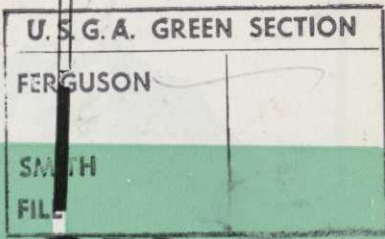


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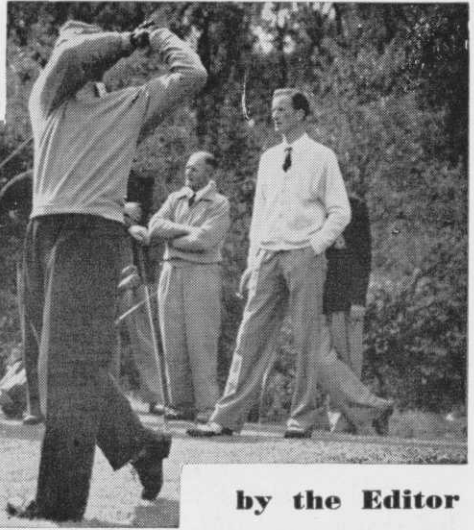
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TEE SHOTS



by the Editor

The Barnet Western Area Road Safety Committee has been discussing the Mill Hill Golf Club's mowing problems. The Barnet by-pass, many years ago, separated the clubhouse from the course and this is now a dual carriageway as the A.1, with a gap between the clubhouse entrance and the course. There is an underpass but the mower cannot get through to mow the lawns on the clubhouse side and the Safety Committee want to close the gap. One councillor suggested a movable barrier which could be used only to get the lawn mower across the road at restricted times. Another said, "If we are to move the Ministry of Transport we must move the lawn mower". The answer seems to be two mowers, one on either side, and we must wait and see who buys the second one.

* * *

Mrs R. Watson of High Street, Dunfermline, has come up with a splendid idea for easing congestion at golf courses and even eliminating the disproportionate cost of the clubhouse. Basing her argument on the fact that golfers now all have motor cars with boot compartments to hold their gear and that there is much time wasted when four players drive off one at a time, she suggests "Starting stalls should be at each tee, and all players could then start at once".

* * *

A Steering Committee has been formed to bring back the old Leominster Golf Club at Ford Bridge into operation. The course was reopened after a

TEE SHOTS—contd.

break during the war but post-war austerity and other problems caused it to close again. Now the committee is appealing for 50 subscribers at £2 a head. There should be no shortage at this price.

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School children in the Warley area of Birmingham will have an opportunity of learning golf as part of their education. The Education Committee is inviting secondary schools to send children to have one hour lessons under the professional at the Oldbury Municipal Golf Course.

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Chelsea relaxed with a round of golf at West Hove before their cup final but nearly lost inside-left Bobby Tambling when a sliced shot from team mate John Hollins skimmed past within one inch of his head. Tambling decided that his reflexes were OK and asked Hollins, "Who are you playing for anyway, Spurs?"

* * *

Members of the Flackwell Heath Golf Club of its Artisan section and of the Artisan Golfers' Association joined in honouring the memory of the late W. J. Gardner, M.B.E., with a Memorial Plaque erected within the clubhouse at Flackwell Heath, Bucks.

A commemorative ceremony and unveiling of the memorial by Sir William Carr, President of the Artisan Golfers' Association, took place on Sunday, 30th April.

Mr W. F. Cropley, President of the Flackwell Heath Golf Course, Mr Jim Wilkes, and Mr Bill Farley all spoke of the work which "Bill" Gardner had done for Artisan golf. Several members of his family were present and Mr Tom Scott of *Golf Illustrated* was amongst the many others who attended.

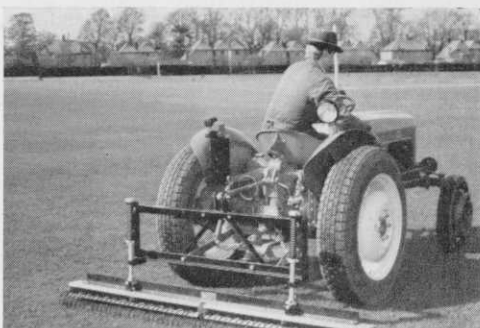
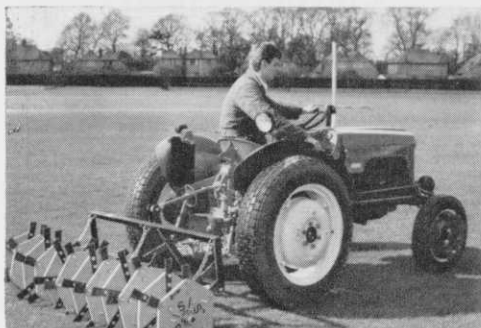
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SITING THE HOLE

By J. K. CAMPBELL

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MANY golf courses, as a rule, have an area on each of their greens where the hole is usually placed whenever the Club has a golf competition. These positions are chosen because they make the holes interesting by bringing into play any bunkers or other hazards, natural or artificial, surrounding the green.

