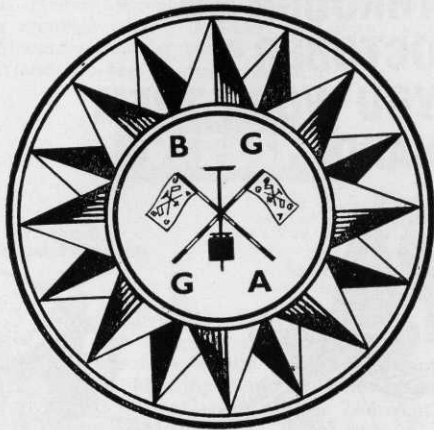


News



from the Sections

NORTHERN

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

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

Tournaments

ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE for the Annual Spring Tournament to be played over the course of the Knaresborough Golf Club on Tuesday, 7th May (by courtesy of the club committee).

The Parks Department Committee of the Borough of Bridlington have granted us the use of the Belvedere Golf Course for the Autumn Tournament to be played on Thursday, 19th September.

January Lecture

This was held in the clubhouse of the Horsforth Golf Club, on Wednesday, 10th January, when the speaker was Mr G. Barnes of Cameron Irrigation Co., who took for his subject "Pop-Up Watering Systems on Golf Courses". Despite the atrocious weather there was a good attendance, 35 members turning up to hear about what must be an up and coming thing on golf courses. The speaker fully explained the working of the system.

The number of questions asked by various members showed how well the lecture was received and the great interest aroused. The only thing that worried the greenkeepers was the cost of initial installation and this, of course, varies a great deal depending on soil conditions encountered in laying the system.

The speaker was thanked for his talk by

the president and seconded by Mr D. Roberts, chairman.

Grand National Sweep

Members are reminded that the closing date for the return of counterfoils and and moneys for the draw is Monday, 18th March.

SOUTHERN

Chairman:
J. K. GLASS
(Thorpe Hall)

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

February Lectures

LOOKING VERY FIT AND MUCH slimmer, our president, Mr J. Wallis Arthur, was welcomed back by our chairman, J. K. Glass. Jock also gave a very warm welcome to our speaker, Mr W. Finch, and jokingly said that as Bill was at present unattached we could now expect to know the truth! This warm welcome was extended by the members who showed their appreciation by turning up in large numbers to listen to his talk on "Turf Culture". This title embraced such subjects as the hardening of soil, lack of calcium, trace elements and the use of seaweed. Mr Finch suggested that seaweed

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The time passed by all too quickly and when congratulated on his very fine lecture he replied by saying how much he always enjoyed coming to the Southern Section and that he would be delighted to place himself at our disposal any time. We all wish him well in his new venture.

Annual Dinner

Members travelling by train and who require a lift from Sydenham Hill Station should phone the club, telephone TOWNLEY 1221, as I have been assured that transport will be laid on by John Kirkpatrick. Tickets will be available from me at the Quiz on 13th March at the Stirling Castle.

Spring Tournament

Closing date, Monday, 29th April, and members wishing to play should write to me in the first instance stating name, club and lowest handicap. Any member requiring transport from the station to St George's Hill Golf Club, please write as soon as possible to C. R. Cooke, Head Greenkeeper, West Lodge, West Road, St George's Hill, Weybridge, Surrey, who will lay on a minibus at reasonable rates.

Target Golf

A team of interested members of the Southern Section are required to play a team from the Driving Range Golf Facilities Limited, Greenford, Middlesex. Issuing the challenge and invitation Ken Ellis, an associate member of the section, assured me that an enjoyable time would be had by everyone. This match could develop into an annual event and can either be a round of golf, target golf or both, and I understand that there is a restaurant with drinks, etc. Any member who fancies his target-hitting ability and who wishes to make up the team, please let me know as soon as possible.

Congratulations

To Ray Hollington who finished his apprenticeship last year and has now been appointed First Assistant to Peter Moore at Romford.

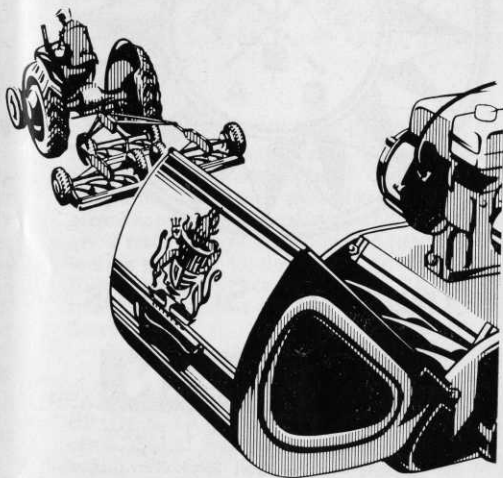
New Members

We welcome to the section the following new members and hope that they will come along to join in our activities and meet new friends: A. M. Thomson, W. J. Brown, S. W. Kilby, R. E. Clayden, S. M. Green and J. Philip.

