

News



from the Sections

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Annual Subscriptions

A REMINDER THAT THE SUBSCRIPTIONS which were due on the 1st May are now: Class A, £1 12s. 6d.; Class B, £1 2s 6d.; Class C, 16s. 6d.

Spring Tournament

The Annual Spring Tournament was played at the St George's Hill Golf Club, Weybridge, on Wednesday, 15th May by kind permission of the Captain and Committee of the Club. A record 70 members took part in the competition and were favoured with good golfing weather. This fine course was in excellent condition due to the efforts of C. R. Cooke and his staff and the day was marred only by his absence. I understand from the Secretary that he is in hospital and we all wish him a successful operation and a speedy recovery. Mr Simmonds, the Captain of St George's Hill, welcomed the Southern Section and presented the prizes which were as follows: Best Morning—D. Singleton (Orsett) 69 net. Best Afternoon—R. Stillwell (Ham Manor) 32 net. 27 holes Scratch Prize—J. Kirkpatrick (Dulwich) 73-38—111. Coming of Age—1st A. E. Creese (Bognor Regis) 75-36—111 net, 2nd S. Morton (Old Ford) 80-37½—117½.

1st Year—1st M. Manderville (St George's Hill) 81-40—121, 2nd R. Rogers (Parkstone) 84-40—124, 3rd A. M. Thomas (Effingham) 84-41—125.

27 hole Medal—1st G. Hitchcock (Coombe Hill) 65-36½—101½ net, 2nd P. Smith (Limpsfield Chart) 68-34—102, 3rd F. Ains-

worth (Finchley) 74-31—105, 4th R. Plain (Beaconsfield) 71-34½—105½, 5th P. Ainsworth (Hampstead) 75-35—110, 6th H. Dixon (Crews Hill) 72-38—110, 7th T. Mason (Hendon) 73-37—110, 8th B. V. Fordham (Tandridge) 72-38—110, 9th D. Major (Bletchworth) 73-37½—110½, 10th R. M. Cooke (St George's Hill) 71-40—111, 11th E. R. West (Broadstone) 74-39—113, 12th F. W. Corner (East Barnet) 74-39—113, 13th E. Hall (Ealing) 79-35—114.

Fifty cigarettes were presented to the next six best scores.

A special thank you to David Craig and Philip Marshall for their usual expert marking of the cards and I should like to congratulate them on still being in possession of their sanity at the end of the day. Thanks, too, to our friends the starters, John Fields, Bill Holloway and Ted Hammond.

Prize Donors

I would like to thank the following firms who contributed towards our prize giving: Messrs R. C. Craig, Ransomes, Pattisons, Maxwell M. Hart, T. Parker & Sons, Flymo Ltd., Atco, Sutton & Sons, Universal Mat Co., B.O.I.L. Ltd., May and Baker Ltd., Kingston House (Mowers) Ltd., F. W. Berk Ltd., Dennis Bros., Pressure Jet Markers Ltd., and W. H. O. Wills, who sent along their representative, Mr Pitts, to present a new cup and cigarettes.

Autumn Tournament

The Autumn Tournament will be held on Tuesday, 10th September, at the Stoke Poges Golf Club, Bucks.

New Members

We welcome to the Section the following new members: E. R. Brignall, M. Fountain, A. E. Calvert, and E. Flynn.

NORTH-WEST

By H. M. Walsh

Chairman:
F. HALSTEAD
(Bury Golf Club)

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

Autumn Tournament

ON BEHALF OF ALL THE MEMBERS, about 46 in all, who took part in the Spring Tournament I would like to say "Thank you" most sincerely to the Captain and Council of Royal Birkdale Golf Club who granted us the courtesy of the course and the facilities of the clubhouse on the occasion of the said Spring Tournament, and A.G.M. in the evening. To the Captain, Mr Jeffrey, for presenting the prizes and the warm welcome he extended to us, also to all the donors of the prizes, our friends in the trade, the Steward and Stewardess for the excellent meal provided, the ground staff for the very good condition of the course, to Messrs E. Barnshaw, J. Wilcocks, N. Holden for their invaluable help in making out the cards, checking scores, taking moneys, etc., and if

there is anyone I have forgotten, please accept our thanks. I think I can speak for all the members when I say an enjoyable day was had by all. A very good attendance of members and visitors took advantage of a reasonable day, a slight shower which hardly dampened the turf and then fine again until we were ready for home at about 9 p.m.

