

it is made the grass on the spot will die, and will interfere with putting for some time to come. Repair of ball marks is grossly neglected by players. If the player does not repair his ball marks, they must be repaired by the work force. This can require more time than mowing the green.

Do not be a "litter bug". The player should not only refrain from littering but also police the course while playing. This is especially if the player is using a cart; pieces of paper, bottles, small branches and twigs can be thrown on a cart and carried until a litter basket is found. One would expect members of a club to take sufficient pride in their grounds so that policing by them would be a regular practice.

Do not insist on playing when the course has been closed. This is especially true in spring when frost may still be in the ground but the upper one or two inches of putting surface have thawed. Play at this time can seriously damage greens and require extensive repairs.

In summary, things which can affect the economy of upkeep from the players' standpoint center around personal integrity, personal cleanliness and simple conscientiousness regarding the beauty and the condition of the course.

WILLIAM H. BENGLEYFIELD, Western Director—There is hardly a golf course that does not print a "Please Replace Divots" line on the score card. I doubt if 50 per cent of golfers heed the admonition. If properly done, divot replacing would not only improve the course but also save maintenance dollars.

An even greater money-saver would be for each golfer to repair every ball mark he causes on greens. If he doesn't do it, a paid workman must, and he can spend up to 10 hours a week at the task. In reality, this amounts to 20 hours a week because he is losing an equal amount of time in NOT accomplishing another job he might be doing.

Then there are all the other admoni-

tions for golfer co-operation:—

1. Do not walk off with tee towels.
2. Avoid scuffing greens with shoe spikes, putters, flagsticks.
3. Always rake bunkers after use.
4. Every litter bit hurts.
5. Keep all carts (hand carts and electric carts) away from greens, avoid wet or worn areas, and keep on cart paths wherever provided.
6. Refrain from standing on tee benches and irrigation hoses, and from beating on tee markers. Spike shoes take a terrific toll.
7. If a sprinkler must be turned off in order to make a shot, be sure to turn it on again when you leave the area.

Great expense is involved when maintenance workers must stand by waiting for the golfer to make his shot. If the players want to save maintenance costs, they should not insist on shutting down a putting green mower every time they approach or hole out on a green. The same holds for fairway and tee mowing. Non-productive time is expensive and it is really costing the club "double time".

Perhaps the two best ways to save money in golf course maintenance operations are:—

1. Employ a course superintendent who is a good organizer and knowledgeable in his field.
2. Among all players, develop a pride in the golf course and its fine condition. Each player should be considerate of his course, and have a willingness to correct others showing any less degree of appreciation.

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Association's draw on the *News of the World* Championship is Monday, 29th July. Last year's support by the Section was most disappointing and I hope members will make a greater effort to make it a success.

New Members

A warm welcome to the Association is extended to the following new members: K. Young (ShIPLEY G.C.); D. Turton and M. Barrett (West Bowling G.C.); B. Stolian (Bessacarr G.C.); R. Emsley (Cleckheaton G.C.); D. Morrison (Bradley Hall G.C.); W. McIntyre (Whitefield G.C.); and T. Fletcher (Cobble Hall G.C.)

Blazer Badges

I have in stock a number of Association blazer badges which I will be pleased to supply to any member of the Association. Unfortunately, owing to increased cost of manufacture the price has had to be raised to £1 12s. 6d.

SHEFFIELD

Chairman:
G. HERRINGTON
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Annual General Meeting

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING was held at the Brunswick Hotel on 28th April with 17 members present. The balance sheet was discussed and approved, after the Treasurer had pointed out that a lot of subscriptions were still not paid mainly by members who rely on their club to pay for them.

Election of Officers

President: Mr Shardlow was re-elected after an absence of a year. We are greatly indebted to him for his continued support and guidance of the Section affairs. Vice-Presidents were re-elected and it was proposed to increase the number by approaching one or two interested persons.

Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer were re-elected as was the committee with the exception of E. Palmer to replace J. Marellin who has now left greenkeeping.

Tournaments

The following dates and venues were proposed:—

President's Trophy, Lindrick Golf Club, on 28th May.

Sheffield Union of Golf Clubs Match, Lees Hall Golf Club, on 17th June.

Section Annual Tournament, Abbeydale Golf Club, on 23rd July.

Northern Section Match, "Slater" Trophy, Sherwood Forest Golf Club, on 9th October.

National Annual Tournament, Seacroft Golf Club, Skegness, on 12th, 13th and 14th August.

Any Other Business

It was proposed to make a charge of 2s. 6d. entry fee for all tournaments.

The question was raised to run a prize draw to increase funds instead of having to rely on other people for donations, but no decision was arrived at.

President's Trophy

This match was played in beautiful conditions on 28th May at Lindrick Golf Club with 23 members taking part in an 18-hole Stableford; the winner in his first tournament with the Section was E. Ainsworth with 34 pts. off 4 handicap; 2nd was A. Spencer with 33 pts.; 3rd, J. Walker with 31 pts.; and joint 4th, R. N. Maltby and G. Herrington with 30 pts. This was very good scoring over a light course with everyone paying frequent visits to the rough; once again we are to thank our President, Mr Shardlow, for a very enjoyable and memorable day.

Handicaps

The following handicaps have been adjusted:—

J. Walker 16 to 12; B. Crookes 16 to 17; H. Tanfield 6 to 7; C. Grimley 12 to 14; G. Travis 16 to 17; J. Lomas 17 to 18.

New Members

We welcome to the Section Mr E. W. Park of Lindrick Golf Club, who has been elected a Vice-President. We hope you will find our activities of interest and look forward to you joining us at our meetings; we also welcome E. Ainsworth of Lincoln Golf Club who has joined us from Scotland.

EAST MIDLAND

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J. BURNHAM

By S. Fretter
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