

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:
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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

Please do not forget to sell your raffle tickets.

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