "Hope you enjoyed your day, gentlemen."

Lecture

In the evening, following the President's Prize, a lecture and demonstration on the "Pop-Up" watering system in the course of installation at Wheatley Park was given by Mr G. Barnes of Cameron Irrigation Co. Ltd. and he certainly set tongues wagging and hearts longing. A pity more members weren't present.

Suggestions for next winter lectures will be welcome.

New Members

Welcome to E. Peniston and D. Chappell, both of Rotherham (Thrybergh Park) Golf Club.

SOUTHERN

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By H. Ford
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Subscriptions

OWING TO MY RESIGNATION, WILL all members who have not paid their subscriptions 1967-68 please send them direct to Mr H. Ford whose address is 68 Salcombe Gardens, Mill Hill, N.W. 7 who has now taken over the post of honorary secretary and treasurer. I should like to thank all those who have already paid.

Draw Books

The draw books which Mr C. H. Dix mentioned in his notes in the June Journal will be with Mr Ford; would you please apply to him should you require any more.

Autumn Tournament

The autumn tournament at Langley Park Golf Club is on Thursday, 14th September, a four-ball, better-ball Stapleford; as in previous years greenkeepers are to invite a member of their own club as a partner. Will you please, when sending your entries, state the name of your club and your own and partner's handicap; Mr Ford would appreciate an early reply. The closing date has not been decided yet.

New Members

We should like to welcome to the section the following new members: J. Flint, Park House, High Road, East Finchley, N.2; E. Flynn, 26 Adison Road, Reading; S. Borg, 65 Cedar Lawn Avenue, Barnet, Herts.; R. B. Piggott, 4 Gillotts Hill, Harpenden, Henley-on-Thames, Oxon.

Handicap Revision

The Handicap Committee have revised the following handicaps: F. Ainsworth 18 to 12, P. Ainsworth 14 to 12, E. J. Cox 16, L. Cote 18, S. Freeman 5 to 4, D. Heaton 18, F. Haytor 7 to 8, D. W. Keen 24 to 16, J. Kirkpatrick 1 to 2, D. Kirkland 4, W. Kingston 18 to 17, D. Major 6 to 5, C. J. Maidment 9 to 12, I. Smith 15, P. Staines 10 to 8. Signed—H. G. Dixon, E. Foulkes, J. Stobbs.

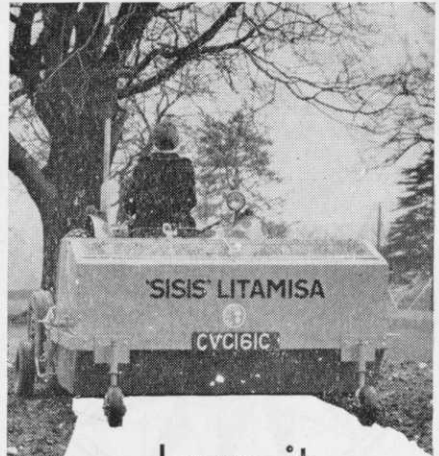
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Autumn Meeting

OUR AUTUMN MEETING WILL BE held at the Pennard Golf Club, by kind permission of the Captain and Committee, on 4th October 1967. Will all wishing to attend get in touch with me not later than



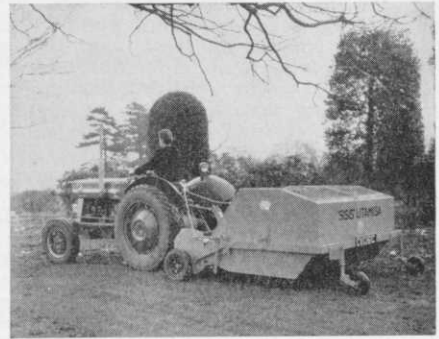
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Annual Draw

I thank you all for the effort you put into this last year. By the time you read this you will have had your tickets and I hope will have sold them and sent for more. Please do your best lads as it is a big help to the Section apart from the general fund and let me have all counterfoils, money and any unsold tickets, which I hope will be none, not later than 24th July, and be sure to send them to me and not to Head Office. Thank you all again.

NORTH-WEST

By H. M. Walsh

Chairman:
F. HALSTEAD
(Bury Golf Club)

Hon. Secretary:
78 Hadfield Street,
Oldham, Lancs.

Spring Tournament

DUE TO THE KINDNESS OF THE Captain and Council we held our spring tournament and A.G.M. at the Davyhulme Park Golf Club. On behalf of all the members who took part I would like once again to thank the Captain and Council for granting us the courtesy of the course and the facilities of the clubhouse.

I would like to say "Thank you very much" to the following donors of prizes, I can assure you, gentlemen, they were greatly appreciated and brought much pleasure to the winners. The donors were as follows: Messrs F. Halstead; O. P. Jones; R. Fielding, M. Bishop; The Captain, Bramhall Golf Club; Messrs W. Burrows Ltd.; Carters Tested Seeds Ltd.; Fisons Ltd.; Lunevale Products Ltd.; Rigby Taylor Ltd.; Sutton & Sons; W. E. Sowerbutts; W. Wilcock & Son; Scottish Agricultural Industries Ltd.