Moving the holes to the medal positions on the morning of the competition is generally left to the discretion of the greenkeeper, who has to take into account the condition of the turf—worn patches on the green or any unusual accumulation of casual water which would necessitate the hole being placed elsewhere. But under ordinary circumstances the normal spots would be used. In this connection it is helpful if the greenkeeper is a golfer, or at least has a reasonable understanding of the game.

Having such vast and undulating greens on the Old Course here at St Andrews, it is important to have a method of finding the traditional positions for the medal holes and detailed instructions are given to assist the greenkeeper to locate these places.

Bearings

Wherever possible crossbearing on natural objects have been given and the intersection of these lines give the centre of a circle some two yards in diameter within which the medal hole is located. These have been supplemented by measurements from fixed points on or near the green (hydrants, edges of bunkers, etc.).

For example, the following directions are given for locating the position of the 11th hole—at the intersection of the following bearings:—

- (a) Town church steeple to Dundee Law.
- (b) Shelter on the Eden Course near eighth tee to centre of small bunker at back of seventh green.

The hole to be at least 25 feet from nearest edge of Strath bunker.

The experienced greenkeeper who regularly cuts the holes tries to preserve the medal positions for these special occasions by moving them frequently over as wide an area of the putting surface as possible, which will help to spread the wear and tear and add a wide variety of interest for the every-day golfer.

Looking ahead

For important golf events such as the British Open Championship, which lasts for several days, the pin positions on all the greens for each day are carefully considered before the event takes place, and during the course of the Championship the holes are cut as prearranged within the area of the traditional medal positions.

It has become the practice to paint the inside of the hole cups white to make them stand out better and catch the player's eye while putting. Most of the important golf tournaments are now televised and it is also an aid to the cameraman mounted high on his tower; the hole is more easily picked out by the zoom lense of the camera and allows T.V. viewers to follow the game more closely.

Rational siting

Not all courses are of championship standard and neither are all golfers. This is all the more reason why the vast majority of greenkeepers should interest their conveners in the siting of the holes for medal occasions. It is worth while to decide the two-yard area within which each hole will be placed, taking into account the hazards of the approach and providing the opportunity for the average player to get down in a couple of putts. Siting of holes in impossible positions should be discounted.

CORRESPONDENCE

76 Four Oaks Common Road,
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Dear Mr Editor,

At our committee meeting last night the members were very grieved at the report that our President's wife had passed away.

Everyone who met Mrs Bretherton was impressed with her kindness, charm and understanding, and we in the Midland Section know how wholeheartedly she supported our President in the work he did for us. We shall miss her company very much.

George Hart, Harry Drewitt, with myself and my wife, were at the funeral service, and there were between 80 and 90 more in the church, to pay their last respects to a great lady. The vicar, in

his address, paid tribute to her many qualities, and his words of comfort to the bereaved made a great impression on me.

Amongst the congregation was a contingent of the W.V.S., which reminded me of another of the voluntary jobs Mrs Bretherton did. She drove one of the heavy vehicles in the emergency food convoys when we were on Civil Defence exercises just after the war. They were there to provide us with a meal.

I am sure everyone in the association will wish our President the strength to bear his great loss, and that we shall continue to have his interest and guidance for many years.

