

News



from the Sections **NORTHERN**

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

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

Subscriptions

MEMBERS ARE REMINDED THAT the new rates of subscriptions become due on the 1st May 1968 and are as follows:— Head Greenkeeper and Greenkeeper Professional, £1 12s. 6d.; 1st Assistant, £1 2s. 6d. and Assistants, 16s. 6d. Prompt payment would be much appreciated.

Spring Tournament

The closing date for the entries for the Annual Spring Tournament to be played over the course of the Knaresborough Golf Club on Tuesday, 7th May, is 30th April.

President's Competition

Mr W. Mountain, our President, has made arrangements for this tournament to take place on Monday, 24th June, and will be played at Howley Hall Golf Club, Batley.

Starting time will be from 3.30 p.m. Details will be sent out in due course.

February Meeting

This was held on Wednesday, 7th February in the clubhouse of the Horsforth Golf Club. Despite bad weather 35 members turned up but, unfortunately, owing to snow which blocked roads across the Pennines the speaker, Mr Howe of SISIS Ltd., was unable to make the journey.

A quickly reorganised discussion took place and a wide range of subjects ranging from Chlordane to etiquette of golfers gave members a chance to air their views — some in no uncertain manner. After a couple of hours the session was brought to an end by the Chairman, Mr D. Roberts. A most interesting evening was had by all.

March Lecture

Mr F. Robson of Blakesley Reid Ltd., lawnmower grinder manufacturers, was the speaker at our meeting held on Wednesday, 6th March, held as usual in the clubhouse of the Horsforth Golf Club. Thirty members attended, to hear of a subject "Mower Grinding" not dealt with previously. This we found most interesting and not such a simple operation as many members visualised. Many questions were asked and ably answered by the speaker. A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr W. Mountain and seconded by Mr D. Roberts.

EAST MIDLAND

Chairman:
J. BURNHAM

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

Annual Spring Tournament

THE ANNUAL SPRING TOURNAMENT will be held at the Belton Park Golf Club, Grantham, on Wednesday, 8th May 1968 by kind permission of the captain and committee. First tee 12.45 p.m. Will those wishing to play and also to have a meal, please notify me by the 2nd May 1968.

Congratulations

I would like, on behalf of this Section, to congratulate D. Warrington, on his promotion to Head Greenkeeper at Birstall Golf Club, and wish him every success.

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New Member

We would like to welcome to this section of Greenkeepers, A. J. Whyman, 155 Leyton Crescent, Beeston, Notts, who is employed at Chilwell Golf Club.

SOUTHERN

Chairman:
J. K. GLASS
(Thorpe Hall)

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

March Quiz

THE EVER-POPULAR QUIZ, ONCE again, brought to a successful climax our winter programme and as our chairman remarked it was gratifying to see such a good gathering with such a lot of eager young faces among them. Not so young Bill McKean, who has not graced us with his presence for many years, was in a very lively mood and was on his feet with the question "Why is grass green?" almost before our Quiz Master could sit down. This started things off and a long discussion started on the destruction of moles and which weedkillers were most economical to use, etc. Another question asked was why weed seeds germinated on patches of ground previously sterilised to the depth of 6 inches or more by the heat of a bonfire.

A hearty vote of thanks to our Chairman-Quiz Master for the way in which he conducted the meeting and for the way in

which he kept his fellow countryman under control. Welcome back "Mac" and the best of luck with your "chock soil".

Thank you to Jack Stobbs for all the good work he has done for the Section as a committee member and we all wish him the best of luck in his new appointment in France.

Best wishes also to G. E. Steggalls who has moved from Cannons Brook, Harlow, to Brentwood Municipal Course, Essex, and to D. Campe who is now Head Greenkeeper at Rochford Hundred Golf Club, Essex.

George Barnfield

Dear Mr Ford,

The kind message of sympathy and generous tribute at the recent sad loss of my husband was very much appreciated.

It was a typical action of a fine organisation from which my husband derived great pleasure and help during his many years association. May you long continue to promote this good cause.

Yours sincerely,

KATHLEEN BARNFIELD.

St George's Hill

The Spring Tournament will be limited to 60 competitors, first come, first served! And as stated in the March issue of the *Journal* there will be a mini-bus laid on from the station to the club but only if there are



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sufficient members requiring it. So will you please let Mr Cooke know as soon as possible.

New Members

We welcome to the Section the following new members: S. F. Harrison and R. F. Baker.

A.G.M.

The Annual General Meeting will take place at the Stirling Castle, London Wall, Moorgate, at 6.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 5th June.

NORTH-WEST

By H. M. Walsh

Chairman:
F. HALSTEAD
(Bury Golf Club)

Hon. Secretary:
78 Hadfield Street,
Oldham, Lancs.

