

News



from the Sections

SHEFFIELD

Chairman:
G. HERRINGTON
(Lindrick)

By H. Gillespie
63 Langsett Avenue
Sheffield, 6

Slater Trophy

THE ANNUAL MATCH WITH THE Northern Section was played on 21st September at Otley Golf Club. The match finished in the home team's favour by four matches to two and so the "Slater Trophy" passed to the Northern Section but every endeavour will be made to regain it next year. Many thanks to the Northern officials for the first-class arrangements and to the Otley Golf Club for allowing the use of their first-class facilities. The course was in magnificent condition and was a credit to greenkeeper A. Robertshaw and his staff. The recently built clubhouse with its beautiful views provided the setting for the meals which were delightfully prepared and served by the stewardess.

Coach Cup

This competition was played over nine holes at Otley prior to the annual Northern match, 22 members taking part in a Stableford. A. Spencer with 17½ points was the winner with J. Walker 17½ points second and R. N. Maltby with 17 points third.

November Lectures

On Thursday, 30th November, we have a visit from Mr G. Vaughan of Ransomes, Sims & Jeffries, at the Brunswick Hotel at 7 p.m.

SOUTHERN

Chairman:
J. K. GLASS
(Thorpe Hall)

F. W. Ford
Hon Secretary:
68 Salcombe Gardens
Mill Hill, N.W.7

Autumn Tournament at Langley Park

EIGHTY COMPETITORS TOOK PART in this very popular greenkeeper and his captain meeting and despite the weather there were some very good scores. From Dulwich, J. Kirkpatrick and G. Glass (no relation to our chairman) collected 41 points in the four-ball, better-ball Stableford in the morning and 43 in the greensome in the afternoon making a total of 84 to win the aggregate and first prize, a leather suitcase each. Canteens of cutlery, second prize, went to P. Haines and Mr Gunning, of Maylands, with 76. D. Major and Frank Brittan, of Bletchworth, won the third prize, a clock each, on the last nine holes with 75. A bottle of whisky which was presented by Langley Park Golf Club was won by B. Payne and R. E. Chase of Beaconsfield also on 75, and the fifth prize of rose bowls went to G. Piggott and T. Curtis of Henley on Thames, with 74. Best morning prize of travelling rugs, won by E. Hall and Mr Dwyer, of Ealing, with 43 points. Salad bowls and servers, best afternoon, by Jock Glass and D. Skinner, of Thorpe Hall.

In his speech Jock thanked the Langley Park Golf Club and all who had helped to make the day such a success, mentioning by name our friends in the trade who always work so hard on these occasions: David Craig, Mr Marshal, John Fields and not forgetting the starters who kept things well under control. The captain of Langley Park said how much he had enjoyed meeting the greenkeepers collectively, and before presenting the prizes said that he had heard that one golfer had only hit two good balls all day. Jack Stobbs, our vice-chairman, is to be congratulated on the condition of his course and although the rain dampened his efforts a little, I feel sure that I speak for everyone when I say that it was a pleasure to play at Langley Park. Thank you, Jack!

Obituary

Bob Cox, aged 65, of 22 Gore Road, Burnham, Bucks., died suddenly on Thursday, 28th September. I have written to his widow on behalf of all his friends in the Southern Section to extend our sympathy in the hope that time will soon bring comfort to her.

Lecture

Our next lecture will be at the Stirling Castle, London Wall, Moorgate at 6.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 13th December 1967.

Bill Mason's Presentation

It was a pleasure to see so many of Bill Mason's old friends at the Stirling Castle where he was presented with a cheque for £75 and an inscribed pewter tankard. Our chairman, Jock Glass, made the presentation and thanked Bill for all that he had done for the B.G.G.A. in his 33 years as secretary of the Southern Section,

and asked Bill to thank Mrs Mason for the wonderful help she has given him during the last years. In his reply Bill thanked all who had contributed to the presentation and said he was particularly pleased with the tankard and its inscription and that he would treasure it for the rest of his days. The wording on the tankard reads: "To Bill from all his friends in the Southern Section 1967."

