

News

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from the Sections

NORTHERN

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

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

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.

Blazer Badges

I now have a stock of blazer badges on hand and will be pleased to supply any member of the Association with one on receipt of £1 12s. 6d.

By H. Gillespie

G. HERRINGTON
Chairman:
(Lindrick)

Hon. Secretary:
63 Langsett Avenue
Sheffield, 6

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

Chairman:
J. K. GLASS
(Thorpe Hall)

By H. Ford
Hon. Secretary:
68 Solcombe Gardens
Mill Hill, N.W.7

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.

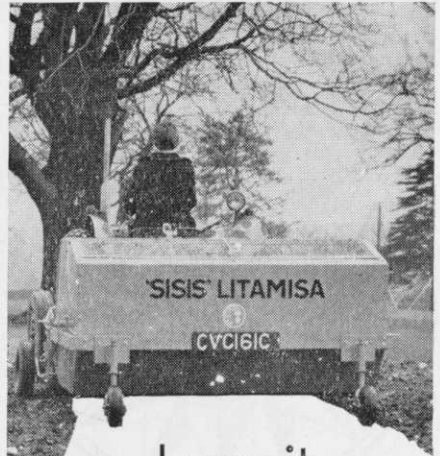
WELSH

Chairman:
M. GEDDES
(Royal Porthcawl)

By S. A. Tucker
H/Sec. and Treasurer:
36 Close Road
Morrison, Swansea
Glam.

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



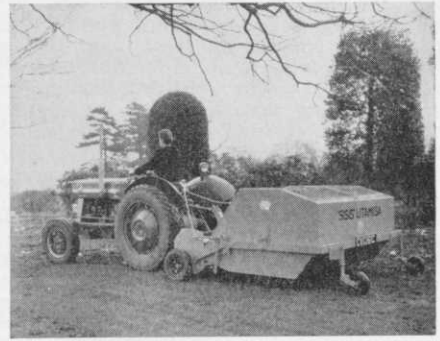
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22nd September so that I can arrange the catering, etc.

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.

MISCELLANEOUS

PROFESSIONALS AND GREEN-KEEPERS having stocks of used golf balls contact Sparbrook Golf Ball Co., 295 Highgate Road, Stoney Lane, Birmingham, with a view to filling export orders.

SITUATION VACANT

HEAD GREENKEEPER REQUIRED to take charge of Course and equipment at Hindley Hall Golf Club, Hindley, Wigan. Salary by arrangement. Assistance given with housing if necessary. Application should be made to the Secretary.

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. Pattisson & 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.

Raffle Tickets

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