

News



from the Sections

MIDLAND

By R. Goodwin

Chairman:
G. HART
(Gay Hill)

Hon. Secretary:
4 Burton Old Road,
Streethay, Lichfield,
Staffs.

Autumn Tournament

The Autumn Tournament took place at the Sutton Coldfield Golf Club, on Wednesday 24th September.

Alf Hastilow and the groundstaff had the course in perfect condition, while Mr Lanham and Mrs Oldham did a first-class job of supplying our needs in the Clubhouse.

Our thanks also go to the Captain and Committee of the Sutton Coldfield Golf Club for allowing us the courtesy of the course and clubhouse and for the generous donation towards the cost of the Greenkeepers' meals.

We also thank the professional for the use of caddie-carts and our good friends Mr Eric Ballinger, Mr Peter Wyatt and Mr Glyn Vaughan for helping throughout the day with score-cards etc.

Mr Timpson, Chairman of the Green Committee, apologised for the Club Captain who could not be with us, and said how pleased he was to see such a good entry for this event.

Mr Timpson went on to say that Greenkeepers would always find a warm welcome at Sutton Coldfield and hoped that it would not be long before this event took place again at this Club. He then presented the prizes to the following players:—

PRIZE WINNERS—27 Holes.

Best Gross: R. Goodwin 119—Stainless Steel Tea Set.

Best Nett: T. Morris 102—Clayton Cup and Tea Service.

2nd nett: J. Bevan 104—Lotus Golf Shoes.

3rd nett: R. Hughes 104½—Voucher.
4th nett: E. Leeson 105—Putter.
5th nett: R. J. Pugh 106—Bathroom scales.
6th nett: A. Boraston 107—1 doz. golf balls.
7th nett: D. Brazier 108—Cigarette Lighter.
8th nett: G. Hart 108—Pullover.
9th nett: G. Smith 109—Pullover.
10th nett: E. H. Benbow 110½—1 doz. golf balls.
11th nett: R. Smith 111½—Bottle of Sherry and sprayer.
12th nett: R. Pullen 112—Wallet.
13th nett: H. Drewitt 112½—Sprinkler.
14th nett: G. Bunting 113—Beer Mug.
15th nett: V. Smith 114½—3 Golf Balls.
Coming of Age Prize: J. Bevan—Bottle of Sherry and Sprayer.
Visitors Invitation: Mr F. D. Brown 69—6 Golf Balls; Mr H. Crump 71—3 Golf Balls.
Players with 2s: A. Boffy, E. Benbow, E. Leeson, R. Hughes, A. Cutler—1 Golf Ball each.

Prize Donors

We are indebted to the following for their kind and generous donations to our Prize List:—

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<i>Midlands Greenkeepers</i>	<i>v</i>	<i>Association of Golf Club Secretaries</i>	
G. Hart		R. Rowlands	
R. Smith	0	S. Allen	1
V. Smith		H. Timmings	
G. Bunting	0	A. Greetham	1
E. Benbow		N. H. Russell	
J. Bevan	1	G. Dring	0
A. Boraston		J. H. McCarthy	
T. Jones	1	T. Fowke	0
H. Drewitt		R. Wynne, Woolly	
A. Hastilow	1	R. S. Parsons	0
		A. V. Backson	
D. Haynes	0	A. B. Ashworth	1

We had some lovely weather for this match; the Little Aston course was in perfect condition. Our Chairman G. Hart thanked Mr Russell and the Little Aston Golf Club for their hospitality and the Secretaries for coming and giving us an enjoyable afternoon.

Les Greenow

Members will be sorry to hear that Les Greenow has had quite a long spell in Kidderminster Hospital with a leg infection. We trust you are getting fit again by now Les, and look forward to seeing you in the near future at our forthcoming events.

Annual Subscriptions

Frank Cashmore, the Treasurer tells me that most subscriptions are now in but would



Southern Section party visiting ATCO works in Birmingham, 25th September 1969.
Taken at the Robin Hood Golf Club, Solihull.

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like to remind those who have not yet paid that the Financial Year is already half-over, and would be pleased to receive the outstanding fees.

New Address

Will members please note that my new address is:—4 Burton Old Road, Streethay, Lichfield, Staffs.