The best net was won by J. Robinson (Grange-over-Sands) with a score of 111 for 27 holes, 2nd K. Gardiner (Ashton Lea) 113. Scratch Prize K. Gardiner 119. Visitors Prize Mr Cordell 75 over 18 holes.

Annual General Meeting

Apologies were read for the absence of our Chairman, Mr Halstead, owing to illness. Mr D. P. Jones, the Vice Chairman, then took the chair. Mr Kinsey was voted President unanimously. Vice Presidents were voted en bloc. Mr T. Brennan of Wilmslow Golf Club was voted Vice Chairman, E. Macavoy—Treasurer, H. M. Walsh—Secretary, Messrs M. Vigard, W. Earnshaw, D. Pate, F. Halstead were all re-elected. J. Rhodes was elected to fill the vacancy caused by the retirement of W. C. Bridges. The meeting then closed with a vote of thanks to the chair.

New Members

We welcome the following new members and hope their association with the Section will be a happy one: R. Vickers (Leigh G.C.), H. Harrison (Gatley G.C.), D. Sydall (Harwood G.C.), J. P. Daley (Hazel Grove G.C.), and Mr H. Ratcliff, Vice President.

Prize Donors

The Captain and Lady Captain, Royal Birkdale Golf Club; the Greens Chairman, Royal Birkdale Golf Club; Mr Cordell; Mr Fielding; Mr F. Halstead; Messrs Joseph Metcalf Ltd.; Rigby Taylor Ltd.; W. Sowerbutts & Co. Ltd.; W. Burrows Ltd.; S.A.I. Horticulture Ltd.; W. Wilcocks & Son; H. Beever & Co.; Sutton & Sons Ltd.; North West P.G.A.

MIDLAND

Chairman:
G. HART
(Gay Hill)

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

MEMBERS WILL BE SORRY TO HEAR of the recent death of Harry Monkhouse, after only a short retirement. Harry, like many greenkeepers in the Midlands, was a native of Scotland, and moved down to these parts during the 1930s, to become Head Greenkeeper at Marston Green Golf Club.

Harry was a loyal Committee Member for many years, and in 1965 became Competition Secretary, although not actually playing golf himself.

Spring Tournament

Prize presentation was made by Dr McCulloch, the Captain of Blackwell Golf Club, who stated that Blackwell would always

welcome the Section at any time they wished to make their course the venue for any of the Section's competitions. Mr Hart, the Chairman of the Section, thanked the Blackwell Club for their kindness and paid tribute to the very fine condition of the course. He went on to thank Mrs Smith, the Stewardess, for the fine way she had looked after the inner man, and also to Simon Fogarty, the Pro., for the loan of caddy carts and also for giving two prizes to the list. We had a fine summer day and everyone enjoyed himself.

After the presentation Mr Pugh thanked the Blackwell Committee for the gift of £20 towards the meal for the day. Also thanks to Mr Greey (Chairman of Greens), Simon Fogarty and Mr Allen (Secretary) for their co-operation in making it a successful day.

Before closing Mr Hart thanked all the Prize donors (listed below) whose kindness helped to make the competition such a success.