From Bill Mason

On Wednesday, 11th October, the first of our meetings took place at the Stirling Castle. Before the meeting began chairman Mr J. K. Glass presented me with a cheque on behalf of the Southern Section, to the value of £75 together with a very nice tankard as a memento and inscribed "To Bill from all his friends in the Southern Section 1967."

Needless for me to say how very much I appreciated the response of the members for their contributions and the committee for the tankard.

In reply I expressed my very grateful thanks to the president and chairman, my successor Mr F. W. Ford, and all members present. Although there was a very good attendance at the meeting I would like to say to those members who were unable to come along and who contributed to my present, please accept my very grateful thanks.

In conclusion I would like to wish Mr F. W. Ford the best of health and every success to the Southern Section.

MIDLAND

By R. Goodwin

Hon. Secretary:
167 Birmingham Road
Lichfield, Staffs.

Chairman:
G. HART
(Gay Hill)

The Autumn Tournament

THE AUTUMN TOURNAMENT WAS held at the Moor Park Golf Club on Tuesday, 19th September.

Results and Prizes: 27 holes gross—G. Woodward, 112, tea service; 27 holes net—A. Stephens, Clayton Cup and dinner service; 2nd, R. Goodwin, Lotus shoes; 3rd, D. Brazier, putter; 4th, R. Pugh, electric blanket; 5th, W. Marnock, smokers stand; 6th, H. Drewitt, sheets; 7th, V. Smith, alarm clock; 8th, W. Barton, lighter; 9th, G. Bunting, jewellery case; 10th, E. Benbow, upholstered stool; 11th, T. Jones, umbrella; 12th, R. Smith, kitchen set; 13th, A. Boraston, bottle of port; 14th, C. Tudge, tennis balls.

Best nine holes—A. Stephens, three golf balls; R. Pugh, sherry; R. Goodwin, wallet. Best 18 holes—G. Woodward, coffee set; A. Stephens, $\frac{1}{2}$ bottle whisky; D. Brazier, $\frac{1}{2}$ bottle gin.

Veterans—A. Stephens, shirt.

Golf Balls were given to players with "2s" on their cards—W. Marnock (3), E. Benbow (1), A. Stephens (1), V. Smith (1), R. Goodwin (1).

Visitors—1st, Mr R. H. Jacobs, six Dunlop 65 golf balls; 2nd, L. Hatton, three Dunlop 65s.

Mr John Slater presented the prizes and said that he and the Moor Park Golf Club committee were pleased to welcome the greenkeepers.

He then went on to pay tribute to Albert Oakley and Jim Stevens, who between them had given many years loyal service on the ground staff.

For the greenkeepers, R. Pugh thanked the Moor Park Golf Club for allowing the Section the courtesy of the course and clubhouse, also for the sum of £20 for prizes. He also thanked Mr Carr (chairman of greens), Mr Hayes (president) and Mr Slater for each buying a round of drinks. He then thanked Mr and Mrs Jacklin (steward and stewardess), Mr McDonald (professional) for the use of the caddy cars and the donation of a prize, and the greens staff for the excellent condition of the course.

Mr Jacobs, for the visitors, said how pleased he was to have taken part and should anyone still have a thirst he would be delighted to buy them a drink.

Prize Donors

We thank the following donors of prizes: Mr Carl Bretherton, Moor Park Golf Club, Thomas Clayton, Rigby Taylor's, J. P. Harvey, ATCO Ltd., En-Tout-Cas, May & Baker, Bristol Steel Shafts, Lotus, H. Pattison Ltd., Supaturf, J. H. Smith, J. Johnson, N. McDonald, B. Baxter and R. Ramsden.

Annual Dinner

This took place at the Merry Vale Hotel on Friday, 22nd September. A total of 75 greenkeepers, their wives and guests sat down to a roast turkey dinner. Mr Betherton could not be with us on this occasion and Mr K. Sargeson proposed the toast to Her Majesty the Queen. Mr Sargeson welcomed the party from Olton Golf Club, trade representatives and several of our vice-presidents. Mr R. Pugh proposed the toast to the visitors, and in particular, the ladies.