After the prize-giving at our Tournament at Sutton Coldfield our Chairman, G. Hart, on behalf of the Midland Section made a presentation to our hard working Secretary, Bob Goodwin, for his wedding on 4th October and wished him and his wife all our goodwill and happiness for their future.

NORTHERN

By J. Parker

Chairman:
A. ROBERTSHAW

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

Autumn Tournament

The Annual Autumn Tournament was played over the course of Huddersfield Golf Club, Fixby, on Wednesday, 17th September, by courtesy of the Club Committee. Thirty-six members took part. Competitors found the newly opened reconstructed course difficult to overcome but nevertheless the usual enjoyable outing spirit prevailed.

Results

Scratch Prize, D. Roberts (West Bowling) 82; *First Division*, 1st. D. Spurden (Ilkley) 73; 2nd. A. Robertshaw (Ilkley) 78; 3rd. E. Puley (Stand) 80; *Second Division*, 1st A. Burge (West Bowling) 72; 2nd. C. Garnett (West Bradford) 73; 3rd. K. Barton (Wetherby) 00; *Veterans Prize*, G. L. Sharp 82; *Vice-Presidents*, 1st J. Rotherae (Ogden) 73.

Prizes were presented by Mr Teddy Foulds, Vice-President, who took the opportunity of thanking the club officials and staff for their help in making the afternoon's pleasure.

Our thanks are also due to the local Golf Clubs who kindly contributed to the Prize Fund.

Lectures

The first lecture of the winter session will be held on Wednesday, 12th November in the clubhouse of the Horsforth Golf Club at 7.15 p.m. The speaker will be a representative of Flymo Ltd. Another lecture will be given on 10th December and this will be followed by the Christmas Social on Tuesday, 16th December.

NORTH-WEST

By H. M. Walsh

Chairman:
T. BRENNAN

Hon. Secretary:
Horrobin Cottage,
Old Links Golf Club,
Montserrat, Bolton, Lancs.

Autumn Tournament

May I, on behalf of the members of the section, say "thank you" most sincerely to

the Captain and Council of the Lostock Park Golf Club, Bolton, for their kindness in granting us the courtesy of the course and the facilities of the clubhouse on the occasion of our Autumn Tournament on Thursday, 16th October, to Mr Balshaw who gave us a very warm welcome, and who presented the prizes in the evening owing to the unavoidable absence of the Captain. To the Stewardess Mrs Stapford, for the two excellent meals which she provided and also the staff for looking after us so well. To Mr Rhodes and the ground staff for the very excellent condition of the course, to Mr Vaughan and Mr Holden for the marking of cards and taking of monies etc., and any others who helped to make this a great day which was made all the better by the wonderful weather we had. Our grateful thanks to the prize donors, friends and our friends in the trade.

Prize Donors

C. O. Hisford, Esq., J. A. Bishop, Esq., J. Rhodes, Esq., Messrs Ransomes Sims & Jefferies, H. Pattison & Co., Messrs En-Tout-Cas, May & Baker Ltd., Stewart of Edinburgh, Cameron Irrigation Co., Supaturf Ltd., W. Wilcocks Ltd., W. Burrows Ltd., T. Ockleshaw & Son, Joseph Metcalf Ltd., ATCO, Charles H. Pugh Ltd., Longton, Hargreaves "SISIS" Ltd., Northern Professional Golfer Association. Thank you once again.

Prize Winners

Winners as follows over 27 holes—
Scratch Prize: J. Catlow 119—Barometer.
Best nett: R. Fielding 106—Watch.
2nd nett: F. Halstead 107—Electric Blanket.
3rd nett: K. Holmes 108—Clock.
4th nett: R. Hayhurst 110—Lighter.
5th nett: D. Macavoy 113—Holdall.
6th nett: J. Catlow 114½—Umbrella.
7th nett: J. Rhodes 115—Lighter.
8th nett: A. Fyles 116½—Tankard.
9th nett: E. Macavoy 118—Weatherproof.
10th nett: J. Macdonald 119—Pen and Pencil Set.
11th nett: R. Vickers 120—Golf Balls.
12th nett: J. Robinson 120½—Bottle Gin.
13th nett: J. Metcalf 120½—Wallet.
14th nett: J. Gillett 120½—Tray.
15th nett: J. A. Hall 121—Table Mats.
16th nett: W. Sumner 121½—Brush Set.
17th nett: O. P. Jones 124—Table Thermometer.
18th nett: R. Janouski 124—Cigarettes.
Visitors Prize won by:—
S. Hacking Esq., Nett 73—18 holes.

