

# News



from the Sections

## NORTHERN

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

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

### Christmas Social

A CHRISTMAS SOCIAL WAS HELD in the Clubhouse of the Horsforth Golf Club on Wednesday, 13th December, 28 members attending. A most delightful meal was laid on by our good friend, Ron Hartley, Steward of the Club. Our thanks are due to Roy Bradley, one of our Vice-Presidents, for his generous donation to the raffle. Mr D. Roberts, Chairman, took the opportunity of wishing all members seasonal greetings and best wishes for the New Year.

### Mr H. Wilkinson

Members, especially older ones, will be sorry to hear of the sudden death in hospital, at the age of eighty, of Mr Herbert Wilkinson, a life member of the Association. "Little Herbert", as he was familiarly known, was for many years head green-keeper to Roundhay Municipal Golf Club.

I have written to Mrs Wilkinson expressing what I am sure are the sincere condolences of all members. A floral tribute was sent to the funeral at which Mrs Tommy Hullah represented the Section.

### Handicap

The following change of handicap has been made: C. Ramsden, 20 to 18.

### March Lecture

Members are reminded that this will be held in the Clubhouse of the Horsforth Golf Club on Wednesday, 6th March at 7.15 p.m.

Speaker: Mrs A. H. Robson, of Blakerley Reid Ltd. Subject: "Lawn Mower Grinding".

## SOUTHERN

*Chairman:*  
J. K. GLASS  
(Thorpe Hall)

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

### January Lecture

THE SNOW WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR the absence of our lecturer and film show, but it did not stop over 20 of our members from braving the adverse conditions to get to the Stirling Castle. Before resorting to a quiz our chairman thanked these members for coming along to the meeting and acquainted them with the reason for the absence of our president. The latest bulletin is that he is improving and hopes to preside at the next meeting. In the very friendly get-together that followed we discussed such subjects as aeration, wages, conditions on golf courses, etc. We also discovered that Yorkshire Fog had reared its ugly head in Surrey and that moles were still active in Middlesex. Summing up, our quiz master said that in his opinion most of our problems on golf greens today could be attributed to bad drainage, and until such time as they were lifted and adequately drained good responses from our treatments could not be expected.

### March Lecture

This will be a quiz and will conclude our winter meetings. Please get your questions ready and bring them along to the Stirling Castle, London Wall, Moorgate, at 6.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 13th March.

### Annual Dinner — Friday, 29th March 1968

Dinner tickets will be £1 inclusive and will be available from me either by writing to me or at the Stirling Castle February and March meetings. Golf for those wishing to play will be 18-hole Stableford and there will be a 5s. sweepstake. Anyone requiring lunches please write to the Dulwich and Sydenham Golf Club, Dulwich, S.E.21.

The nearest station is Sydenham Hill. Victoria to Orpington line and then ten minutes walk to Toll Gate and Grange Lane.

### Spring Tournament

The Spring Tournament will be held at St George's Hill Golf Club, Weybridge, on Wednesday, 15th May 1968.

### New Members

We welcome to the section the following new members: D. Whitehead, C. Brookes, L. G. Prately, J. W. Bossley and D. J. Webster.

### Change of Address

Any member who changes his address or club should notify me immediately.

### New Appointment

Congratulations and best wishes to C. J. Presland who has been appointed Head Greenkeeper of the Southampton City Golf Course. New address 2 Municipal Golf Course, Bassett, Southampton, SO1 1LE.

## MIDLAND

*Chairman:*  
G. HART  
(Gay Hill)

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

### George Tye Retires

GEORGE TYE, HEAD GREENKEEPER to Cocks Moors Woods Golf Club, has recently retired. George joined the ground staff of the Birmingham club in 1930, and became a member of the Association soon afterwards.

The club members showed their appreciation for the fine service they have received from George by making a presentation at their annual dinner, and wishing him a long and happy retirement.

We would like to extend our good wishes to George, and look forward to seeing him at our future activities.

### New Member

We welcome to the section E. A. Leeson, Head Greenkeeper to the Rugby Golf Club.

## EAST MIDLAND

*Chairman:*  
J. BURNHAM

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

### Spring Tournament

OUR ANNUAL SPRING TOURNAMENT will be held at Belton Park Golf Club, Grantham, on 8th May 1968, by kind permission of the Captain and Committee. Details will be announced at a later date.

## WELSH

*Chairman:*  
M. GEDDES  
(Royal Porthcawl)

**By S. A. Tucker**  
*H/Sec. and Treasurer:*  
36 Chase Road,  
Morriston,  
Swansea, Glam.

WILL ALL MEMBERS MAKE A NOTE of the following dates. The Spring meeting will be held on Wednesday, 24th April 1968, with the kind permission of the Captain and Committee of the Radyr Golf Club, Cardiff.

The Autumn meeting will take place on Wednesday, the 18th September, with the

kind permission of the Clyne Golf Club, near Swansea.

The Annual General Meeting will be in the *Journal* as soon as I have the date. This meeting, as usual, will be in conjunction with the Secretaries meeting. I have not yet been given the date but hope to be able to put in the March *Journal*.

I must say sorry to Jack Martin for not letting the members know about his illness. Jack spent several days in hospital with a haemorrhage, but I am very pleased to let you know that he is much better now. Good luck Jack.

## NORTH-WEST

*Chairman:*  
F. HALSTEAD  
(Bury Golf Club)

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

### Spring Tournament

DUE TO THE KINDNESS OF THE Captain and Council of the Royal Birkdale Golf Club our Spring Tournament will be held on this famous seaside course on Thursday, 2nd May 1968. Further details will be given nearer the date.

### Lectures

Mr Wyatt of Messrs Pattison & Co. Ltd. was the speaker at our January lecture and our thanks are due to him not only for his very interesting talk but also for travelling to us in such appalling weather. My thanks also to the 13 brave souls who turned up to listen to him. Our next lecture will be given by Mr Ratcliff of Rigby Taylor & Co. and Mr Smythe of May & Baker on Tuesday, 12th February 1968.

The March talk will take the form of an Open debate as last year which was quite successful. This will be on 11th March at the usual venue.

### New Member

We welcome George Cole, of Winter Hill Golf Club, to the Section and wish him a very happy membership with us.

### Appointment

Mr W. N. S. Bisset of Blairgowrie, Perthshire, has recently been appointed to the Staff of the Sports Turf Research Institute as an Advisory Officer.