Prize-winners were as follows: 1st prize, W. Bridges, rose bowl and tumblers, net score 100½; 2nd, H. M. Walsh, tartan rug, 104; 3rd, D. Pate, travelling clock, 107; 4th, J. McDonald, tankard, 107; 5th, K. Gardener, tankard, 111½; 6th, J. Catlow, cigarette case, 112; 7th, G. Davey, set of knives, 114; 8th, R. Hayhurst, bottle of whisky, 116½; 9th, F. Halstead, bottle of gin, 117; 10th, R. Fielding, alarm clock, 117½; 11th, T. Brennan, bottle of sherry, 118; 12th, E. Macavoy, map case, 119½.

President's Cup—H. M. Walsh, 104.

Scratch prize—W. Bridges, travelling case, gross score 102. This competition was over 27 holes.

The visitors had a competition in the afternoon and this was won by G. Vaughan with a net score of 63: a bottle of gin.

The weather in the morning was not very kind to us, there being one or two heavy showers, but the afternoon was much better when we all managed to play in fine weather. All in all I think we had another good day to add to the rest of our successful ventures this season. The prizes were presented by the President of the Davyhulme Park Golf Club who said how pleased he was to welcome

so many members of the greenkeeping profession to his club. Mr Halstead, our chairman, suitably replied and thanked the President for presenting the prizes, also the Captain and Council for allowing us to play there, the ground staff for the work they had put in on the course, and the Steward and Stewardess for the two excellent meals which were provided. Our thanks also to Mr Earnshaw for his work in seeing to the cards and meal tickets, etc., also to Mr Barlow for his welcome assistance.

The election of the following officers took place at the A.G.M. which followed the prize-giving and were as follows: President W. Kinsey, Vice-Presidents en bloc, Chairman F. Halstead, Vice-Chairman O. P. Jones, Secretary H. M. Walsh, Treasurer E. Macavoy. There were six nominations for the five places on the committee and the following were elected: Messrs D. Pate, M. Vigard, T. Brennan, W. Earnshaw and W. Bridges.

Autumn Tournament

The autumn tournament will be held at the Haydock Park Golf Club on 4th October. Details will be given nearer the time.

New Member

We welcome to the section R. Matthews of the Haydock Park Golf Club.

NORTH-EAST

By D. Earsman

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

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

Annual Competition

OUR ANNUAL COMPETITION WILL be held at the Northumberland Golf Club, Gosforth Park, Newcastle, on Thursday, 28th September, by kind permission of their Committee. This will be a 27-hole competition and we hope that all our new members, whom we would all like to meet, will come along.

New Members

We welcome to the Section the following new members: N. T. Fineran, J. McDonald-Huish, D. A. Harris, K. Leeson, P. Murray, A. J. Reid.

MIDLAND

By R. Goodwin

Chairman:
G. HART
(Gay Hill)

Hon. Secretary:
167 Birmingham Road
Lichfield, Staffs.

Spring Tournament

THE MIDLAND SECTION PLAYED their annual spring tournament at the Whittington Barracks Golf Club on Tuesday, 23rd May.

We were blessed with very good weather for this event and played over what is surely one of the hardest tests of golf in the

Midlands through gorse and heather over a testing 6,500 yards. A compliment must be paid to Bob Goodwin and his staff for the condition of this natural course; it was in first-class condition.

I would like to pay a compliment also to the following gentlemen of the Whittington Club who stayed with us and not only assisted all day in helping to run this event but also in giving us such wonderful prizes: Mr D. Bowden (Captain), Mr A. Onions (Chairman Greens Committee), Mr Lloyd (Vice-Captain), Mr R. H. Jacob (Treasurer), Mr J. Johnson (Committee), and Lt.-Col. Owen, M.C., Hon. Sec.

The liaison by these gentlemen together with Mr Bill Payne of Ransomes and David Davies of *Birmingham Post and Mail* who undertook to do the score sheets; and the tournament side prior to the event by Bob Goodwin. The assistance of these gentlemen made it possible for me to have a game myself and I can only express my thanks to them all for their most valuable help.

Prize-giving

Mr Hart (chairman) thanked the Whittington Golf Club for allowing the Section the courtesy of the course and clubhouse and the invitation to all greenkeepers to lunch and tea gratis and thanked Mr Brown, the captain, for the generosity shown to everyone; he went on to thank also Mr and Mrs Heart, steward and stewardess; Lt.-Col. Owens, M.C., hon. sec., for his valued assistance to Bob Goodwin, and his staff for the condition of the course and Mr Fox, the professional, for allowing us the use of caddy cars free, and Bill Payne and David Davies for the scoring.

Mr Bowen, the captain, presented the prizes; prior to doing so, he was mildly surprised that we had never, since the formation of the section in 1933, paid a visit to Whittington before today, and stressed that we would be welcome at any time in the near future. After the presentation of prizes Mr Onions (chairman of Greens) invited everyone present to join him in a drink and so ended what was a very happy event for all concerned. Thank you, Whittington, for everything.

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EAST MIDLAND

Chairman:
F. FROST
(Derby G.C.)

