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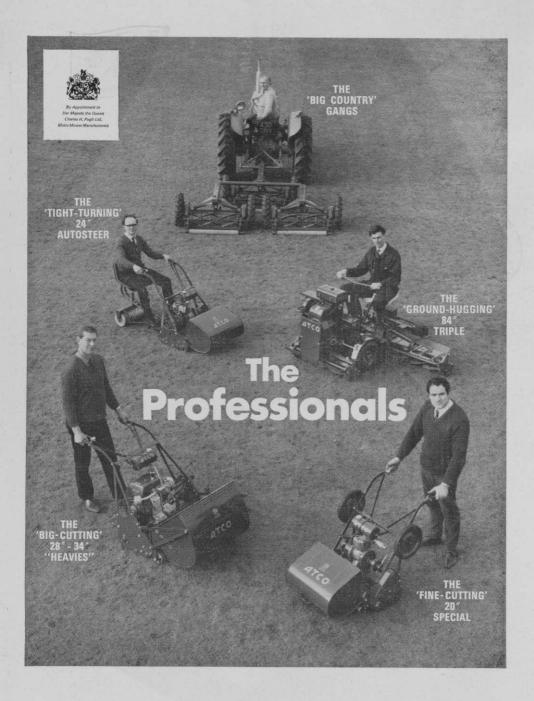
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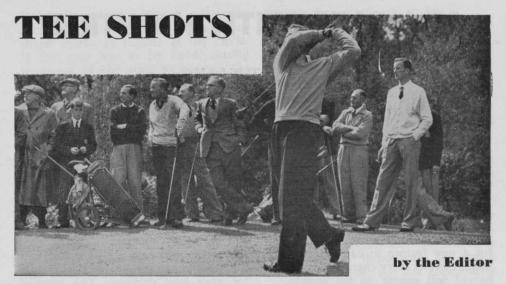
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East Coast

Harwich Council is looking at the possibility of providing a new 18-hole golf course in conjunction with the other local authorities in north-east Essex.

South Coast

Worthing

A new road planned by Sussex County Council as a relief for the A.27 Brighton to Portsmouth road may go through the middle of the Hillbarn Golf Course. However there are three alternative routes which are being evaluated.

Portsmouth

Work has started on the new Portsmouth municipal golf course at Portsdown Hill. This is to replace Great Salterns golf course, part of which is to go for building. The new site lies on high ground to the north of the town and commands a view of Portsmouth, Hayling Island, and the Isle of Wight.

South West

Chipping Sodbury, a 9-hole layout on common land, is acquiring 100 acres on the other side of the clubhouse and is starting work on a new eighteen. Total length will be 6,603 yards.

Wales

Newtown Golf Course in Montgomeryshire is considering the acquisition of 50 acres adjoining its present 9-holes to extend the course to a full 18.



18 HOLES WITH HAWTREE

NO 6 — THE LAKE

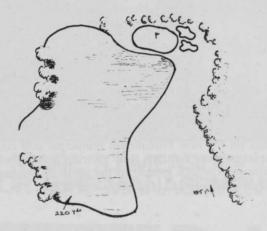
by FRED HAWTREE

No new golf course, hoping to get its image on to the front cover of Golf Illustrated dares go into action without a lake somewhere in its purlieus. Keeping up with the Trent Jones's has become a point of honour so if your committee is looking around for a new feature to commemorate its reign, there is every chance that a water hazard will appear on the agenda.

Water has played a part in the game

until earth-moving machinery and less economical ideas came back from areas to which the Scots had exported their game in the nineteenth century.

If money is no object, local soil factors can be discounted. Your pool can be lined with butyl, supplied from the mains and even act as a reservoir for your water supply or a receptacle for your land drainage. The material excavated can be used to form mound



No. 12 at the Champions Club, Houston, Texas. The lake covers four acres. From the normal tee (right) only an elbow juts into the fairway. The championship tee is to the left. The green falls away to the lake and there are trees on the right for good measure.

of golf since the first "feathery" trickled into the Swilcan Burn at St Andrews. And it is less than 50 years since the "floater" was in circulation. Where has all the water gone these days? Presumably the big expansion in the twenties, 50 new courses a year, diluted the market with too many golfers who never left dry land.