For the visitors Mr David Moore thanked the Section for the invitation extended to Mrs Moore and himself. He then went on to pay a tribute to all greenkeepers for their contribution to the game of golf.

The dinner was followed by dancing until midnight to the music of the Norman Graham Band. During the dancing a raffle was held, and our thanks go to the ticket sellers Miss Donna Burke and our treasurer's daughter, Joan, who raised the sum of £17. Thanks also to Geoff Smith, Frank Cashmore, Vic Smith, A. Boraston, W. Barton, J. Stephens, B. Taylor and our host Mr Charles Stych for the raffle prizes. Also to Mrs Barbara Moore for presenting the prizes. We are also indebted to Mr Jack Lee and Mr Bob Hazelwood for giving the spot prizes; Mr and Mrs Stych, host and hostess, for the excellent service; and our M.C., Eric Ballinger, who did a real hard night's work. An excellent evening enjoyed by all. Will we see more greenkeepers next year? We hope so.

New Members

We welcome to the Section the following new members: Mr Hendrik Frederiks, of Olton Golf Club, and R. Janouskis who has recently transferred from the North-West Section and is now head greenkeeper at the Cotswold Hills Golf Club.

NORTHERN

By J. Parker

Hon. Secretary:

8 Goit Stock Terr., Harden,
Bingley, Yorks.

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

Sheffield Match

THE ANNUAL MATCH AGAINST THE Sheffield Section was played over the course of the Otley Golf Club on Thursday, 21st September, by kind permission of the Club Committee. In the match for the "Slater Trophy" the section was successful in regaining the trophy by four matches to two. The results were as follows:

K. Driver and J. P. Clark lost by one hole to A. Spence and A. Goldthorpe; G. Bennisan and A. Robertshaw won 5 and 4 against S. Inman and J. Walker; A. Brophy and D. Storrey won 3 and 2 against J. Lomas and H. Gillespie; C. Moore and C. Geddes won 3 and 1 against E. Palmer and R. Maltby; D. Spurden and E. Paley won 6 and 5 against A. Shardlow and J. Waddoups; F. Cox and R. Smith lost 3 and 1 to K. Dickinson and H. Herrington.

Following tea the captain of Otley Golf Club presented the cup to Mr A. Robertshaw, vice-chairman of the section. A vote of thanks to the club and staff for making the members so welcome was proposed by Mr Mountain and seconded by Mr A. Shardlow, the respective Section Presidents. Owing to illness the familiar figure of George Herrington was missing and I am sure we all wish him a speedy and full recovery.

WELSH

By S. A. Tucker

H/Sec. and Treasurer:
36 Clase Road,
Morrison
Swansea, Glam.

Chairman:
M. GEDDES
(Royal Porthcawl)

Autumn Tournament

OUR AUTUMN MEETING WAS HELD by kind permission of the captain and committee of the Pennard Golf Club. The weather was not in our favour with the odd shower and a very strong wind blowing, making it very difficult to control the ball on such an open course as

this one is. The course was playing well, the greens I found very true and many thanks to Jackie and his staff for having it in such good condition. Also thanks to Mr and Mrs B. Morgan for the way they looked after us in the clubhouse. On our arrival we were entertained to a drink with the captain who presented the prizes after the competition and, who in his speech made us feel very welcome in the new clubhouse. From the first floor you had a very nice view of Three Cliffs Bay, also Oxwich Bay and the beautiful country of the Gower Peninsula. On behalf of the members I would like to thank the lady members of the club for the prize they gave, also the captain, Mr Carl Jones, and the professional for their prizes. The scores, as you will read for a 27-hole medal aggregate were very good under the heavy wind. The first prize and President's Shield was won by Jack Martin, with a blanket, 107½ net, 2nd, Jack Rees, 108 net, lighter given by Patisson & Co.; 3rd, Paul Evans, 112 net, bottle of sherry given by Mr Carl Jones; won on the last nine holes, 4th, B. Oliver, 112 net, ½ bottle of whisky.

The Junior prizes, 19-24 handicap inclusive: 1st prize, the John O'Gorman Cup, R. Doubler, 108 net, windcheater given by the professional; 2nd, A. Jeffries, 118 net, ½ bottle of whisky.