Yours sincerely,

F. CASHMORE.

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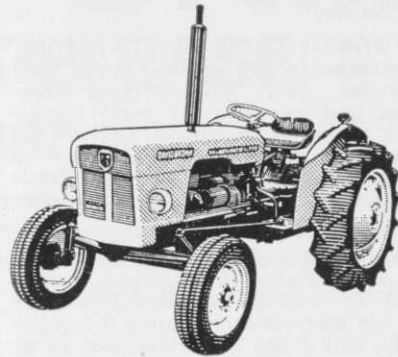
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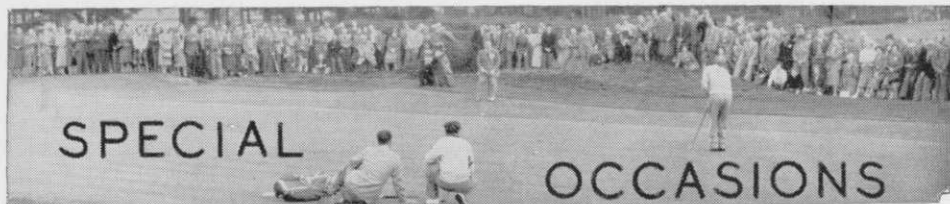
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- (1) In the annual report for 1966 reference was made to:—
 - (a) *Research*—New trials on gradual release nitrogen fertiliser were commenced and there was some new work on fungal diseases and grass varieties. Mr Victor A. Gibeault, of the University of Rhode Island, U.S.A., who had been awarded the Fison's Research Fellowship, completed some outstanding new work on annual meadow grass control and his paper published in the Journal is of considerable importance. Other trials of various kinds were continued.
 - (b) *Advisory Work*—Visits were up in number by almost 5 per cent on the previous year and new playing field projects figured prominently despite Government restrictions on capital expenditure. Once again, most European countries were visited this side of the Iron Curtain.
 - (c) *Finance*—Expenditure rose in excess of income resulting in a deficit. The Institute's position is nevertheless financially sound.
 - (d) *General Standing*—The Institute's status as the national centre for turf research, advice and education has never been higher. Increasing reference was made to it by Government Departments and Ministries.
- (2) Message of loyal greetings sent to Patron, H.R.H. The Duke of Edinburgh.
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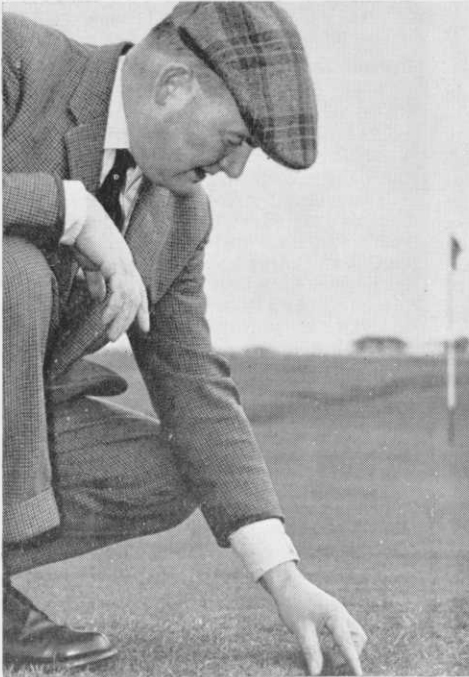
Tickets are now in the hands of section secretaries and it is hoped that all members will make a great effort to ensure the financial success of this draw.

Open Championship

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Annual General Meeting

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING was held in the Brunswick Hotel on Thursday, 27th April, at 7.15 p.m. The minutes of the 1966 A.G.M. were read and confirmed. The balance sheet also showed to be in good health.

Our president, Mr Shardlow, who took the chair, had intimated at the last A.G.M. that we should look for a new president because his commitments were taking him away from Sheffield more often and were preventing him from being with us as much as he would have wished. It was unanimously agreed that we ask Mr J. F. Crofts, of Fearnco Ltd., to be president. He has since agreed to accept the position and give the section all the support he can. (Many thanks, Mr Crofts, I hope you will enjoy your association with us.)

The vice-presidents were re-elected *en bloc*, namely Messrs Elliott, Haynes, Webster and Hickling, Mr A. Shardlow accepting the vacancy created by the promotion of Mr Crofts, Mr H. Yeomans, greens chairman of Lees Hall Golf Club, accepting the invitation to bring the number up to six. Mr H. Gillespie was elected secretary, Mr R. Whitehead continues as treasurer and the committee—H. Herrington, C. Grimley, J. Mardlin and R. N. Maltby.

Handicaps

H. Tanfield 7 to 6, winner of the 1966 annual tournament with two net rounds of 67; J. Waddoups 24 to 22.

1967 Competitions

S.U.G.C. Greenkeepers Competition on 19th June at Hallamshire Golf Club; annual tournament at Lees Hall Golf Club on 18th July. The Sheffield Section v Northern Section is held in the Northern Section this year, the date to be fixed by them.

