

# News



from the Sections

## SHEFFIELD

G. HERRINGTON  
Chairman:  
(Lindrick)

By H. Gillespie  
Hon. Secretary:  
63 Langsett Avenue  
Sheffield, 6

### 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.

## NORTHERN

### By J. Parker

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

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

### 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:*

18 Albert Road, Hendon, N.W.4.  
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*Chairman:*

#### 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  
Lichfield, Staffs.

*Chairman:*

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.