By S. Fretter
Hon. Secretary:
20 Woodcote Road
Kingsway
Narborough Road South
Leicester

Spring Meeting

OUR SPRING MEETING WAS HELD by kind permission of the Captain and Committee of the Leicestershire Golf Club on Monday, 8th May 1967. The weather was good and the course in perfect condition. We would like to thank again all who made it a successful day, especially the Captain and Committee, the outside staff, and the inside staff for a wonderful meal.

The winners were as follows: Greenkeepers—1st prize, I. Toon, 72 net; 2nd, B. Mott, 74 (last nine); 3rd, P. McCarron, 74; 4th, D. Bagshaw, 74; 5th, J. Burham, 78 (last nine); 6th, S. Fretter, 78; 7th, Z. Socha, 80; 8th, F. Frost, 80; 9th, D. G. Whitehead, 82; 10th, F. Oliver, 83; 11th, D. Bull, 84; 12th, D. Warrington, 85; 13th, G. Arnold, 87; 14th, D. W. Topley, 88 (last nine).

Vice-Presidents—1st prize, D. Ezard, 79 net; 2nd, A. J. E. Cook, 82 net.

Visitors—1st prize, S. O. Gott, 74 net; 2nd, M. Scotney, 75 net.

We wish to thank the following for the wonderful prizes: Messrs Ransomes, Sim & Jeffries Ltd.; Rigby Taylor Ltd.; H. Pattison & Co.; J. Players & Sons Ltd.; Leicestershire and Rutland Golf Alliance; Leicester Horticultural Engineering; Leicestershire Golf Club; F. Beck, esq.; S. Long, esq.; and D. Ezard, esq.

New Member

We welcome to the section the following new member, may he have a long and happy stay with us: A. Shaw, 2 Station Terrace, Radcliffe on Sea.

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Damsons should be in the shops now, so here are a few recipes for them.

Damson Charlotte

$\frac{1}{4}$ pint of cream, $\frac{1}{2}$ pint of milk, $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. of powdered gelatine, 6 sponge fingers, $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. of sugar, 1 tablespoonful of water, $1\frac{1}{2}$ lb. damsons.

Stone the damsons. Put them in a stewpan, moisten with a tablespoonful of water, add the sugar, stir until the sugar has melted, then cook very gently until very soft, stirring all the time. Rub through a sieve. Take a round mould, split the sponge fingers into halves, and smear the sides of them with the damson puree. Use them to line the mould, joining them close together. Melt the gelatine in the milk, over a gentle heat; strain and mix it with the sieved damsons. Whip together for two minutes. Whip the cream, and stir it in; continue whipping until the mixture is quite stiff. Turn it gently into the lined mould, and leave until it is set. Turn out carefully.

To serve four people.

Damson Meringue Pudding

3 oz. of castor sugar, 2 tablespoonfuls of water, 1 lb. of ripe damsons, 1 pint of milk, 2 eggs, 3 oz. of sugar, 1 breakfastful of fine breadcrumbs.

Mix the breadcrumbs with one ounce of sugar. Beat the egg yolks, mix them with the milk, pour into the breadcrumbs and let it soak for half an hour. Stone the damsons, put them in a saucepan, with two tablespoonfuls of water and simmer until they are soft. Put them through a sieve. Add the remaining two ounces of sugar and stir over a gentle heat, until the sugar has dissolved. Blanch about 10 damson kernels and add them to the puree. Put it into a pie dish and cover with the breadcrumb mixture. Bake for 20 minutes. Meanwhile beat the whites of the eggs until

quite stiff. Fold in the castor sugar. Pile this roughly on the pudding, return to the oven and bake until golden brown.

To serve four people.

Damson Pickle

This pickle is particularly good with cold mutton. You require:—

$\frac{1}{4}$ oz. of whole cinnamon, 8 cloves, 4 lb. of ripe damsons, 1 gill of vinegar, 2 lb. of loaf sugar.

Put the sugar and vinegar in an earthenware or enamelled pan. Place it in a moderate oven and leave until the sugar has dissolved. Remove any stalks from the damsons, and wipe with a cloth. Prick them well with a needle, add the syrup to them, also the spices (tied in a muslin bag) bring to the boil and gently boil for a quarter of an hour. Remove the spices, squeezing as much juice out as possible. Pack the fruit tightly in warm, dry jars, cover with the juice, cork and seal. When cold, cover with parchment.

Damson Chutney

1 pint of white vinegar, 2 lb. of demerara sugar, $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoonful of salt, 6 peppercorns, 8 cloves, a good pinch of mace, 4 lb. of ripe damsons.

Remove any stalks from the damsons. Wash and dry them in a cloth. Put them in a saucepan with the peppercorns, cloves and mace, tied in a muslin bag. Add the salt and sugar, pour on the white vinegar and simmer for half an hour, or until the fruit is soft. Remove the bag of spices. Rub the fruit and liquid through a coarse sieve. Return the pulp to the saucepan and boil gently for 10 minutes, stirring all the time. Turn into wide-necked pickle jars. When cold, tie down with parchment.

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