NORTH-EAST

By D. Earsman

Arcot Hall Cottage
Dudley
Newcastle on Tyne 3

J. SIMPSON
(Ponteland G.C.)

Autumn Competition

OUR AUTUMN COMPETITION WAS played over the course of the Northumberland Golf Club on Thursday, 28th September, by kind permission of the captain and committee.

Results: the best scratch score over 27 holes D. Gray, Whitley Bay, 105½. The Ransomes Cup was won by T. Nutman, Tynemouth, for the best net score 105½. The Jack Wreath Trophy for over the age of 50 was won by T. Nutman.

Other prize-winners: J. Carss, Embleton, who lost to T. Nutman over the first 18 holes; A. Gunn, Birtley, 106; D. Earsman, Arcot Hall, 107; J. Hayes, Northumberland, 107½; C. Moseby, Blyth, 107½; H. Somerville, Alnmouth, 108; T. Kay, South Moor, 108; J. Anderson,

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South Shields, J. Smith, Morpeth, 109; R. Bird, Brancepeth, 110; T. Oliver, Gosforth, 111.

The chairman, Mr J. Simpson, thanked the captain and committee for the courtesy of the course and the clubhouse. He then introduced Mr Morrison, captain of the Northumberland Golf Club, who had kindly consented to present the prizes and said a few words on our behalf.

Our chairman then thanked the steward and stewardess and staff for two most enjoyable meals, and Mr Raine and his staff for the excellent condition of the course, also Mr Bill Dixon, the club professional, for the use of his caddy cars. This was heartily endorsed by all.

Our thanks are due to the following members of the trade and golf clubs for so kindly contributing to our prize list: Ransomes, Sims and Jeffries; Stewart & Co., Edinburgh; ATCO; Fisons; Garden Mechanisation; Parkside Engineers; Rickerby & Co.; Northumberland Union of Golf Clubs; Northumberland Golf Club; Arcott Hall Golf Club; Alnmouth, Ponteland, Morpeth, South Shields, Hartlepool, Whitley Bay, Tynemouth, Gosforth, Newcastle United, Ravensworth, Durham City, Brancepeth, Dustanburgh, City of Newcastle, Wearside, Chester-le-Street Golf Clubs; vice-presidents Messrs W. R. Atkinson, I. T. Johnstone, J. Rutherford, J. K. Hilton, J. McKenzie, A. Harrison, A. Robinson, K. B. Hood, J. Bland Short.

Our Annual Dinner and Dance will be held on Friday, 26th January 1968. Members who wish to attend, please let me know, and bring your wife and friends with you.

New Members

We are pleased to welcome to the section Mr W. Beveridge, of Ransomes, Sims & Jeffries, who has been elected vice-president.

EAST MIDLAND

Chairman:
J. BURNHAM

By S. Fretter
Hon. Secretary:
20 Woodcote Road
Leicester. LE3 2WD

Autumn Golf Tournament

THE AUTUMN GOLF TOURNAMENT was held at Wollaton Park Golf Club on Tuesday, 12th September 1967. Once again a lovely day was had by all. We would like to thank the captain, committee, inside and outside staff, and the professional who all helped to make this day successful. Prizes were won by the following: First Prize, B. Ellis (Notts. G.C., Hollinwell), 1 down; 2nd, D. Bagshaw (Stanton-on-Wolds), 2 down; 3rd, R. Buchanan (Wollaton Park), 3 down; 4th, S. T. McNeice (Leicestershire G.C.), 4 down; 5th, D. Bull (Bulwell), 5 down (last 9); 6th, G. Arnold (Erewash G.C.), 5 down; 7th, F. Oliver (hon. member), 6 down; 8th, S. Fretter (Kirkby Muxlow G.C.), 9 down (last 9).

Visitor: G. Colman, 1 up; vice-president: K. Milner, 3 down.

We would like to thank the following for the prizes we received for the tournament: H.

Pattinson & Co., Messrs Sutton & Sons, Messrs May & Baker, Lunevale Products Ltd., Wollaton Park Golf Club. Our thanks also to Mr Buckeldee and Mr Bourne for the starting and cards, also to Mr D. Bull for the buying of the prizes.