The ultimate hazard then became neglected unless it occurred naturally,

features or to build up greens and tees. Dual use of the feature itself and exploitation of the material it provides will obviously improve the look of the pool's balance sheet. And if you stock it with trout there are future benefits to come.

What are the design factors involved?

The outline should be informal like everything else on the golf course.

Remember that informal swimming pools have now made the kidney bean shape nearly as regular as the circle. If the pool has to be lined, careful treatment of the edge to conceal the lining will be needed. You will be luckiest if it is possible to dam a stream so that Nature determines most of the outline and provides the surrounding contour ready made.

Depth should normally be 4 ft. 6 in. or more. A shallow pool will heat up in summer, evaporate more quickly, and encourage algae formation. Adequate depth will encourage natural processes appropriate to our climate and give the pool a life of its own. There are chemical treatments to keep the water clear but the greenkeeper

has enough to do already.

Area, from every point of view is fundamental to the success of the operation. The water, and plenty of water, must be well seen to have its full landscape effect. And if it affects play, it must be seen from the point at which the shot is played. Admittedly our original links water hazard is often invisible or only seen as a dark line in the distance. But golf has moved away from blindness of water hazards just as it has from blind greens. On flat land, therefore, where the area of the pool might exceed what is economically feasible if the water is to be seen from a distance, the appropriate site will often be just in front of a tee especially at short holes. Then the problem is clearly set and the landscape effect is at its maximum. This siting will be still more desirable where the natural water table is several feet below ground level unless the distant view is from high ground. Where tees are elevated, the water can move nearer the green and introduce other playing factors besides pure "carry".

The shallow water trap a few inches deep is not to be recommended unless it be an enlargement of a moving water course presupposing that ground conditions do not require a concrete basin and that its contents do not stagnate. An artificial pool of little denth involves a lot of upkeep for the doubtful pleasure of tempting members to

remove their shoes and socks.

It is agreeable to allow marginal and aquatic plants to enhance the natural appearance of the pool where complications of upkeep will not arise. Close to play, it should be ensured that the banks are not steeper than 1 in 4 and that they are grassed to the lowest water level in summer. Gang mowers can then maintain them without difficulty down to the water's edge.

If then you want your water hazard to be fully effective, make it big enough, deep enough, natural in appearance and easy to maintain. But before you do anything persuade a surveyor member to calculate the volume of the excavation and be certain that you will have water in it throughout the year. Judging by 1968, the last requirement at least should not be difficult to fulfil.

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THOSE WHO SERVE

Number 4 in the series of Profiles by Brigadier C. W. Morton, M.C.

ERNEST HENRY BENBOW

RNEST BENBOW (67) started his greenkeeping career in 1919 at Handsworth Golf Club, and last year he retired having served at that one Club for 48 years, 43 years of which he has served as its Head Greenkeeper. He tells me that the photograph of him shown in this profile was taken in 1933. Today he is slightly older!

During his time he was a scratch golfer and won the B.G.G.A. Scratch Cup on three occasions. Last year he was 2nd in the B.G.G.A. Tournament played at Skegness. Not bad for a man of 67. He has taken a great interest in



the administration of his Association having served for 30 years on the B.G.G.A. Executive and on Section Committees. He is now a Life Member of the B.G.G.A.

Mr Benbow is also a very modest man since he has given me the minimum of information on which to write his profile. However, it is enough to show that his heart was in his Club, Handsworth Golf Club, in his Association and in the game of golf. What else can one want of any Head Greenkeeper? A fine record of devoted service. Congratulations, Mr Benbow.



HAROLD SIDDORN

HAROLD SIDDORN (67) became a greenkeeper in 1916, at the age of 14, with the North Worcestershire Golf Club at Northfield. He became a Head Greenkeeper 24 years ago in 1945 at Blackwell Golf Club where he still works. He has now put in a total of 43 years in greenkeeping and is still going strong. He tells me that what he now knows about greenkeeping is chiefly due to the excellent teaching of the "good old greenkeepers of the past". Today, he says, greenkeeping is made very much easier by modern machinery. His weekly wage as a young boy was 12s

Other clubs he has served at are: Kings Norton Golf Club (1920-1925); Lickey Municipal Golf Club (1925-1935). He was absent from greenkeeping during the war years and in 1945 went to Blackwell Golf Club, Northampton. In the past, he used to play golf, reaching a handicap of 7. Recently he says he has not played much although he still takes a great interest in a large number of amateur and professional

golfers whom he knows personally. A lifetime of a steady climb up in the art of greenkeeping and still actively engaged as a Head Greenkeeper at the age of 67. Congratulations Mr Siddorn. May you reach your half-century at greenkeeping before you retire.