Prize Donors

Ransomes, Suttons, Lees, Parker & Bal-lenger, Fisons, E.T.B. Mowers, Tudor Mowers, Sparkbrook Golf Ball Ltd., Unwins Seeds, Bass-Mitchell & Butler, Cannock Agricultural, Blackwell Golf Club, and Messrs Carl Bretherton, B. Baxter, A. Thomas, H. Growcott, R. Bruton, and Simon Fogarty.

My grateful thanks are due to: Mr Bill Payne (Ransomes), Mr D. Gooda (Tudor Mowers), Mr T. Biddulph (Unwins), Mr Peter Wyatt (Pattissons) and Frank Cashmore for their kindness for doing all the cards and scoring. These gentlemen gave up their leisure to make it an enjoyable day for all concerned. Thank you all and anyone else who helped to make it a success.

Visitors Event, 18 holes, Mr L. Hatton (Moor Hall) 71 net; Mr J. Harrison 72 net.

Prize-winners over 27 holes, 1st B. Lowe (South Staffs) 140-31½—108½, Ransomes Cup and gold watch; 2nd A. Boraston (Little Aston) 132-21—111, China tea service; 3rd W. Marnock (Coventry) 119-7½—111½, 1 dozen rose trees; 4th G. Smith (Blackwell) 146-33—113, wine glasses; 5th R. Hughes (Whittington) 140-27—113, head covers; 6th V. Smith (Handsworth) 132-18—114 China beer mugs; 7th W. Boyce (Ladbroke Park) 152-36—116, 1 dozen rose bushes; 8th J. Greely (Haberley) 125-9—116, bottle gin; 9th R. Pugh (Lewis's Gardens) 134-18—116, steel carving dish; 10th D. Brazier (Robin Hood) 138-21—117, ½ dozen Dunlop balls; 11th E. H. Benbow (Handsworth) 128-10½—117½, bottle sherry; 12th A. Stephens (Moor Hall) 145-27—118, 1 dozen golf balls; 13th A. Kite (Streety) 151-33—118, shoe shine outfit.

Best Gross, R. Goodwin (Whittington) 119 gross.

Played with two's on card, H. Drewitt, one 2; G. Smith, one 2; T. Morris, one 2; T. Jones, one 2; B. Lowe, one 2.

Future Dates

A.G.M. and Summer Tournament at

Haberley Golf Club, nr. Kidderminster, on 1st July Seven-Club competition, by kind permission of the Directors and committee.

Autumn Tournament played at Harbourne Golf Club on Wednesday, 25th September by kind permission of the Committee.

Annual Dinner and Dance to be held at the Merrivale Hotel, Warley, on Friday, 18th October 1968.

President's Match

I am looking forward to putting out a strong team against Mr Bretherton's team at Handsworth Golf Club on Thursday, 20th June and I would be very pleased if all greenkeepers who play golf would make a special effort to come along and support this very fine event. So come along lads, polish up the clubs, and let me have your names by Friday, 14th June.

A.G.M. (Haberley Cup and Summer Cup)

Once again the Directors, Committee and Captain have very kindly offered to sponsor this fine event at the Haberley Golf Club, Kidderminster, on Monday, 1st July.

It will be a Seven-Club competition, and play will commence at 10 a.m. over 9 holes. A further 9 holes will be played in the afternoon, and this will be followed by the A.G.M. and presentation of Prizes.

I am looking forward to a large entry this year to show our appreciation for the kindness

and hospitality extended by the members of Haberley.

Congratulations

To Roger Pullen of Blackwell Golf Club, who has recently married. Our best wishes Roger and Mrs Pullen for a long and happy future.

New Members

I would like to extend a warm welcome to Arthur Boffy of Handsworth Golf Club, and Roy Chandler of the Coventry Club, Finham.

NORTH-EAST

By **D. Earsman**

Arcot Hall Cottage
Dudley
Newcastle on Tyne 3

J. SIMPSON
(Ponteland G.C.)

Spring Competition

OUR SPRING COMPETITION WAS played over the course of the Gosforth Golf Club on Tuesday, 23rd April, by the kind permission of their Captain and Committee.

