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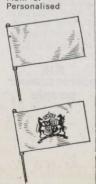


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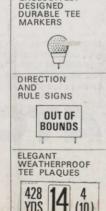
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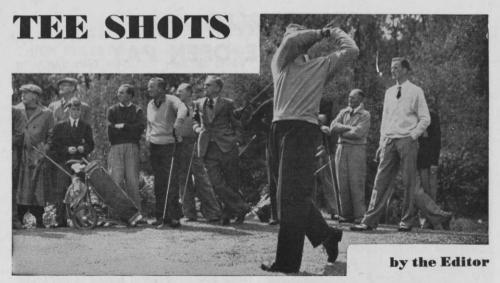
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Mr Jim Ashwell, who used to travel the Midlands as a supplier of golf equipment, has planned a 7,000-yard course on 140 acres of farm land at Aldridge near Birmingham. His consortium of five people includes the farmer, Mr Laurence Swain, who owns the land. The first application for planning consent was turned down. An appeal was heard and the Ministry's decision is now awaited. Mr Ashwell has played golf for some nine years since an injury stopped his cricketing career. He represented Staffordshire at cricket and hockey.

Discussions are taking place for the construction of a new course for Redditch Golf Club. The present one will disappear under new town development.

After a public enquiry Doncaster Rural Council has been given authority to go ahead with the development of 90 acres at Crookhill Hall, 50 acres being destined for a public golf course. The Ministry of Housing and Local Government inspector reported that the site gave a unique opportunity to provide a golf course in good scenic surroundings.

The new Billingham Golf Course had its official opening last month. Mr John Todd, of Brancepeth Castle, President of the English Golf Union, drove off the first ball.

Mr Gordon Higginson joined Wilpshire Golf Club in 1961 when his handicap was about 10. He became Chairman of the Handicap Committee. Now his handicap is 18. However Mr Higginson has just retired after 46 years' service with the Royal Insurance Company.



MAKING THE OPEN PAY

by REG MOORE

THE Open Golf Tournament should be the major attraction of our golfing season. As a sacred event, it is an institution worth preserving and improving. It is as British as Trooping the Colour or cricket at Lord's. It deserves a better fate than just another tournament!

As the one British golf tournament every year that can stir the public imagination, it still takes second place to exhibition matches on television by the giant Americans and Gary Player.

The Open suffers from our balance of payments problem. Income from recent tournaments has cleared £20,000 in admission charges and £2,500 in entry fees. Parking fees bring in £16,000 a year, with programme sales, advertising, film rights, television screening and sundries.

Losses

But far from providing British golf with a healthy balance in the kitty, the Hoylake Open recently lost £1,500 and Muirfield slightly more. Meantime, more spectators must be attracted to the event each year while the R. and A. endeavour to make good the arrears.

Television might help repay some of the fees, but obviously this cannot last for ever. Fees have to remain modest to attract the promising field youngsters.

Cash awards will surely increase, for the day has long since passed when golfers qualified for the Open mainly for its prestige value. The appeal of the Open is universal, but will only remain so as long as overseas stars are attracted to the event. The top professionals in America are ranked by the amount of money they earn.

The champions of the world may think long and hard about taking in the Open on their itinerary if prize money doesn't match the top Open events on the other side of the Atlantic.

More Money

Unfortunately, the R. and A. cannot afford to keep up the present standard of promotion and prize money. Only by raising the entrance fee, or getting more from the television rights and advertising, will the Championship officials bridge the gap.

But the event is so popular throughout the world, that voluntary appeals should be made and golfers could contribute into a Championship Fund. The events leading up to it are merely the prelude to this one great event on the British golfing calendar. As the symbol of British golf, the Open deserves support from every golfer.

Footnote

Total "Open" prize money this year will be £30,335, the winner getting £4,250, an increase of £1,250 over last year.

BEN ELLIS RETIRES

BEN ELLIS retired at the beginning of April 1969 from his post as Head Greenkeeper at Romiley Golf Club in Cheshire, a post he has held since leaving Reddish Vale Golf Club in 1930. The Romiley Club have made Ben a Life Member and the members are subscribing to a fund which, together with a testimonial bearing 500 signatures, will be presented to Ben on Captain's Day in June.

