

News



from the Sections

MIDLAND

By R. Goodwin

Chairman:
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 greenkeepers 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 clock.

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

We are indebted to the following prize donors for making the tournament a success:

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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
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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.

Prize Donors

I would like to thank the following firms who contributed towards our prize giving:—

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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 Lanszett 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 unanimously 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 120½.
- 15th net—D. Pate 120½.

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:
I. SCOONES

Hon. Secretary:
10 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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