The main prize, the President's Prize, was won by G. Gainforth (Tyneside) for the best net score—65; 2nd J. D. Thompson (Goswick) 66; 3rd J. McHuish (Wearside) 71.

Our Chairman, Mr J. Simpson, welcomed everyone present, and hoped that they had enjoyed their day at the Bridge Path, as it

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is commonly known. He then introduced the Captain of the club, Mr Telfer, who said a few kind words on behalf of us all, and very kindly presented the prizes.

Mr Simpson, on behalf of the North-East Section, thanked the Captain and Committee for allowing us the use of the course, the Steward and Stewardess for a very enjoyable meal, J. Snowden, the Professional, for the use of the caddy cars, and congratulated J. Snowden, and his staff for the condition of the course. This was heartily endorsed by all.

To the ladies of Gosforth Golf Club, our thanks for the prizes you brought along to raffle in aid of our section funds, and especially Mrs Nicholson and Mrs Potter who worked selling tickets to the tune of £8 4s. 6d.

Again our grateful thanks to Miss Farr, Ladies Captain, and the ladies of Gosforth Golf Club.

New Members

We welcome to the Section the following new members: G. Proodlock (Wearside), Class C; C. J. Ward (Wearside), Class C; J. Carss, Jun. (Dunstanburgh Castle), Class C.

EAST MIDLAND

Chairman:
J. BURNHAM

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

Spring Tournament

OUR ANNUAL SPRING GOLF Tournament was held at Belton Park Golf Club, on Wednesday, 8th May 1968, by kind permission of the Captain and Committee. The entry was very good but the weather was not favourable. The course was in excellent condition, and I would like to thank all who made it a successful day, especially the Captain, Committee and staff of Belton Park Golf Club. I would also like to thank Mr Buckledee and Mr Vaughan for their valued help. The prizes were won by the following:—

Greenkeepers, 1st P. Thomson 72 net; 2nd S. McNeice 73 net (last nine); 3rd D. Bagshaw 73 net (last nine); 4th D. Whitehead 74 net; 5th B. Mott 77 net; 6th A. Shaw 78 net (last eight); 7th I. Toone 78 net; 8th Z. Socha 79 net; 9th G. Arnold 81 net; 10th S. Fretter 82 net (last nine); 11th R. O'Hara 82 net (last nine).

Visitors, M, Scotney 74 net; D. Fogg 76 net (last six).

Vice-President's, R. E. Whitcombe 86 net.

I would also like to thank the following for the prizes: Messrs Ransomes, Sims & Jefferies, Rigby Taylor Ltd., John Player & Sons, G. Ruddle & Co. Ltd., W. Freeman Esq., A. J. E. Cook Esq., President, Bayless & Wylie Ltd., Stuarts Ltd., H. Pattison Ltd., The Leicestershire and Rutland Golf Alliance.

New Members

I would like to welcome the following new members to the section: C. Hardy (Wollaton

Park G.C.), A. W. Murison (Priors Hall G.C.), E. W. Gurney (Kirby Muxloe G.C.), C. E. Fillis (Church Brampton G.C.), K. Senkpiehl (Linedale G.C.), P. A. Hill (Leicestershire G.C.).

NORTHERN

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

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

Spring Tournament

THE ANNUAL SPRING TOURNAMENT of the Section was played over the course of the Knaresborough Golf Club on Tuesday, 7th May by courtesy of the Club Committee. Forty-five members took part and a most pleasing feature was the large number of young members taking part.

Results

Scratch Prize—R. Barnes (Sandmoor) 78-76—154.

First Division, 1st A. Robertshaw (Otley) 71-71—142; 2nd P. Ford (Clitheroe) 74-70—144; 3rd G. Mason (Knaresborough) 72-72—144.