Mr A. Shardlow

Chairman G. Herrington, in thanking Mr Shardlow for the interest and guidance he had given the section during his eight years as president, especially in the formulating of the recommended wage scale, said he had already presented a gift of nylon shoe-cleaning brushes on behalf of the members.

New Members

We welcome to the section the following new members: R. N. Maltby and D. Sharpe of Sherwood Forest Golf Club, and F. R. Norton and D. F. Golding of Buxton and High Peak Golf Club. Both long journeys but we hope to see you at our tournaments and lectures.

Field Day

The Groundsmen's Association held a Field Day at the Firth Vickers Sports Ground on the 26th April, and a good exhibition it was too, and very well supported. It was nice to see so many of our members present.

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Spring Tournament

THE ANNUAL SPRING TOURNAMENT of the section was played over the course of the West Bradford Golf Club on Thursday, 4th May (by kind permission of the Club Committee).

Thirty-three members took part, a number of regular attenders being unable to spare the time owing to forthcoming events and staff shortages. This was one of the very few occasions that we have not been favoured with the weather and players had to contend with heavy showers and strong winds but most players stayed the course.

Results

Scratch Prize, R. Barnes (Sandmoor) 79-81—160.

First Division, 1st A. Robetshaw (Otley) 69-78—147; 2nd D. Copland (St Ives) 77-77—154; 3rd G. Bennison (Otley) 80-75—155.

Second Division, 1st D. Spurden (Otley) 77-63—140; 2nd C. Geddes (Moor Allerton) 72-70—142; 3rd W. Wilkinson (Shipley) 73-71—144.

Veterans Prize, C. Moore (Northcliffe) 74. Vice-President's, 1st W. Hanley (Ogden) 70-68—138; 2nd J. Clark (Ogden) 72-73—145.

The prizes were presented by our president, Mr W. Mountain, who with our chairman, Mr D. Roberts, thanked the entire staff of the Club for their help and kindness

in making once again a happy and cheerful reunion of members. To Tommy Hullah I would add my personal thanks for taking over the clerical work of running the tournament.

Spring Tournament

On behalf of all members taking part in the tournament I wish to express my sincere thanks to the following firms who so kindly supported our Prize Fund: Messrs Ransomes, Sim & Jefferies, H. Pattison & Co., Stewart & Son Ltd., Pressure Jet Markers, E. Jepson & Son, Rigby Taylor Ltd., Hayter & Co., Stephen Toulson & Son and Fisons Ltd.

Autumn Tournament

The autumn tournament of the section will be played over the course of the Alwoodley Golf Club, Leeds, on Thursday, 26th October (by kind permission of the Captain and Club Committee).

New Member

We welcome to the section the following new member: Mr R. Smith, 29 Chidswell Lane, Shawcross, Dewsbury (Woodhall Hills Golf Club).

SOUTHERN

By W. Mason

Hon. Secretary:

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Spring Tournament

OUR SPRING TOURNAMENT WAS held on Wednesday, 10th May, at the Romford Golf Club with a very good entry of 54. The weather conditions being perfect made it a most enjoyable day. Before the prize-giving our chairman, Mr J. Glass, passed a hearty vote of thanks to the Romford Golf Club for once again allowing us to play over their course. He mentioned that considering the very wet weather the course was in very good condition. He thanked the catering staff for the excellent food provided, not forgetting the drinks department. Thanks were also given to Mr John Field and Mr David Craig for attending to the score cards and sorting out the winners. In reply the Captain, having been asked to present the prizes, said the club was very pleased to welcome us, and would be happy to do so again. The scratch prize was won by S. Freeman with a score of 115 for the 27 holes, D. W. Keen being the tournament winner with a net score of 100, 2nd F. Ainsworth 105, 3rd P. Staines 106, 4th P. Ainsworth 107, 5th W. Kingston 108, 6th E. Hall 109, 7th A. Cresse, J. Corner, D. Major all tied 110, 8th G. Piggott 111, 9th S. Dennis and K. Eastwood tied 112. The best morning prize went to W. Kingston and the best afternoon went to F.

Dulake. The 60 and over prize went to G. Hitchcock, 2nd S. Morton, 3rd J. Glass. First year competitors, five in all, was won by D. Kirkland. The other four were each given a new ball presented by the Romford Club.

Annual General Meeting

May I remind you that the Annual General Meeting will be on Wednesday, 14th June.

Autumn Tournament

The Autumn Tournament will take place at the Langley Park Golf Club on 14th September. Further details will be given at a later date.