Lectures

The November talk will be given by A. H. Fairhurst on "Wild Life on Golf Courses". Date Tuesday, 25th November at the Brunswick Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester, time 7.30 p.m. Please let us have another good attendance.

New Members

We welcome to the section the following new members and hope their association will be a long and happy one.

G. A. Hall, Ashton & Lea Golf Club, Preston, K. Dott, Royal Lytham & St. Annes Golf Club, and W. K. Fisher, Royal Lytham & St. Annes Golf Club.

EAST MIDLAND

By **S. Fretter**

Hon. Secretary:

4 Queens Drive,
Leicester Forest East,
Leicester.

Chairman:
P. McCARRON

Our Annual Autumn Golf Tournament was held at Chilwell Manor Golf Club on Wednesday, 1st October 1969. The entry was a record, together with a lovely sunny day. Our thanks to the Captain, committee, inside and outside staff, for helping to make it such a lovely day, also our thanks to the professional for allowing us the use of the trolleys.

The prize winners were as follows:—

- 1st (9) B. Mott, 2 down, Kettering Golf Club.
2nd C. Hardy, 3 down, Wollaton Park Golf Club.
3rd D. Bagshaw, 3 down, Stanton on the Wolds Golf Club.
4th W. Woods, 4 down, Stanton on the Wolds Golf Club.
5th I. Toone, 4 down, Kirby Muxloe Golf Club.
6th R. O'Hara, 4 down, Stanton on the Wolds Golf Club.
7th J. Carrick, 5 down, Northampton County Golf Club.
8th S. Fretter, 5 down, Unattached.

Vice Presidents

1st J. Holmes, 2 down.

Visitors

1st A. Wagg, 1 up.

2nd D. Baum, square.

Our thanks to H. Pattison & Co. Ltd., May & Baker Ltd., B. Booth Esq., M. Young Esq., and Mr Blackburn for prizes. Also our thanks to Mr Buckledee for helping with the cards.

New Members

We wish to welcome to this section two new Vice Presidents, Mr J. Bunny, 50 Stoughton Lane, Leicester, and Mr A. Jackson, 58 Linden Drive, Evington, Leicester.

NORTH-EAST

By **G. Jeffries**

Hon. Secretary:

55 Brackenfield Road,
Framwell Gate Moor, Durham.

Chairman:
J. SIMPSON

Autumn Competition

Our Autumn Golf Competition was held on Thursday, 25th September, at the Morpeth Golf Club, by kind permission of the Captain and Committee. The weather was in our favour, being dry and sunny.

Results: Best Scratch score over 27 holes: J. Smith (Morpeth) 121—Joseph Miller Salver and a chair.

The Ransomes Cup and Ransomes Watch was won by R. Bird (unattached) for the best net score 104.

2nd C. Moseby (Blyth) 112—Relaxation Blanket.

3rd H. Somerville (Alnmouth) 112—Traveling Clock and the Jack Wroath Trophy for over the age of 50.

4th R. Hinson (Tynemouth) 112.

5th S. Farrington (Warkworth) 112½.

6th J. Huish (Wearside) 113½.

7th R. Clark (Blyth) 114.

8th G. Gainford (City of Newcastle) 114.

9th C. Baxter (Whitburn)

10th G. Thompson (Goswick) 114½.

11th A. Lowes (Chester-le-Street) 115.

12th J. Carss (Dunstanbro Castle) 115.

13th T. Nutman (Tynemouth) 115½.

14th N. Snailman (South Moor) 117.

15th R. Derham (South Shields) 117.

The Chairman, Mr Simpson, thanked the Captain and Committee for the courtesy of the course and clubhouse. He introduced the Captain of the Morpeth Golf Club who had kindly consented to present the prizes and say a few words on our behalf.

Our Chairman then thanked the Steward and Stewardess, and staff for two most enjoyable meals, and Mr Jack Smith and his staff for the splendid condition of the course. This was heartily endorsed by all.

Our thanks are due to the following members of the trade and golf clubs for kindly contributing to our prize list.

