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ANNUAL REPORT: 1967

Administration

We congratulate Mr Frank Cashmore, our Chairman for the past year, and would thank him for the very successful and pleasant manner in which he has carried out his duties. As one of the real stalwarts of the Association, particularly in the Midland Section, it has been a great joy to everybody to have him holding the reins.

It is with deepest sympathy that I must here mention the sad passing of Mr W. E. Moore, who was elected Vice-Chairman, but we were fortunate in obtaining the services of Mr C. A. Moore who kindly took over the office and we look forward to his chairmanship in the forthcoming year.

The Annual Draw was again supported quite successfully although the financial result did not quite reach the figure of the previous years but nevertheless it was a good effort by all members who assisted and we would thank them and congratulate them on the final result. It is most important for members to realise that this draw is a very necessary effort for this Association to maintain a satisfactory financial state of affairs.

I would again like to express our sincere appreciation to the R. & A. for allotting 12 passes for the Open Championship at Hoylake this summer, and we sincerely trust that those who were able to take advantage of this privilege enjoyed the opportunity offered to them.

Members no doubt will be interested to know that the Wage Scale Survey recommended by this Association is still, we think, having a very satisfactory desired effect. Secretaries of golf clubs, particularly where they are seeking additional staff, are frequently asking for information on this question which proves this information is most necessary for all concerned.

For the first time we entered a representative team of this Association in the Artisan Tournament which was held at Moor Park at the end of July. The team representing us were the winners of the senior and junior handicap divisions of our tournament at Little Aston. Mr R. H. Plain returned 152 and Mr A. Boraston 153, both scores unfortunately being just outside the prize list, but our thanks are due to our representatives for a jolly good show.

From information received through the Joint Council of Apprenticeships the Apprenticeship Scheme is still doing good business and the latest figures obtainable show that there are now 72 signed apprentices and a further 36 Deeds issued.

Membership

We are very pleased to report that the figures as given by section secretaries for the year under review show an appreciative increase in our numbers and our present membership now stands at 766 as against 676 last year, an increase of 90. This we feel sure must be most gratifying to everybody and emphasises the efforts of all those who are working in the interests of the Association.

Annual Tournament

The 49th Annual Tournament was held at Little Aston Golf Club and was undoubtedly a most successful Tournament. The entry was one of the largest experienced for some years, and the Course, we feel sure, was a joy to all those who took part. Every effort was made on behalf of the Club and the staff to make our visit as pleasant as possible and

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we would express our very sincere appreciation to everybody concerned with the arrangements. Our thanks must also be once again expressed for all the generous donations and prizes presented by various firms and individuals.

Sections

Section activities have again been carried out with the usual enthusiasm to which we are becoming accustomed and our thanks are again due to the Secretaries and their Committees for their endeavours in arranging tournaments, lectures and visits of interest for the members and also our thanks to the firms and organisations who helped to make these arrangements possible.

The British Golf Greenkeeper

We offer our sincere thanks to the Hon. Editor of our Journal and his staff for the continued successful publication of our Journal. We have also to thank Section Secretaries for local news which is of so much interest within the section areas and we would emphasise that we cannot get too much information of this nature. Our thanks are due to Messrs Lindsay & Co. who produce our publication and we would assure members that every effort is made to ensure that everybody receives his copy each month, but we would again emphasise that we are entirely reliant on section secretaries for keeping the editorial staff full advised on new members, changes of address, cancellations, etc.

Benevolent Fund

We are happy to report that we have only been called upon for one donation during the year from the Benevolent Fund and as we have received our normal donations the financial balance of this Fund has been maintained.

F. G. Hawtree Memorial Fund

Three greenkeepers attended the course of instruction at Bingley under the auspices of the F. G. Hawtree Memorial Fund during the year and the trustees are most appreciative of the assistance rendered by clubs who pay the expenses of their greenkeepers when they are attending these courses.

Sports Turf Research Institute

We would again express our sincere appreciation to the Sports Turf Research Institute for all the assistance and interest extended to our members which can be so helpful when problems arise.

In Memoriam

We record with sorrow the death of the following members announced in the *British*

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W. E. Moore, Vice-Chairman of B.G.G.A.; R. E. Ainscow, President of East Midland Section; Les Wheeler, Vice-President, Midland Section; J. Wroath, Vice-President, North-East Section; W. Burgess, Chairman, North-West Section; W. Gardner, Secretary, Artisan Golfers' Association; and Messrs S. H. Battams, A. M. Gray, J. D. Kenealy, W. Morris, J. Warrender.

By order of the Executive Committee.

Chairman: F. Cashmere.

Hon. Secretary: C. H. Dix.

Prize List of the Fiftieth Annual Golf Tournament of the B.G.G.A. at Walton Heath Golf Club, Tadworth, Surrey on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, 7th, 8th and 9th August 1967.

Programme:

Monday 7th—Morning, 18 holes (Bogey Stableford); Afternoon, Annual General Meeting at 2.30 p.m.

Tuesday 8th—36 holes Medal, 36 holes Scratch.

Wednesday 9th—Morning, 18 holes Medal; Afternoon, Prize Distribution.

Prize Winners

The S.T.R.I. Cup. 18 holes Stableford:

1st Prize (S.T.R.I. Cup and Linen), F. W. Ford, 43 points;

2nd Prize (Hargreaves Cup and Electric Beater), W. F. Machin, 41 points;

3rd Prize (Holdall), A. Boraston, 40 points;

4th Prize (Prestige Can Opener), T. F. Mason, 38 points.

"News of the World" Cup. 36 holes Scratch:

1st Prize (Dinner Service), J. W. Kirkpatrick, 72/73, 145 points.

The Artisan Medal. 18 holes Medal:

(Walton Heath Tankard), D. H. Major, 71 points.

Jubilee Cup Inter-Section. 36 holes Medal:

(3 Tankards), Welsh Section (J. Rees, H. R. Fry, D. Lord), 458 points.

"Coming of Age" Cup (60 years and over). 18 holes Medal:

1st Prize (Bathroom Scales), G. Piggott, 72 points; 2nd Prize (Travel Rug), W. Barton, 75 points.

Senior Division ('plus' to 11). 36 holes Medal:

1st Prize (Ransomes Cup and Gold Watch), D. H. Major, 144 points;

2nd Prize ("Golf Illustrated" Cup, Holdall and Voucher), W. F. Machin, 147 points;

3rd Prize ("Universal" Cup, Electric Toaster), R. G. Goodwin, 147 points;

4th Prize (6 Tudor Tumblers), G. Woodward, 147 points;

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