Ben Ellis is a well-known and respected character locally but his fame has spread wider than the boundaries of Romiley. He was, for 13 years, Secretary of the North-West Section of the B.G.G.A. and has been its Chairman. He has also represented the North-West Section on the General Council of the B.G.G.A.

It is now reported that Ben intends to devote his time to playing golf and getting his handicap of 12 reduced. Good luck to him and look out Romiley golfers.





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since May 1966.

Sir Peter is a director of Anglia Television Ltd., has been chairman of the Ministry of Agriculture Sugar Beet Research and Education Committee since 1957; he is a Trustee of the Royal Agricultural Society of England; a member of East Suffolk and Norfolk River Authority; and a member of Norfolk Agricultural Station Executive Committee.

In 1956 Sir Peter was a member of the Agricultural Delegation to Russia and of the Merritt Working Group,

N.I.A.E. in 1964/5.

In 1966 he was High Sheriff of Suffolk, and since 1967 has been President of East Suffolk Branch of the Country Landowners' Association. He is a former member and chairman of Suffolk Agricultural Executive Committee, was a member of East Suffolk County Council for 15 years, and for a time was chairman of the Smallholdings Committee.



Sir Peter, aged 54, farms 3,000 acres at Butley and Orford in Suffolk. He was educated at Winchester College, and took a B.A. degree in agriculture at Trinity College, Cambridge. During his military service he served in the Surrey and Sussex Yeomanry R.A., T.A., and gained the T.D. and a Mention in Despatches in 1946. From 1940-45 he was a prisoner of war in Germany.



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	13th	North-West Section Spring Tournament.	
	14th	East Midland Spring Tournament.	
	14th	Northern Section Spring Tournament.	
JUNE	4th	Southern Section A.G.M.—Stirling Castle.	
	16th	Sheffield Section Tournament—Hillsborough Golf Club.	
	24th	Welsh Section A.G.M.—Royal Porthcawl Golf Club.	
	26th	Midland Section Annual Match v. President's Team.	
AUGUST	11th 12th 13th	B.G.G.A. Annual Tournament—Pyle and Kenfig Golf Club.	
JULY	9th	South-West Section Annual Tournament.	

OWED TO HIS LORDSHIP-ONE ROSE ON MIDSUMMER'S DAY

A Rose on Midsummer's Day for Lord and Lady Pilkington.

That is the ground rent with a gracious. old-world touch about it that Grange Park Golf Club. St Helens, will be paving.

The club has purchased the 116 acres of their course at Prescot Road, on a lease of

999 years.

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This required an arrangement for the payment of ground rent. In the hardheaded world of business it is usually a cash sum. But it can be a "peppercorn" rent—a gesture rather than a business transaction.

The courtly gesture of a rose came when Lord Pilkington and the Grange Park captain, Mr Bertie Fairclough, a well-known solicitor in St Helens, were discussing details of the sale of the golf course land.

As they looked out on the clubhouse gardens, they saw the head greenkeeper. Mr Walter Sumner, carrying a bunch of roses.

So Mr Fairclough nominated his ground rent-a rose on Midsummer's Day.

Lord Pilkington was delighted with the suggestion for one of the abiding interests of himself and Lady Pilkington at Windle Hall is rose growing.

On the more prosaic details of the purchase of the golf course land, Mr Fairclough reported to the annual club dinner that members had agreed to contribute £32,000. The remaining £8,000 will be raised by means of a loan.

It means that Grange Park members have now a "home of their own" through the marked generosity of the Pilkington glass group.

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With grateful acknowledgements to the "Wigan Evening Post and Chronicle".

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THOSE WHO SERVE

Number 3 in the series of Profiles by Brigadier C. W. Morton, M.C.

JOSEPH BENEDICT CARRICK

JOSEPH CARRICK is a comparatively young Head Greenkeeper as service goes these days. He is only 53 years of age but has packed a lifetime of experience into his total of 36 years' have been as Head Greenkeeper. He greenkeeping, the last 25 of which first became a greenkeeper in 1933 at Portmarnock Golf Club, Co. Dublin. He went on from there in 1944 as



Head Greenkeeper to Cill Daca Golf Club, Kildare. There he remained until 1953, when he moved to Newlands Golf Club, Dublin.