Lectures

THE LAST OF THIS WINTER'S series of talks was held on Monday, 11th March and took the form of an open debate. Once again there was a very good attendance, seventeen members turning up. Some very interesting questions were asked and answered. A very interesting evening was had by all. At this point I would like to say "Thank You" gentlemen for making this series as successful as last year.

Spring Tournament

All the details for this event were in the March issue of the *Journal*, the chief of them being the venue — The Royal Birkdale Golf Club, times from 8.30 a.m. The A.G.M. starts at 7.15 p.m. and the date 2nd May, Thursday. DO NOT forget the catering, please.

Subscriptions

Subscriptions are due on the 1st May. Please see the March *Journal* for the new rates.

Obituary

It is with regret that I have to inform members of the death of Mr S. Beavens of Crewe, an honorary member for a number of years. On behalf of all members I would like to express to Mrs Beaven and family our deepest sympathy in their sad bereavement.

WELSH

By S. A. Tucker

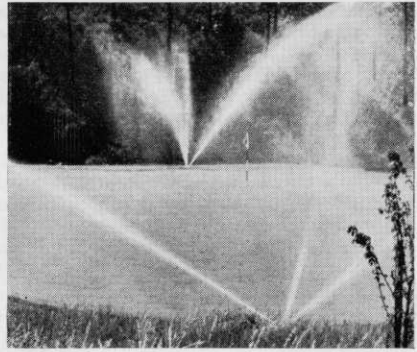
Chairman:
M. GEDDES
(Royal Porthcawl)

H/Sec. and Treasurer:
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Spring Meeting

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24th April. When you read these notes will you please write and let me know if you are coming to the meeting, by the 15th April, as this will give me only just enough time to make arrangements for the catering, etc. We shall be playing 9 holes before lunch and 18 holes after to make a 27-hole aggregate. There will also be a competition of 9 holes for the over 60s with two prizes, if there are enough entries.

I would like to report to our members that Dai Lord is in hospital. He has had an operation on a lung, but I am pleased to say that when I visited him this week he was looking better. If any of you wish to drop Dai a line I think it would be best if you send letters to D. G. Lord, 87 Old Road, Skewen, Nr. Neath, Glam., as I am hoping he will be out of hospital by the time you read these notes.

SHEFFIELD

Chairman:
G. HERRINGTON
(Lindrick)

By H. Gillespie
63 Langsett Avenue
Sheffield, 6

Lecture

IT WAS A BIG DISAPPOINTMENT that more members did not take advantage of the very interesting evening of 29th February when only 23 members greeted Mr Lock of Berk Chemicals Ltd., and his colleague, Mr Bailey. For someone to retain the interest of an audience for approximately three hours is proof in itself what an enjoyable and educational evening this was.

I would also like to take this opportunity of thanking Messrs S. Beaumont Ltd., who provided the refreshments.

A.G.M.

The Section Annual General Meeting will be held at the Brunswick Hotel on Thursday, 25th April. This is the time when you can make your suggestions and offer your criticisms.

Retirement

Mr D. Sadler, Head Greenkeeper at Lees Hall Golf Club, has retired after 43 years' service with that club, and club members gathered on Sunday, 3rd March, to show their appreciation to a very fine servant, and to make a presentation.

Denis has not enjoyed the best of health and we extend our good wishes for a long and happy retirement and a return to better health.

MIDLAND

Chairman:
G. HART
(Gay Hill)

By R. Goodwin
Hon. Secretary:
167 Birmingham Road
Lichfield, Staffs.

Spring Tournament

THE SPRING TOURNAMENT WILL be held at the Blackwell Golf Club, Nr.

Bromsgrove, by kind permission of the captain and committee, on Thursday, 25th April.

This event will be played over 27 holes, 9 holes in the morning, and commencing at 9.45 a.m.

Please let me have your entries by Thursday, 18th April, so that catering arrangements can be made.

New Member

We welcome to the Section, Trevor Morris, from the Whittington Barracks Golf Club.

NORTH-EAST

J. SIMPSON
(Ponteland G.C.)

By D. Earsman
Arcot Hall Cottage
Dudley
Newcastle on Tyne 3

Spring Competition

OUR SPRING COMPETITION WILL be held on Tuesday, 23rd April, at the Gosforth Golf Club, with the kind permission of their captain and committee. This will be an 18-hole Medal Event, commencing at 1 p.m.

New Member

We welcome J. R. Clark, of the Blyth Golf Club, to the Section.

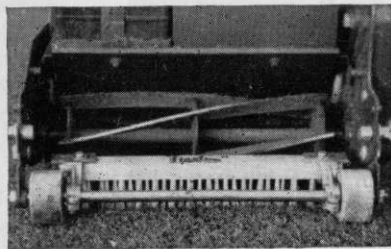
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