HERE AND THERE

A letter of complaint has been sent the Doncaster Corporation officials of Wheatley Golf Club about gipsies camped on adjacent land off

Armthorpe Road.

A spokesman for the golf club said the main trouble at the moment was with animals which were let loose on the course during the night causing untold damage. The cost of repair to one green was about £50.

Members will be sorry to hear that S. C. Dennis is in hospital with dermatitis. He has taken this chance to write down some of his experiences over the past 50 years in greenkeeping and these will be appearing in a future issue. Meanwhile we all wish him an early recovery.

Bute District Council have increased playing fees for the much improved Port Bannatyne Golf Course. The increases, for men, vary from 6d. added to a round (now 3s. 6d.) to 10s. more for the annual fee (now £3 10s.).

Mr John Shaw, the greenkeeper at the course, has been commended for the excellent work and improvements

he is carrying out.

Ron Malin, of Scott Road, Chadwell St. Mary, has retired at the age of 68 after 50 years of greenkeeping at the Orsett Golf Club. He assisted the late Fred Baisden to lay the first six holes, then nine in 1919. The course was extended to the full 18 holes in 1930, and recently championship golf has been played at Orsett.

A presentation was made by the

Head Greenkeeper, David Singleton, on behalf of the green staff of a lighter and a tankard. Ron says he hopes to spend more time in his garden but has promised to help out when the occasion demands.

The club is running a benefit competition and a collection from those members who are unable to enter. The proceeds will go to Ron-a man who is greatly admired and respected by members and staff alike.

"THE PRINCE OF GREENKEEPERS"

by WILLIAM BRADFORD

Many years ago a golfing scribe gave this title to Alex. S. Pringle, greenkeeper at the Killermont Course of the Glasgow Golf Club, and on Monday, 5th May, Alex. was laid to rest in his home town of Carluke in Lanarkshire.

It is a measure of Alex.'s worth that this title neither roused rancour nor jealousy, envy nor malice, only pleasure that so apt a rank had been given to so worthy an exponent of his craft and to one whose unfailing courtesy, good humour and kindness had so endeared him to us all.

His course, no matter the season, was always immaculate, and the pride of his club members. It was also the criterion and inspiration of many greenkeepers. He had that gift no matter how great the occasion of being quite unflappable" and had an apparent ease in carrying out whatever came to hand.

At a now historic meeting to re-form the S.G.G.A. which was held Barnton just after the war he was appointed General Secretary. And it was he who laid the foundation of integrity and good fellowship that has guided all who followed him. He not only loved, he adorned our social occasions. A prince of goodfellows as he was a prince of greenkeepers. Goodbye Alex. Thank you for the pleasure of your company.

THE SPORTS TURF RESEARCH INSTITUTE BINGLEY, YORKSHIRE

The 18th A.G.M. of the SPORTS TURF RESEARCH INSTITUTE was held at Bingley, Yorkshire, on Monday, 28th April, under the Chairmanship of Mr Alan Sowden.

(1) In the Annual Report for 1968, which was adopted, reference was made to:—

(a) Research

The appointment of Assistant Director with special responsibility for research coupled with the building of a new Biology Laboratory have paved the way for a boost in research. Much of the experiment ground will continue to be taken up with the blocks of experiment plots arranged to assess new and old varieties of the common turf grasses. Other work includes trials designed to assess the value of different proportions of physical soil ameliorants in producing free draining, hard wearing turf with further work on the production of clean seed beds, with particular reference to annual meadow grass studies.

(b) Advisory

The advisory service on playing field construction and maintenance was in constant demand by private sports clubs, parks departments of local authorities and local education authorities. There was an increase in the number of visits made to L.E.A. school playing fields. As the report says, the aim is "to help subscribers get the best possible playing conditions with their budget".