Second Division, 1st C. Martin (Fulford) 61-69—130; 2nd K. Daggars (Keighley) 66-68—134; 3rd C. Geddes (Moor Allerton) 68-67—135.

Veterans Prize, H. Driver 74.

Vice-President's, 1st A. Brophy (Sandmoor) 69-68—137; 2nd G. Baxter (Wetherby) 68-75—143.

Following tea the prizes were presented by the Captain of the Club, Mr H. Taylor, who in a short speech thanked the Association for the hard, and often unappreciated, work they put in to give a growing number of golfers a lot of pleasure. A vote of thanks was proposed by our Chairman, Mr D. Roberts, who in his usual short snappy and to the point manner thanked all the members of the club staff for the hard and co-operative work they put in to give members an enjoyable day out.

Our thanks are also due to the following firms who so kindly donated to our prize fund: Messrs H. Pattison & Co., Hayter Ltd., Stewart & Co., Ransomes, Sims & Jefferies, Flymo, Rigby Taylor Ltd., E. Jepson & Co., Stephen Toulson & Son, Pressure Jet Marker Ltd., and Sisis Ltd.

Visit

An open evening was held at the showroom and workshop of our President, Mr W. Mountain, at Morley. Fifty-five members took the opportunity of looking round and meeting and discussing their problems with the various trade representatives present. A short film show was given by Mr A. Howe showing the latest range of SISIS equipment.

Our thanks are due to Mrs Mountain and her assistants for the enjoyable buffet supper laid on.

President's Prize

The competition for the President's Prize will be played over the course of the Howley Hall Golf Club on Monday, 24th June. Play will commence at 3.30 p.m. and members will be allocated partners on arrival. The closing date for entry is Monday, 17th June.

WELSH

Chairman:
M. GEDDES
(Royal Porthcawl)

Pv S. A. Tucker
Hon. Secretary:
36 Clase Road,
Morriston,
Swansea, Glam.

Spring Meeting

OUR SPRING MEETING WAS HELD by the kind permission of the Captain and Committee of the Radyr Golf Club, Cardiff, on the 24th April. The course was in excellent condition and the weather was reasonably good.

The prizewinners were as follows—over 27 hole aggregate—9 holes before lunch and 18 after: 1st John Rees, 105 net, canteen of cutlery; 2nd D. Jones, 109 net, pair of golf shoes given by Mr J. C. Clay, our vice-president; 3rd D. Evans, 109, fruit spoons. Evans lost on last 9 holes.

Our junior division of 19-24 handicap was won by A. E. Jeffries, 126 net, vegetable dishes; 2nd P. Robinson, 138 net, Ronson lighter given by Pattison & Co.

First year competition was won by W. Davies, 145 gross, silver propelling pencil given by May & Baker.

Annual General Meeting

Our Annual General Meeting will be held at the Southerdown Golf Club on 2nd July. I would like all members to make an effort to attend. Please let me know if you are coming by 23rd June at the latest. This meeting is in conjunction with the Secretaries and I must know how many are coming so as to arrange the catering, etc.

D. G. Lord

I am very pleased to let you all know that D. G. Lord is going along very nicely. We were all pleased to see him at Radyr, if only for an hour. I have seen him since and he is looking very much better.

We also have another member on the sick list—D. Dunn from the Glamorganshire Golf Club, Penarth. He has also had an operation but with care he is recovering well. Good luck Dai and Don.

SITUATION VACANT

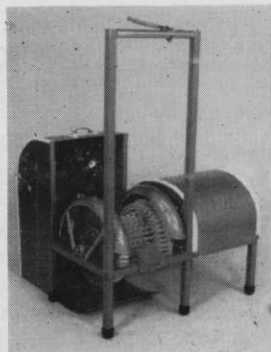
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CORRECTION

The Toro mower referred to in our last issue under "Editor Mowing" should, of course, have been the "21" self-propelled Whirlwind which is a rotary machine, not the Greensmaster which is a reel mower.

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