MIDLAND

By R. Goodwin

Hon. Secretary:
167 Birmingham Road
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G. HART
(Gay Hill)

A.G.M. and Summer Cup

THIS EVENT WILL TAKE PLACE AT the Habberley Golf Club on Monday, 3rd July. The Summer Cup will be played for, over nine-holes morning and nine-holes afternoon, followed by the Annual General Meeting. The Habberley Golf Club are again providing us with some excellent prizes. I appeal to all greenkeepers to give their full support to this magnificent gesture.

President's Match—22nd June at Handsworth Golf Club

I would like to see an improvement on our playing record over the last few years against Mr Bretherton's team. Will greenkeepers please make every effort to be available for this event, one of the highlights of our season.

Annual Dinner 1967

This will take place at the Merry Vale Hotel, Langley Green, on Friday, 22nd September, and will take the form of a dinner and dance. Tickets will be £1 1s. each. Further details will be announced in a later Journal.

Retiring

After 49 years service, Cecil Jones of Little Aston Golf Club has decided to retire from full-time duties.

He has, however, decided to carry on part-time and I have no doubt that Alan Boraston will appreciate his continued support. Congratulations, Cecil, on this magnificent achievement, and best wishes from us all for many years to come.

New Member

We welcome to the section J. S. Danks of Warley Golf Club.

Mrs Greenkeeper's Own Corner

with Ann Mawson

Pigeons make a nice change, and the wood pigeon can be treated like game. It is in season all the year round. When choosing a young bird, remember the beak should be soft and the feet should be smooth.

Steak and Pigeon

2 pigeons, $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. of rump steak, 1 teaspoonful of chopped parsley, 1 table-spoonful of red wine, 1 lb. of small young carrots, $\frac{3}{4}$ pint of stock, 1 tea-spoonful of mushroom ketchup, seasoning, 1 oz. of flour, 8 small onions, 1 oz. of dripping.

Pluck, draw, singe and wash the pigeons, cut into joints. Wipe the steak and cut into pieces. Fry in the hot dripping, remove and keep hot. Fry the prepared onions, flour and seasoning until a good brown colour, stirring all the time. Add the mushroom ketchup and stock, bring to boiling point. Add the pigeon joints and steak and simmer slowly for one hour.

Scrape the carrots, add the wine, carrots and seasoning and cook gently for a further 30 minutes. Dish the meat and pigeon joints, pour the gravy over and pile the carrots at either side. Sprinkle with parsley over the carrots. To serve seven or eight people.

Potted Pigeon

Cooked pigeons, $2\frac{1}{2}$ oz. of margarine, seasoning, a pinch of nutmeg, $2\frac{1}{2}$ oz. of ham to every lb. of flesh after the bones have been removed from the pigeons.

Put the pigeon flesh and ham through the mincing machine, add the nutmeg and seasoning to taste, add two-thirds of the margarine (melted). Mix well, pack into jars and cover with the remaining melted margarine.

Casserole Pigeon

3 tomatoes, seasoning, 1 lb. of green peas, 1 oz. of dripping, 2 oz. of bacon, 1 onion, 2 small carrots, 2 pigeons, $\frac{1}{2}$ pint of stock.

Pluck, draw and cut the pigeons in two. Prepare the carrots and onion and cut into cubes; cut the bacon into small pieces. Fry the pigeons, bacon and vegetables in the dripping; place in a casserole dish. Heat the stock and pour over the pigeons and vegetables. Place on the lid and cook for 45 minutes. Shell the peas and add to the casserole; add the seasoning and continue cooking until the peas are almost tender. Cut the tomatoes in two, lay them on top, and cook for 10 minutes longer. Season and serve.

To serve four people.

Curry Pigeon

A little lemon juice, 1 tablespoonful of coconut, $\frac{3}{4}$ pint of stock, 1 oz. of flour, 1 teaspoonful of black treacle, 1 teaspoonful of curry paste, 1 teaspoonful of curry powder, 1 small onion, 1 small apple, 2 oz. margarine, 2 pigeons.

Pluck, draw and singe, and joint the pigeons; wipe with a damp cloth. Heat the margarine and fry the joints; remove joints and keep hot. Skin the apple and onion and chop finely. Cook slowly in the fat for 10 minutes, add the curry powder, curry paste, treacle and flour. Mix well; strain the stock which has been soaking with the coconut. Bring to boiling point, add the pigeons and cook all slowly until the pigeon is tender (about 40 minutes). Add the lemon juice. Serve with boiled rice.

To serve three to four people.

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