(c) Education

Five instructional courses for greenkeepers and groundsmen employed by subscribers were held in 1968, each being of one week's duration. All were attended to capacity. Enthusiasm for these courses has continued unabated over the years. Other educational activities included lectures at centres throughout the country, publication of the *Journal*, *Sports Turf Bulletin* and other articles for the sports press.

(d) Finance

The financial problems of running a voluntary, non-profit organisation are considerable and were increased by the general economic difficulties during 1968. The end result, a small deficit, was not in itself serious and served to underline the need for full support from all concerned with sports and amenity turf.

- (2) A message of loyal greetings was sent to H.R.H. The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron of the Institute.
- (3) The following elections were made:—

President, The Duke of Norfolk; Vice-Presidents, Carl Bretherton, Esq., Sir William Worsley; Chairman, Alan Sowden, Esq., M.I.C.E.; Vice-Chairman, Carl Bretherton.

THE SPORTS TURF RESEARCH INSTITUTE

Two Courses of Instruction were held at the Institute as usual this spring, 14th to 18th and 21st to 25th April respectively. A total of 51 students attended both courses.

Further courses will be held at Bingley during the periods 7th to 11th July, 13th to 17th October, 20th to 24th October and 27th to 31st October. All these courses are fully booked apart from the last one on which there still remain a few vacancies.



THE SPORTS TURF RESEARCH INSTITUTE Course of Instruction—21st to 25th April 1969

Left to right:—
Back Row:—R. S. Howlett (Ferndown G.C.), A. H. F. Jiggens (Chester G.C.), J. Wilson (Brodick G.C.), G. Arnold (Erewash Valley G.C.), R. Wiltshire (Port of Bristol Authority), H. J. Hurford (Royal Guernsey G.C.), D. J. Rawlins (Denham G.C.), B. Fish (Ralston G.C.), F. Porter (Portishead U.D.C.).

Middle Row:—T. R. Rawson (Kent County Council), B. T. Govett (Kent County Council), J. Walker (Doncaster Town Moor G.C.), R. F. Buchanan (Wollaton Park G.C.), R. Hughes (Whittington Barracks G.C.), J. W. Bossley (Orsett G.C.), D. J. Webster (Orsett G.C.), B. Hill (Milnrow U.D.C.).

Front Row:—K. Wilson (Alderley Edge G.C.), R. Baldwin (Burnley G.C.), S. Hobson (Abbeydale G.C.), D. H. McQuilkin (Corby U.D.C.), J. D. Lowery (Ringway G.C.), J. Cousin (Hayling G.C.), A. C. Hack (North Cliff G.C.), D. W. Smerdin (East Devon G.C.).



CORRESPONDENCE

Carmarthen Golf Club, Rhydymarchog, Newchurch, Carmarthan.

Dear Sir,

I would like to clarify a slight error in the *Journal*. The Autumn Meeting of the Welsh Section is listed as being held at the "CARMARTHENSHIRE GOLF CLUB". While heartily agreeing with this flattering description, may I point out that there are two other golf clubs in the county, Ashburnham and Glyn Hyr, and there is a certain amount of rivalry between the three of them. Therefore to avoid open warfare in the hills and the valleys could our address be amended in the next issue of *The British Golf Greenkeeper*.

I am not quite sure if you mentioned a periscope in one of your articles in the *Journal* as being a rarity on a golf course. We have had a 20-footer on our

16th tee in use since 1933.

Regarding your recent article on dog-legs you don't have to go outside the Principality to find some excellent examples—our 1st and 17th for instance. Hope to see you at Pyle and Kenfig this August; try and bring some fine

Hope to see you at Pyle and Kenfig this August; try and bring some fine weather with you this time although it is said that lightning never strikes in the same place twice.

Yours sincerely,

A. PRICE,

Head Greenkeeper.



JUNE	4th 16th 24th 26th	Southern Section A.G.M.—Stirling Castle. Sheffield Section Tournament—Hillsborough Golf Club. Welsh Section A.G.M.—Royal Porthcawl Golf Club. Midland Section Annual Match v. President's Team.
JULY	1st 9th 21st	Northern Section Tournament—Horsforth G.C. South-West Section Annual Tournament. Midland Section A.G.M. Midland Section Habberley Cup Habberley G.C.
AUGUST	11th 12th 13th	B.G.G.A. Annual Tournament—Pyle and Kenfig Golf Club.
SEPT.	11th 16th 17th 18th	Southern Section Autumn Tournament—Crews Hill G.C. N.A.G. Exhibition—Motspur Park.
	24th 25th	Welsh Section Autumn Meeting—Carmarthen Golf Club. Southern Section visit to ATCO.
OCTOBER	15th	Southern Section Greenkeepers v. Secretaries.