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Thanks also to Mr P. Donald of Gosforth Golf Club who kindly presented a cheque for £5. Thanks to Mr N. Fraser for set of pens. To Mr Duncan Blair for socks sent from Holme Hall Golf Club, Scunthorpe. Thanks also went to Mr Les Lowery for his splendid work with the cards and money, assisted by Mr N. Fraser. Thanks to Mr Tom Oliver for selling raffle tickets, and he played his 27 holes of golf, that's not bad for 74 years young! We hope to have him around for a lot of years to come.

We were sorry our President, Mr C. N. Storey, could not attend, he was on holiday at the time. Unfortunately our retired Secretary and Treasurer Mr Dave Earsman could not attend either.

New Members

We welcome to the section the following new members and hope their stay will be a long and happy one. S. L. Farrington, Warkworth Golf Club, Northumberland, H. Brown of Newbiggin Golf Club, J. W. Toomey of Wearside Golf Club, and P. Blackburn of Tynemouth Golf Club.

WELSH

By S. A. Tucker

Chairman:
M. GEDDES,
23 Fenton Place,
Porthcawl, Glamorgan.

Hon. Sec. and Treasurer:
36 Close Road, Morriston,
Swansea, Glamorgan.

With all the 1969 meetings over I would like to thank my Committee and all who helped to make our year a very pleasant one. Thank you all.

Our Autumn meeting was played at Carmarthen Golf Club on 24th September. I thank the Captain and Committee of the Club and Mr Buckley Howells and Mr Tom Davies for the financial help they gave me for my prize fund.

The Course was in wonderful condition thanks to Arthur Price and his staff, and a word of thanks to the Steward and Stewardess for the meals they put up for us and the excellent service—many thanks again.

The President's Shield was played for and won by H. Fry with a net 104½ over 27 hole aggregate. Henry received ½ Tea Service, Bone China. The second prize was won by D. H. Jones net 105, ½ doz. wine glasses; 3rd P. Hughes net 108, Lighter given by Patisson and Co; 4th A. Price net 109, vegetable dishes won on last 6 from J. Rees.

With 109 net Rees received ¼ doz. golf balls; the first, 2nd and 4th prizes were bought with the gift from the Club and members. The 19 to 24 Handicap was won by J. Fahy, pair of socks.

There was a special prize given by Cannock of Staffs, the prize being a table lighter which was won by H. Fry. This prize will be played for every year; it is an aggregate of the Spring, Summer and Autumn meeting with a net aggregate for 27 hole Spring meeting 18 hole Summer meeting and 27 hole Autumn meeting. H. Fry's total was 299 and all who play in the three meetings are entitled to qualify.

Subscriptions

There are still a couple of members who have not yet paid their subscriptions. Will they please do so otherwise I will have to stop their journals etc. Please forward your subscription to M. Geddes Esq., 23 Fenton Place, Porthcawl, Glam.

SOUTHERN

By F. W. Ford

Chairman:
J. K. GLASS
(Thorpe Hall)

Hon. Secretary:
68 Salcombe Gardens
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Visit to ATCO

Through an assortment of reasons 11 members failed to present themselves at Charing Cross Underground station for the trip to Birmingham and a 45 capacity coach left 15 minutes late with 19 passengers.

This was sad because ACTOs had gone to great lengths to plan a very well organised day for us.

Despite the reduction in our numbers the reception committee greeted us very warmly and following the introductions and the signing of the visitors book by each member, proceeded to entertain us with a vast assortment of food and drinks.

After this get together we were split into parties and escorted round the works and this tour of the assembly lines, with explanatory remarks by our escorts, with questions and suggestions by our members, made time pass all too quickly.

A short trip by coach to the Robin Hood Golf Club and we were testing and inspecting some of the displayed ATCO mowers. Following a discussion with questions and improvement suggestions and photograph taking our chairman, Mr J. Glass, thanked Mr Thomson for the very enjoyable day we had had as guests of Charles H. Pugh Ltd., and Mr Thomson replied by inviting us to tea at the Robin Hood Golf Club with a promise to escort us on to the M1 and home.

October Quiz

Our President, Mr J. Wallis Arthur welcomed the 32 members attending our first winter programme meeting and invited them to level their questions at our Quiz Master Jock Glass.