In 1955, he left Eire and came to England as Head Greenkeeper to the Northamptonshire County Golf Club, where he is still serving. He joined the B.G.G.A. in 1946 when he was getting a wage of only 50/- per week. Now he receives a worth-while wage, plus a free cottage and also a free motor car. He also receives a percentage of the green fees. He tells me that his present club, Northamptonshire County Golf Club, is a very go-ahead club. It has every possible machine and mechanical device to cope with the work. It also

has a grinding machine to keep its machinery in a high state of efficiency.

He thinks the job of greenkeeping is a wonderful vocation. He was instrumental in forming the Irish Section of the B.G.G.A. and held every office of that Section at one time or another. He later became a member of the Executive Committee of the B.G.G.A. He served on the Greenkeeping Advisory Council to the former Board of Greenkeeping Research under the Chairmanship of Mr F. G. Hawtree. He is at present a member of the East Midland Section of the B.G.G.A. A fine record of service over only 36 years and not ended yet by a long chalk.

SAMUEL THOMAS McNEICE

CAMUEL McNEICE, now aged 63, has 43 year's of greenkeeping service to his credit. He is a son of the late G. McNeice who was a founder-member of the B.G.G.A. and Chairman at the time of his death. It was under his father's expert guidance that he served as an apprentice greenkeeper. He first became a greenkeeper at Banstead Down Golf Club. The following year he went as an apprentice to the R.A.C. at Epsom where he drove the first converted T Model Ford to be used on fairways. In 1928 he moved to Hearsall Golf Club, Coventry, where he was first assistant in charge of the greens only. In this year he became a member the B.G.G.A. He moved to Leamington Spa in 1930 to take over the job of Head Greenkeeper and to Stinchcombe Hill Golf Club in 1934. During the war years he became an agricultural engineer. After the war, he went to Robin Hood Golf Club and in 1951 to the Leicestershire Golf Club where he is still serving.

He was Chairman of the B.G.G.A. in 1960/61 and has been a keen golfer all his life. His lowest handicap was 4 but he is now 10. He won the B.G.G.A. Annual Tournament at Sudbury in 1951 playing in the 54-hole Senior Medal and has won many Section tournaments. He has also played for the Scottish Greenkeepers' Association against England. He tells me that his weekly pay when he joined as a boy was 14/-, rising to £2 7s. 6d. when he was 21 years of age. When he became

of the East Midland Section for many years.

He says that he has enjoyed his life as a greenkeeper and is very happy with his present club. He has put in a great lot of experience in his 43 years of greenkeeping and still has seven more years to go for his halfcentury. He will then be 70. All credit to him.

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Few members can have such a fine record of service to the B.G.G.A. Throughout the years he has taken an active part in Association affairs—the formation of the S.W. Section of which he is a past Secretary, the re-forming of the Midland Section after the war, Chairmanship of the Nottingham Section (which is of course now the East Midland Section) and Secretary

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BUGGIES, ELEPHANTS AND EXPERTS

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A number of clubs—among them Moor Park, Berkshire, and the Isle of Purbeck—are now trying them out under leasing arrangements.

The B.B.C. use them at all major televised Tournaments and the P.G.A. now always have a Harbilt as their official "Rules Buggy".

40-YEAR RECORD OF SANDBACH CLUB'S GREENKEEPER

FOR nearly 40 years, Mr Alfred Oakes has been greenkeeper at Sandbach Golf Club, writes Richard Passmore.

When he started working there soon after the club moved to its present site in 1925, he points out that there were 150 members, "many of them gentry".

Mr Oakes, surely one of the most faithful golf club servants in the Midlands, has done invaluable work for the club, as can be seen from the fine conditions of the greens and fairways.

Sandbach Golf Club was formed in 1921, and the course was first laid out on the land off the Congleton road, on the other side of the town. But the land here proved to be unsatisfactory, and in 1925 the club moved to its present site.

In 1937 further land was obtained, and with the lengthening of the second and third holes the par for the course went up to 74 for 18 holes. But after three years the land had to be given up at the request of the War Agricultural Committee. At present the club lease the course and clubhouse from Sandbach Golf Course Ltd.

(With grateful acknowledgments to Richard Passmore and the "Sentinel", Stoke-on-Trent.)

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CAPTAIN WILLIAM MOORE

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Bill Moore found grass research work completely absorbing and eventually became Suttons Turf Research Officer.