HON. SECRETARY'S NOTES

Pyle and Kenfig Golf Club, Porthcawl

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that fifty-second Annual General Meeting of the British Golf Greenkeepers' Association will be held at the Pyle and Kenfig Golf Club, Porthcawl, on Monday, 11th August 1969, at 2.30 p.m. Notice of resolutions must be sent in writing to the Hon. Secretary TWENTY-ONE DAYS before the date of the meeting. Under Rule 29, proxies may be voted at all General Meetings. A Form of Proxy may be obtained from the Hon. Secretary and returned not later than the first post on Wednesday, 6th August.

The Annual Tournament

The fifty-second Annual Golf Tournament will be held at the Pyle and Kenfig Golf Club, Porthcawl, on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, 11th, 12 and 13th August 1969. Entry forms appeared in the June *Journal*.

Programme

Monday, 11th August: Morning—18 holes, Stableford; Afternoon—Annual

General Meeting at 2.30 p.m.

Tuesday, 12th August; 36 holes Medal: News of the World Cup (scratch); Senior Division (plus to 11); Junior Division (12 to 24); the Artisan Medal: the Jubilee Cup (Team Prize off handicap); "The Coming of Age" Cup.

Wednesday, 13th August: Morning— 18 holes Medal: Afternoon—Prize distribution, 3 p.m.

Handicaps

Section secretaries will be asked to verify the handicaps of all competitors from their records before the tournament. All handicaps must be based on the National Golf Union's handicapping system.

Executive Committee

A meeting of the Executive will be held at the Pyle and Kenfig Golf Club, Porthcawl, on Sunday, 10th August 1969, at approximately 5.30 p.m.

Trophies

May I remind holders of trophies from last year's tournament who are not taking part this year to ensure that these are returned to the Pyle and Kenfig Golf Club before Saturday, 9th August.

Annual Draw

May I remind members that all counterfoils and moneys should be returned to their Section Secretary and NOT to me.

Open Championship

The Secretary of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club has again kindly forwarded 12 passes for the "Open" at Royal Lytham and St Annes Golf Club from 9th to 12th July. Any member who would like to make use of one should apply to me as soon as possible—first come first served.

C. H. Dix.

SITUATIONS VACANT

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FULLY EXPERIENCED HEAD GREEN-KEEPER will be required in September on retirement of present greenkeeper. Salary by negotiation. Please forward recent references and details of experience to the Secretary, Ashburnham Golf Club, Pembrey, Carmarthenshire.

News



from the Sections

MIDLAND

By R. Goodwin

G. HART (Gay Hill)

Hon. Secretary: 167 Birmingham Road, Lichfield, Staffs.

Spring Tournament

The Spring Tournament was played over 27 holes at the Coventry Golf Club, Finham Park, on Wednesday, 7th May.

Despite continuous heavy rain on the

previous day, the course was in excellent condition, a real credit to Geoff Bunting and his green staff.

The prizes were presented by the Club Captain, Mr Field, who welcomed green-keepers to the Coventry Golf Club, and hoped that everyone who had played had

enjoyed their day's golf. The Section Chairman, G. Hart, thanked Mr Field for allowing greenkeepers the privilege of playing over such a wonderful course. He then went on to thank the indoor staff, in particular, Mr and Mrs Williams, Steward and Stewardess, for the excellent meals provided during the day. Head Greenkeeper, Geoff Bunting and his staff for all their hard work to ensure that the course was in such a fine condition, and Bill Payne of Ransomes, Frank Cashmore our Treasurer, for looking after the score cards, etc., Reg Pugh for making arrangements for the tournament and prizes.

Prize-Winners

Best net 27 holes.

D. Brazier-105 net-Ransomes Cup and gold watch.

Best gross 27 holes.

W. Marnock 121-Sutton Cup and wall

Division I (scratch to 12).