New Members

We welcome to this section greenkeepers B. Ellis, 13 Ethelbert Avenue, Kirkby-in-Ashfield, and D. Raitt, Lutterworth Golf Club; new vice-president B. Cooper, 90 Brabazon Road, Cadby, Leicestershire.

Letter from President (Mr A. J. E. Cook)

I should like to wish all members a successful time during the remainder of 1967 and in the years following. I should particularly like to see more head greenkeepers and keen members of their staffs at our next meeting early in 1968. It seems strange to me that, although golf is booming all over the world, there are still many amateur players who do not know what the B.G.G.A. stands for, and yet a course well kept, and as good as it can be made, is the finest investment any club can make. This can only be achieved by expert greenkeepers. At our next meeting there will be a number of real experts—men who have spent a lifetime learning their trade. Come and meet them. Bring some of your problems. When the game is over you will be delighted with the help they can give you. Remember they started many years ago when courses were cut with 30 in. horse machines. Quite a lot has happened since.

New Postal Address

Would you please note that my postal address has changed. With the new coding it is now 20 Woodcote Road, Leicester LE3 2WD.

New Postal Coding

Will all members who have a new postal code please let me know.

NORTH-WEST

Chairman:
F. HALSTEAD
(Bury Golf Club)

By H. M. Walsh
Hon. Secretary:
78 Hadfield Street,
Oldham, Lancs.

Autumn Tournament

ON BEHALF OF THE MEMBERS OF the Section, I wish to thank most sincerely the captain and council of Haydock Park Golf Club for granting us the courtesy of the course and the facilities of the clubhouse on the occasion of our autumn tournament; Mr Rimmer the captain for presenting the prizes in the evening; the ground staff for the excellent condition of the course; the stewardess for the two very excellent meals and Mr Earnshaw for his great help in taking moneys, giving out cards, checking same, etc. Our thanks also to the prize-donors who once again gave so generously: Messrs Ransomes, Sims, and Jeffries; Flymo Ltd.; Pattison & Co.; En-Tout-Cas; May & Baker Ltd.; Stewart & Co., Edinburgh; Charles Pugh Ltd. (ATCO); W. Hargreaves & Co. Ltd.;

members of the Ladies Section, Haydock Park Golf Club; Gentlemen of Haydock Park Golf Club—M. Vigard, esq.; F. Halstead, esq.; R. Fielding, esq.; T. Guy, esq.; N. Johnson, professional at Haydock Park Golf Club.

Results

The winner of the Ransomes Challenge Cup was R. Fielding with a best net score over 27 holes of 106½. Best gross score was won by W. Bridges with the good score of 118; 2nd, E. Macavoy with 123. 2nd best net, J. Metcalf 112½. Other winners were as follows: J. Rhodes 114, F. Halstead 114½, W. Bridges 116½, R. Hayhurst 116½, B. Elliss 116½, E. Macavoy 117, G. Davey 117, K. Holmes 119, H. Smith 121, H. M. Walsh 122, D. Pate 122, D. Macavoy 123.

The Over-50s Cup was won by R. Fielding.

The Visitors Prize for 18 holes was won by K. Mort with a net score of 74.

All in all I think a good day was enjoyed by all and I personally would like to thank all members and visitors for helping to make it so.

Winter Lectures

The list of speakers for the 1967-68 series of Winter Lectures is now complete and is as follows:

November 13th—L. Hewitt, esq., Charles Pugh Ltd., Longton.

December 4th—L. Tootall, esq., Massey Ferguson Ltd.

January 9th—Mr Shepherd, Patisson & Co. Ltd.

February 12th—Mr Ratcliff, Rigby Taylors Ltd.

March 11th—Open Debate.

Please make a note of these dates and let us make them as big a success as the last series. The October talk was given by Mr W. Sowerbutt of W. Sowerbutt Ltd., Seedsmen, on "Trees suitable for golf courses", a most interesting subject to all the members present, questions and answers flowing freely.

New Members

We welcome to the section C. Pearson of Bramhall Park Golf Club Ltd., and hope his association will be a happy one.

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