

News



from the Sections

NORTHERN

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

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

December Lecture

A LECTURE WAS HELD IN THE clubhouse of the Horsforth Golf Club on Wednesday, 6th December. Thirty members attended. The speaker was Mr R. V. Davies, B.Sc., of the Sports Turf Research Institute, who took for his subject "Identification of Grasses". In a most interesting and simple manner the speaker went through the methods of identifying a selection of grasses common to greenkeeping conditions. A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr A. Robertshaw, vice-chairman, and seconded by Mr D. Ward, one of our younger members.

Lectures

Through the kindness of the Committee of the Horsforth Golf Club the series of winter lectures will be held in their clubhouse. Please note the following dates:—**7th February:** Mr Howe of SISIS will speak on "Turf Management"; **6th March:** Mr A. Robson of Blakesley Reid Ltd. will speak on "Lawn Mower Grinding".

Grand National Sweep

Members will shortly be receiving books of tickets for our usual Grand National Sweep which is run primarily to boost the section's Benevolent Fund. It is hoped that all members will do their best to make it a success.

SOUTHERN

F. W. Ford

Chairman:
J. K. GLASS
(Thorpe Hall)

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

Happy New Year

ON BEHALF OF THE SOUTHERN Section — compliments of the season and predictable weather to all members of the B.G.G.A.

December League

We were very fortunate indeed to have a visit from Mr R. L. Morris, senior turf horticulturist from Sevington Research Station, Ipswich. The subject he chose "The use of chemicals on turf" with particular emphasis on weed control, brought a great response from our members at question time. The questions varied from the type of sprayers to be used, to, how to get rid of moles and ball-pinching crows but our speaker from Fisons answered all the questions with patience and satisfaction. He did appear slightly perturbed, however, when he could not convince a certain member that by following instructions on the chemical container, a clean sweep could be made of pearl wart on fine turf. During his talk Mr Morris said that he could not stress enough how important it was to read and adhere to the manufacturers instructions before using all chemicals.

Taking the chair during the absence of the president, our chairman, Jock Glass, thanked Mr Morris for a very fine lecture and hoped that he would pay us another visit in the near future.

Annual Dinner

This will be at the Dulwich and Sydenham Golf Club on Friday, 29th March 1968 and again will be preceded by 18 holes of golf. Full details in the February issue of the *Journal*.

February Lecture

We will welcome once again Mr W. Finch of Maxicrop, on Wednesday, 14th February 1968, at the "Stirling Castle", London Wall, Moorgate, at 6.30 p.m. Bill Finch needs no introduction and I am sure that as in the past his talk will prove most valuable and interesting.

New Members

We welcome to the section the following new members and hope to see and meet them at all our meetings:—

J. Moffat, R. Hawes, and P. J. Stevens.

Journals

Any paid-up member who is not receiving his *Journal*, please let me know.

MIDLAND

Chairman:
G. HART
(Gay Hill)

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

George Hart Retires

AFTER MORE THAN 30 YEARS AS head greenkeeper to the Gay-Hill Golf Club, George Hart, our chairman, has now retired.

George moved from his native Scotland, down to the Midlands in 1934, and it was not long after, in 1936, that he won the British Greenkeepers Annual Championship for the first time. He went on to win it again on two occasions. He helped to reform the section after the last war and through the years has been an automatic choice as our charman. He has also been chairman of the chairman. He has also been chairman of the Association.

In recognition of his loyal services, the Gay-Hill Club and members made a presentation to George, in the clubhouse. He also received a handsome gift from the Lady Members.

First assistant, Fred Bubb, now takes over as head greenkeeper, and we wish him every success for many years to come.

Apologies

On behalf of the section I wish to apologise to the "Moor-Hall" Golf Club, Sutton Coldfield, who in the November *Journal*, were mistakenly referred to as "Moor Park Golf Club.

I would also like to extend my apologies to Mr Haynes (president), Mr John Slater (vice-captain), and Mr Carr (Chairman, Green Committee).

Thank you gentlemen, and thank you "Moor-Hall" for making our autumn tournament a splendid occasion.

New Members

We welcome to the section, A. Jamieson who has moved down from Scotland to become head greenkeeper to the Leamington and County Golf Club and another Scottish greenkeeper, D. Hurst, assistant at Pype Hayes Golf Club.