R. Pugh 113 net-bathroom scales.

E. H. Benbow 113½ net—bottle of Scotch.

G. Woodward 118 net-bottle of gin.

T. Jones 120½ net—cooking set.

Division II (13 to 24).

R. Hughes 108 net—pullover.

M. Hall 108 net-pullover. G. Bunting 108 net-1 dozen Dunlop 65s.

R. Smith 109½ net—beer mug and 6 golf balls.

T. Morris 110 net-beer mug and 6 golf balls.

D. Haynes 112 net-butter dish and glass vase.

Best morning 9 holes

R. Pullen 33 net-3 Dunlop 65s. Player having 2s.
T. Jones and E. Leeson—1 golf ball.

Visitor's Prize

Mr L. Hatton 68-6 Dunlop 65s.

Prize Donors

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Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting, Habberley Cup and Summer Cup will take place at the Habberley Golf Club, Kidderminster, on Monday, 21st July, by kind permission of the Captain and Directors of the Habberley Golf Club Limited.

Annual Match against the President's Team

I would like to see a good turn out by the greenkeepers for our match against Mr Bretherton's team on 26th June. Please make every effort to come along to Handsworth for this very splendid evening's golf.

Congratulations

Our congratulations go to Mr and Mrs Vic Smith who have recently become the proud parents of a baby daughter.

And congratulations also to Alan Kite who has recently been made First Assistant at the Sutton Coldfield Golf Club.

New Members

I am pleased to welcome to the Section

the following new members:

J. Bevan, R. Mercer, W. Wyke all of
Little Aston Golf Club; Alan Cutler and Anthony Cutler of Edgbaston Golf Club; J. Munro, Boldmere Golf Club; D. Rowe, South Staffordshire Golf Club; R. J. Williams of Walmley Golf Club.

SOUTHERN

By F. W. Ford

Chairman: J. K. GLASS (Thorpe Hall) Hon. Secretary: 68 Salcombe Gardens Mill Hill, N.W.7 Tel: 01-959 2847

Spring Tournament

The Annual Spring Tournament was held at the Beaconsfield Golf Club on Wednesday, 7th May, by kind permission of the Captain and Committee of the Club. The 60 members who competed had a very enjoyable day's golf due to the combined efforts of the weather, Bob Plain and his staff, Mr and Mrs Joyce and staff, Mr Braddon, the Captain of the Club, and Alec Crombie, the professional, Dave Craig and Philip Marshall, the markers of the cards, Bill Holloway and Ted Hammond, starters, and John Fields, who sold ball sweep tickets and earned £3 10s. for the Section Funds. To all the above and anyone else who helped to make it such a memorable day I would like to say thank you. The big moment came at last and the prizes presented by Mr Braddon, Captain of Beaconsfield, were as follows:

Best Morning—S. Kilby (South Herts) 67 net. Best Afternoon—E. C, Brown (Beaconsfield) 70 net.

36-Hole Scratch Prize—B. Payne (Beaconsfield) 77-76—153.

36-Hole First Year—1st G. Gething (Flackwell Heath) 88-84—172; 2nd A. Finnie (Hampstead) 89-87—176; 3rd B. Piggott (Henley) 86-96—182; 4th H. Claydon (Flackwell Heath) 92-93—185.

Coming of Age Cup 18 Holes—1st G. Piggott (Henley) 73 net; 2nd A. E. Creese (Bognor Regis) 75 net; 3rd H. Rogers (Reading) 75 net.

36-Hole Medal—1st L. Coyte (Romford) 74-65—139 net; 2nd I. P. Smith (Limpsfield) 64-74—140 net; 3rd F. W. Ford (South Herts) 73-68—141 net; 4th A. E. Watson (Tyrills Wood) 70-71—141; 5th E. James (Parkstone) 71-71—142; 6th E. R. West (Broadstone) 72-73—145; 7th D. Major (Bletchworth) 74-73—147; 8th P. Ainsworth (Hadley Wood) 70-77—147; 9th A. Stenhouse (Hendon) 73-75—148; 10th J. Cavanagh (New Malden) 77-72—149; 11th F. Hayter (Enfield) 78-72—150; 12th P. Piggott (Henley) 78-72—150; 13th R. Hollington (Romford) 78-73—151; 14th J. Dodds (Ampfield) 76-75—151; 15th J. Kirkpatrick (Dulwich) 76-75—151; 16th D. Neville (Gog Magog) 76-75—151.

