

News



from the Sections

WELSH

By S. A. Tucker

Chairman:
M. GEDDES
(Royal Porthcawl)

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

I AM SORRY FOR THE DELAY IN letting you all know of the course and dates for the Annual General Meeting; after a long wait for an answer from the Southern-down Golf Club our request was turned down with pressure of fixtures for the season. We did not receive this answer until November. Mr Fry and I made a few visits to the club and I telephoned a couple of times; we still could not get an early answer. I then tried Royal Porthcawl Golf Club; our chairman, Mr Geddes, made the inquiry but still no luck so I had to write to the Pyle and Kenfig Golf Club which has very kindly permitted us to hold the meeting there. We are very grateful to them for their kindness.

A few words now about the course. Since the last meeting Mr Bert Jones and his staff have worked very hard and changed the course quite a bit. There is a big improvement now that the post and wire have been taken from the greens. The cattle, too, have been taken away. We look forward to you all having a good and enjoyable meeting. This course is near Porthcawl which would be the best place to stay, and I hope to see all the old faces and many new ones at this meeting. I am sure you will enjoy the course and good luck to you all.

A very Happy New Year to all members of the Association and a Prosperous New Year from all members of the Welsh Section.

SOUTHERN

By F. W. Ford

Hon. Secretary:
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December Lecture

ON WEDNESDAY, 4th DECEMBER, about forty members were present for the talk given by Mr J. Wellington who talked about the beginnings and progress of Charles H. Pugh Limited. With the aid of two moral supporters and leaflets he introduced the range of ATCO mowers, the 20" "SPECIAL" creating most interest. Question time was interrupted by the running out of time and the showing of two films, after which the Chairman thanked Mr Wellington for coming along and he in turn invited all present to drinks and sandwiches.

New Members

The following new members are welcomed to the Section and we invite them to come along to our meetings to meet new friends: J. H. Sargent (Hartsbourne), J. Cousin (Hayling Island), R. Smith and G. F. Child (Richmond).

Annual Dinner

The Annual Dinner will be held at the Finchley Golf Club on Friday, 14th March 1969 and as in previous years it will be preceded by an 18-hole Stableford competition. Full details in the March issue of the journal.

February Lecture

On Wednesday the 5th February, 6.30 p.m. at the Stirling Castle, London Wall, Moor-gate, there will be a lecture by S. D. Tyldesley of the Synchemical Limited.

EAST MIDLAND

By S. Fretter

Hon. Secretary:
4 Queens Drive,
Leicester Forest East,
Leicester.

Chairman:
J. BURNHAM

Annual Subscriptions

WOULD MEMBERS WHO HAVE NOT paid their subscriptions please forward them to me as soon as possible as they are now overdue.

Annual Spring Tournament

The Annual Spring Tournament will be held at Kettering Golf Club on Wednesday, 14th May 1969.

New Member

We welcome to this Section W. Woods, Esq., 94 Fairways, Keyworth, Notts.

NORTH-WEST

By H. M. Walsh

Chairman:
O. P. JONES
(Bramhall G.C.)

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

Greetings

MAY 1 ON BEHALF OF THE members of the North-West Section extend to the Editor, Hon. Secretary, our friends in the trade and all members of the B.G.G.A. the Season's Greetings and Good Luck for the future.

Lectures

Our thanks to Mr R. Dagnall of Fisons for making the journey to Manchester in very poor weather to give us a very instructive and enjoyable talk, which covered a wide range of subjects.

Our next talk will be given by Mr Fairhurst of Fosters & Co. The date will be 13th January but the venue has been changed and will now be given at the Brunswick Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester, and NOT at the Garrick Hotel as stated in last month's Journal. Time 7.30 p.m. The February talk will be given by B. Metcalf of J. Metcalf & Co. on 10th February. I would like to say here that there will be no more talks given at the Garrick Hotel.

Spring Tournament

The venue for the Spring Tournament has now been fixed; due to the kindness of the Captain and Council of the Southport and Ainsdale Golf Club we will be holding the above Tournament on their course. Date 13th May. I will inform members of any further details nearer the time.

Congratulations

Congratulations to F. Halstead on his retirement after more than 20 years at Bury Golf Club. Happy days, Frank.

We welcome back to the Section R. Janovskis, who a short time ago went to the

Midland Section, but is now back with the North-West having taken over as Head Greenkeeper at the Swinton Park Golf Club, Manchester.

NORTHERN

By J. Parker

Chairman:
A. ROBERTSHAW

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

November Meeting

THE FIRST MEETING OF THE winter session was held in the clubhouse of the Horsforth Golf Club on Wednesday, 15th November. Thirty-five members attended.

The meeting was in the form of an open discussion and to start the ball rolling the letter written by our Chairman, A. Robertshaw, in the journal was put before the members. Many members expressed their views on the contents. The discussion was made more interesting by the presence of Mr Sanderson, Chairman of the Green Committee at Horsforth Golf Club, who was able to put the other side's views on certain aspects. After this had been given a good and useful airing other subjects were discussed to conclude an interesting evening.

Meetings

Members are asked to note the dates for meetings in the New Year, all to be held at Horsforth Golf Club: Wednesday, 22nd January; Wednesday, 26th February; Wednesday, 12th March.

The Annual Dinner will be held on Friday, 28th March.

Grand National Sweep

Members will soon be receiving tickets for the Annual Sweep and it is hoped that you will all make every effort to make it a success. As you know most of the profits go to the Benevolent Fund and the bigger the

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SHEFFIELD

Chairman:
G. HERRINGTON
(Lindrick)

By **H. Gillespie**
63 Langsett Avenue
Sheffield 6

S.T.R.I.

THE NOVEMBER LECTURE BY Mr W. H. Bartle of the Sports Turf Research Institute was a repeat of that he gave to our members last January which was said at that time to be the best presented to the Section. The subject was "Greenkeeping in General" and the idea of a repeat was to invite the Chairmen of Green Committees of all Sheffield and District Golf Clubs. However, only seven clubs were represented at the lecture along with thirty-two of our members to hear Mr Bartle present ideas and recommendations on course maintenance, work planning, management and staff relationship, etc. The evening had to be brought to a close at 10.30 p.m. after three hours of discussion and questions which was in itself proof of the popularity of the lecture.

Tractors

The February lecture to be held on Thursday the 27th will be given by Messrs. J. I. Fearn (Agricultural) Ltd., and the subject will be "Tractors" Maintenance and Handling Tips.

We wish all our friends both old and new a happy and prosperous New Year and may 1969 bring more favourable weather conditions than its predecessor.

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person of the head greenkeeper at "The Gogs", Douglas Neville. He is the son of a present greenkeeper in Buckinghamshire and his own son, Andrew, has joined him and is making the progress under his watchful eye.

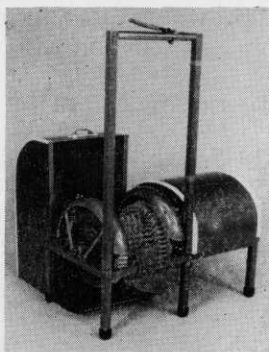
Nearer home and with a splendid record of service to the Links Golf Club is my old friend "Ted" Scrivener. Working with his brother who has now retired, Ted can be considered the doyen of his profession in this area.

The splendid condition of the course is a testament to his hard work and enthusiasm and he has the best of both worlds for he is a keen golfer himself.

Talking with him recently, he told me that next year he completes 50 years with the club. I shouldn't think there are many greenkeepers in this country to beat that.

Our friends the greenkeepers deserve well of us—salute them all.

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