SHEFFIELD

Chairman:
G. HERRINGTON
(Lindrick)

By H. Gillespie
63 Langsett Avenue
Sheffield, 6

THURSDAY, 30th NOVEMBER, AT 7.00 p.m. was the setting for the switch-on of the Sheffield Illuminations and also the occasion for the visit of Mr G. Vaughan of Ransomes Sims & Jefferies Ltd., and assisted by Fearnco Ltd., screened two very interesting films, one of which was very new showing new towns in the making and how

careful and imaginative planning can ease the maintenance of roadside verges and landscaped open spaces, refreshments preceded question time and as usual Mr Vaughan came through with flying colours but collected some food for the Ipswich design team to digest.

The meeting wound up at 10.15 p.m. with a vote of thanks from Mr A. Shardlow; an interesting evening enjoyed by the 32 members present.

Lecture

Our next lecture will be on Thursday, 25th January 1968, at the Brunswick Hotel, Haymarket, 7.00 p.m., with Mr Bartle of the Sports Turf Research Institute, Bingley.

Appointments

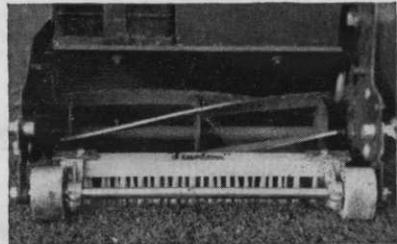
Congratulations to J. Walker formerly of Wheatley Park Golf Club on his appointment as head greenkeeper at Doncaster Town Moor Golf Club and to W. Williamson who has joined the Hallamshire Golf Club Staff.

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Chairman:
F. HALSTEAD
(Bury Golf Club)

By H. M. Walsh

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

Lectures

ANOTHER ENTERTAINING AND instructional lecture was given by Mr Tootal of Massey Ferguson Ltd., with the help of films to our members, who continue to give good support. Afterwards a number of pertinent questions were asked and answered.

The next talk will be given by Mr Ratcliffe of Rigby Taylor Ltd., on Monday, 12th February 1968, at the Garrick Hotel, Manchester, at 7.30 p.m.

A Happy New Year to everybody.

NORTH-EAST

J. SIMPSON
(Ponteland G.C.)

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

Competition

MR ROBINSON, MANAGER OF THE John Jacobs Golf Centre, Gosforth Park, has very kindly arranged a Competition, Target Golf, for the North East Section, on Monday, 15th January, at 7 p.m. You are invited to come along and see what you can score on the Targets.

New Members

We welcome to the Section the following new members: C. W. Maston, Class A; and W. R. Lawson, Class E.

FOR HIRE

AVAILABLE FOR HIRE, WITH or without operator, Ryan turf cutters, Ryan Ren-O-Thin rotorakes, Ryan Greensaire aerators, Sisis heavy-duty spikers, Howard rotavators, excavating and drainage machinery. Coswells, Agricultural and Sportsground Contractors, Crosston Road, Farington, Leyland, Lancs. Telephone: Leyland 21243.

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GANG MOWER REQUIRED FOR cutting grass aircraft runway — full details to Ballyfree Farms, Glenealy, Co. Wicklow, Ireland. Telephone: Wicklow 5607.

SITUATIONS VACANT

GREENKEEPER REQUIRED FOR Midlands Golf Club. Salary £1,000 per annum. Pension Scheme will be initiated. Apply in writing, giving age and full particulars of previous employment, to:—Mr A. L. Richardson, 103 Broad Lane, Bradmore, Wolverhampton.

RESPONSIBLE GREENKEEPER required to take complete charge of new 18-hole golf course near Paris. Good wages, new furnished bungalow, car, etc., age of no importance. For further details apply:—George Wilson, Golf du Prieure, Sailly 78, Yvelines, France.

HEAD GREENKEEPER REQUIRED by Huyton and Prescot Golf Club, Nr. Liverpool. Applications in writing stating age and experience should be addressed to: The Secretary, Huyton and Prescot Golf Club, Huyton Lane, Huyton, Liverpool.

TRADE NOTES

Recognising the importance of new product development in formulating future product and marketing policies, Ransomes Sims & Jefferies Ltd. of Ipswich, have appointed a Technical Director, Mr D. H. Fleming-Brown, who will join the executive board during January.

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Further developments in the manufacture of the Flymo airborne mower are announced — new hood, easier starting, dustproofing. These are features of the 1968 Domestic and Professional models.

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Thomas Green & Sons Ltd. announce that they have made two new appointments to their sales force. Mr D. Allington has been appointed Field Sales Manager, U.K. Mowing Equipment Division, and Mr G. D. Trainor has been appointed Sales Office Manager in charge of all internal sales administration, home and export.