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New Members

A warm welcome to the following new members:—

A. Finnie (Hampstead), Perse (Finchley), D. Mason (Croham Hurst), H. Taylor (Surbiton), R. Cheek, N. Gibbons and T. Coles (South Herts).

Autumn Tournament

The Section Autumn Tournament will be held at Crews Hill Golf Club on Thursday, 11th September.

Congratulations

Best wishes to A. F. Arnold who has almost completed 50 years as Head Greenkeeper. Looking back over his 62 years of association with golf clubs he recalls in his letter to me that he joined the Royal St George's Golf Club at Sandwich on leaving school, enlisted in the Terriers at the age of 16 and served through the First World War. Immediately after the war he accepted the invitation to go to Wales to become Head Greenkeeper to the Aberdovey Golf Club and stayed there for 10 years. Returning to Southern England in 1929 he joined the Rye Golf Club where he is still in harness at the age of 76. Congratulations from all the Southern Section, Mr Arnold, and we hope you will continue with the good work and enjoy many more years of good health.

Transfer

G. Darby has left Burnham Beeches to join the Birstall Golf Club, Leicestershire, in the East Midland Section.

Subscriptions

Thank you for your response to my request for early remittances but I would like to remind some members again of the present *subscription rates. Class A, £1 12s. 6d.; Class B, £1 2s. 6d.; Class C, 16s. 6d. I would also like to thank you in advance for selling draw tickets and to remind you that all counterfoils, unsold tickets and moneys must be returned to me by Monday, 28th July.

SHEFFIELD

By H. Gillespie

Chairman: G. HERRINGTON (Lindrick) Hon. Secretary: 63 Langsett Avenue, Sheffield, S6 4AA.

Annual General Meeting

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING was held at the Brunswick Hotel on 24th April with 15 members present.

The minutes of the last meeting were read, confirmed and signed.

Statement of Accounts

The Treasurer presented a healthy looking balance sheet, and in reporting on its contents stated that the introduction first summer of a 2s. 6d. competition entry fee had improved the income side. The accounts were accepted.

Election of Officers

President, Mr Shardlow; Vice-Presidents, Messrs B. Elliott, L. J. Haynes, J. Hickling, E. W. Park, B. H. Webster, H. F. Yeomans; Chairman, G. Herrinton; Vice-Chairman, J. Baxby; Secretary, H. Gillespie; Treasurer, R. Whitehead were all re-elected en-bloc; Committee, H. Herrington, E. Palmer, R. N. Maltby and J. Marshall.

Life Membership

The following three names were unanimonsly elected Honorary Life Members following retirement from greenkeeping: D. Sadler, J. Lomas and B. Crookes. We wish them well and hope they have a long and happy retirement.

Tournaments

Dates and venues for the President's Prize and the Annual Tournament and these are being arranged. The Sheffield Union Greenkeepers' competition will be at the Hillsborough Golf Club on 16th June.

Handicaps

E. Palmer 18 to 17; H. Tanfield 7 to 8.

NORTH-WEST

By H. M. Walsh

Chairman: T. Brennan Hon. Secretary: 78 Hadfield Street, Oldham, Lancs.

Spring Tournament

Our thanks are due to the Captain and Council of the Southport and Ainsdale Golf Club for their kindness in granting us the courtesy of the course and the facilities of the clubhouse on the occasion of our Spring Tournament and A.G.M. which was held on Tuesday, 13th May, and our thanks also to Mr and Mrs Hirst, the Steward and Stewardess, for the very excellent meal provided, to Mr Maudesley and his staff for all the work done to make the course in tip-top condition. Our thanks to Mr G. Vaughan and N. Barlow for their invaluable help with the cards, meal tickets, etc., and a sincere thank you to all prize donors-Messrs R. Fielding, Brown, Squadron-Leader C. L. Clint, our friends in the trade—Messrs SAI Horticulture Ltd., Joseph Metcalf Ltd., W. Wilcocks & Son, W. E. Savenbutts Ltd., W. Burrows (Manchester) Ltd., H. Henderson & Son, Sutton & Sons Ltd., Carters Tested Seeds, Rigby Taylor Ltd. Mr W. E. Wilding, the Captain, extended to us a very warm welcome and was so pleased to see so many turf experts gathered together. Mr O. P.