An Appeal

D. Whitehead, of 33 Filey Waye, Ruislip Manor, Middlesex, would like to get hold of a copy of "Management and Construction", by Martin Sutton. Anyone oblige?

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Obituary

George Barnfield, aged 64, died on Sunday, 4th February 1968. George, who had been ill since Christmas, was head greenkeeper at Hadley Wood Golf Club and had been a member of the B.G.G.A. for many years. Sincere sympathy to his widow from all his friends in the Southern Section.

WELSH

Chairman:
M. GEDDES
(Royal Porthcawl)

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

I AM PLEASED TO BE ABLE TO give you the full list of our meetings for 1968 as promised in the February journal. The Spring Meeting will be held at the Radyr Golf Club, Cardiff, on the 24th April; the Autumn Meeting at the Clyne Golf Club, near Swansea, on the 18th September; and I have now had notice that the Annual General Meeting will be held at the Southerndown Golf Club, Bridgend, on the 2nd July 1968. This meeting is, as usual, in conjunction with the Secretaries A.G.M. Any more information about these meetings will be in future journals.

SHEFFIELD

Chairman:
G. HERRINGTON
(Lindrick)

By H. Gillespie
63 Langsett Avenue
Sheffield, 6

ON THURSDAY, 25TH JANUARY, OUR chairman, Mr G. Herrington, apologised for the absence of the president, Mr Shardlow, and then introduced to the 32 members present Mr Bartle of the S.T.R.I. who gave a general talk on "Greenkeeping" with the younger member in mind.

Mr Bartle opened his talk by taking an imaginary golf course, and going over the course from tee to green. He talked of the conditions one would expect to find, advised on that ultimate end. Following an interesting question time the chairman, in proposing the vote of thanks, said it had been one of the most interesting evenings held in Sheffield for a very long time. In seconding this, the chairman of greens at Abbeydale Golf Club said what a pity it was that more golf club officials were not present at these lectures.

To Mr Bartle we say, thank you and hope we have the pleasure of your company again in the not too distant future.

Lecture

On Thursday, 28th March, at 7 p.m., we have a lecture by British Overhead Irrigation

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New Members

We welcome to the Section two members of the Hallamshire staff and hope they find the association of value and interest. They are: S. Day and C. Colton.

MIDLAND

Chairman:
G. HART
(Gay Hill)

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

President's Match

THE ANNUAL MATCH BETWEEN Mr Bretherton's Team and the Greenkeepers will take place on Thursday, 20th June, at the Handsworth Golf Club.

Spring Tournament

Full details of this fixture will be given in next month's journal.

New Member

We welcome to the Section, Derek Cheetham, head greenkeeper, to the Dudley Golf Club.

Arthur Firman

Members will be sorry to hear of the recent death of Arthur Firman, a life member, and one of the Founder Members of the Section in 1933.

Arthur was, for many years, head greenkeeper to the Harborne Golf Club. He retired a few years ago and was succeeded by his son, Bill.

I would like to express the sincere condolences of all members to Mr Firman's family.

MISCELLANEOUS

PROFESSIONALS AND GREENKEEPERS having stocks of used golf balls contact Sparkbrook Golf Ball Co., 295 Highgate Road, Stoney Lane, Birmingham, with a view to filling export orders.

NORTH-WEST

By H. M. Walsh

Chairman:
F. HALSTEAD
(Bury Golf Club)

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

Spring Tournament

AS STATED IN THE JANUARY Journal our Spring Tournament and Annual General Meeting will take place on Thursday, 2nd May at the Royal Birkdale Golf Club, the morning round to consist of 9 holes, starting times from 8.30 a.m., and 18 holes in the afternoon. The Annual General Meeting to start approximately 7.15 p.m. Once again, I must ask all members who intend to take part to let me know at the earliest possible time so that I can arrange catering etc. Members will be allowed one visitor only; no proxy visitors will be considered; this rule was passed by the committee in June 1962, who intend in future competitions to adhere to same.

Subscriptions

All subscriptions, I must remind members, are due on 1st May. Please send them to the Hon. Treasurer and not to me.

Lectures

Our thanks to Mr Ratcliffe, of Rigby Taylors Ltd., and Mr G. Smythe, of May & Baker Ltd., for a very interesting talk which they gave to a very appreciative audience of 30 members; our best turnout this winter—thank you, gentlemen. Our next venture and the last for this winter will, as last year, take the form of the Open Debate, which I recall, was very successful and will take place on Monday, 11th March, at 7.30 p.m. at the Garrick Hotel, Fountain Street, Manchester. Can we please have another good turnout.

Life Members

It gives the committee great pleasure to inform members that Mr C. Brassington, ex-Royton Golf Club, and Mr E. Brooks, ex-Ashton-Under-Lyne Golf Club, have been elected Honorary Life Members of the Association as from 1st May, 1968. Congratulations to them both.

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