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Jones, our Chairman, extended the thanks of all the members to all concerned in making this occasion a very pleasing one. Mr Wilding then presented the prizes to the winners. Over 27 holes.

Results

Scratch prize—K. Gardener 107.

1st net-R. Hayhurst 97.

2nd net—K. Gardener 105½. 3rd net—R. Vickers 111. 4th net—K. Holmes 112½.

5th net-F. Halstead 113.

6th net-R. Fielding 115.

7th net-D. Macavoy 116.

8th net—J. Macdonald 116. 9th net—T. Brennan 118.

10th net-J. Ratcliffe 119. 11th net-E. Drage 119.

12th net-E. Macavoy 119.

13th net—J. Gillott 119½.

14th net—J. Catlow 1201. 15th net—D. Pate 1201.

The Visitor's Prize over 18 holes was won by T. Wolvendale. Net 73.

A very good attendance indeed with about 48 members and visitors taking part.

Subscriptions

Will all members please note that subscriptions are now due. Please send them to the Treasurer, E. Macavoy, 21 White Meadows Drive, Thornton, Liverpool, and not to me.

A.G.M.

The A.G.M. was very well attended, and after the meeting opened with the reading of the minutes, etc., Mr Jones, our retiring Chairman, thanked the members of the committee for their help in his year of office, and then introduced and welcomed the new Chairman, Mr T. Brennan, who then suitably replied and proceeded with the business of the election of officers which resulted as follows:

President, W. Kinsey, Esq.; Vice-Presidents voted en-bloc; Vice-Chairman, D. Pate, Esq.; Secretary, H. M. Walsh; Treasurer, E. Macavoy. The following members were voted to the Committee: Messrs J. Rhodes, W. Sumner, R. Janoviskis, J. Gillett, O. P. Jones, ex-officio.

Scrutineers were Messrs J. Robinson and J. Boucher.

It was resolved when Any Other Business took place that F. Halstead be recommended for Hon. Life Membership of the Association.

New Members

We welcome to the section the following new member Mr Marsh, Gathurst Golf Club, and hope his association with the section will be a happy one.

NORTHERN

By J. Parker

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

President's Prize

THE TOURNAMENT FOR THE President's Prize will be played over the course of Horsforth Golf Club on Tuesday, 1st July, by courtesy of the Club Committee. Play will start at 3.30 p.m. and members will be allocated partners on arrival.

Subscriptions

Members are reminded that subscriptions became due on 1st May. Prompt payment would be much appreciated.

SOUTH-WEST

By A. Cockfield

Chairman: SCOONES

Hon. Secretary: Clarence Terrace Claverton Down, Bath.

New Member

WELCOME TO R. G. GATES, PRIM-ROSE Cottage, Westonbirt, Tetbury, Gloucs., who succeeds H. Jenkins on the 9-hole course at Westonbirt. Mr Jenkins who retired last year must have been there for at least 35 years. We wish him many more years of good health and good fortune on his retirement.

Resignations from the Section

R. Parr of Bath Golf Club and J. Honey of Lansdown Golf Club, Bath, have both resigned from the Section. Both these young men had a course at Bingley and appeared set for a long greenkeeping career.

Date of the Annual Tournament

The Annual Tournament will take place at the Henbury Golf Club on Wednesday, 9th July, and will be a 36-hole Medal.

Congratulations

Congratulations to L. Millar of Burnham and Berrow Golf Club for being runner-up in the Somerset County Championship. Better luck next time.

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Salmon and Cheese

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butter. Bake until golden brown. Serve with parsley sauce.

To serve 4 people.

Salmon Flan

You will require one flan case; this could be made a few days before and stored in an airtight tin. 1 lb of salmon, ¹/₄ pint of home-made mayonnanse, 1 lb. of fresh garden peas cooked, a small piece of cucumber, lemon slices, chopped parsley.

Remove any bone and skin from the salmon. Flake and mix with the mayonnaise. Put into one half of the flan case. In the other half put the cold peas with the cucumber peeled and diced. Garnish with lemon slices, and sprinkle with the chopped parsley.

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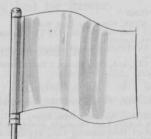
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