His services in a grass advisory capacity were keenly sought. He travelled extensively all over the British Isles advising on golf courses and sports grounds and innumerable private lawns. He was also in demand abroad, especially in Italy, where he visited probably every golf course, and many establishments where thoroughbred horses were reared in that country, and turf for them was so important.

Bill Moore's knowledge of grass was extremely wide, and in the compilation of grass seed mixtures he was a supreme expert. He retired from active work at Suttons in 1967 but even then demands for his services in advisory work continued and kept him very busy.

A prolific writer on grass matters and fluent lecturer, Bill Moore was always keenly interested in the work of such bodies as the National Association of Groundsmen and the Golf Green-keepers Association. He was highly respected by numerous greenkeepers and groundsmen in this country and abroad, and many have reason to feel gratitude to him for a quiet word of advice in a difficult turf problem.

HERE AND THERE

There was a conference on the Theory and Practice of Turfculture at Llandaff Technical College, Cardiff, on

23rd and 24th April.

Speakers included Dr V. I. Stewart, B.Sc., Ph.D., and Dr W. A. Adams, B.Sc., Ph.D., of the Soil Science Unit Aberystwyth. Mr A. Harrison introduced practical demonstrations of SISIS Equipment. The Chairman was Dr J. Bradley-Jones, B.Sc., Ph.D., Plant Pathologist, N.A.A.S., Cardiff.

Objectors may be wasting their time in last-minute attempts, including a petition organised in Woodley, to kill the scheme for a municipal golf course at Old Oak Farm, Easthampstead.

There appears to be only one obstacle to be overcome before the three local authorities can proceed with the scheme

as a joint venture.

Mr & Mrs Cyril Peake, of Honey Tye Farms, Leavenheath, have put forward plans which have been submitted to Melford Rural Plans Committee for an 18-hole golf course on 130 acres of land between Leavenheath and Stoke by Nayland. Mrs Peake said they were first waiting for planning permission before deciding how the course would be developed.

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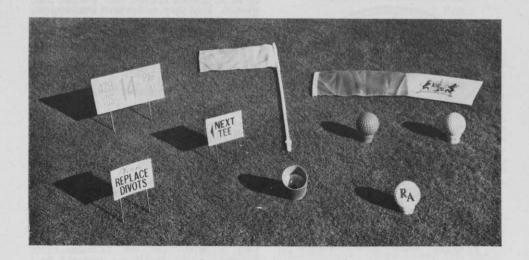
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News



from the Sections

By S. A. Tucker

Hon. Secretary: 36 Clase Road, Chairman: M. GEDDES Morriston, (Royal Porthcawl) Swansea, Glam.

Annual General Meeting

OUR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held on the 24th June at the Royal Porthcawl Golf Club. Will all members who did not sign the sheet at the table at Glamorganshire Golf Club and want to come to the meeting let me know as soon as possible as I have to arrange the catering for lunch and supper very early otherwise some may be disappointed. Make a special note that subscriptions are due and bring your subs with you. This will save Mr Geddes and myself a lot of work.

We will be playing an 18-hole medal competition only with the A.G.M. being held during the rest of the time, so please come as soon as you can so that we can make a good start and then hold our meeting in the afternoon to be followed by supper

with the Secretaries.

Spring Meeting

Our Spring Meeting was held at the Glamorganshire Golf Club on the 16th April. We were very lucky with the weather for it was a fine day with a strong south-easterly wind. We played a 27-hole aggregate medal and I am very pleased to find that my golf has improved. The prize-winners were as follows: 1st S. A. Tucker 115 net (half a dozen wine glasses), 2nd H. Fry 118½ net (candlewick bedspread), 3rd J. Martin 119½ (Ronson lighter given by Pattisson &

Co.), 4th A. Price (one dozen golf balls given by Flymo & Co.). The above winners are scratch to 18 handicap. The 19-24 was won by A. E. Jeffries 124 net (half a dozen fruit spoons). First-year competitor was won by A. Sassby gross (wallet given by May & Baker). Many thanks to these trade firms who helped to make this such a happy day.

SOUTHERN

By F. W. Ford

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A.G.M.

THE SOUTHERN SECTION A.G.M. will take place at the Stirling Castle on Wednesday, 4th June.

Outing

The visit to the ATCO works in Birmingham is now fixed for Thursday, 25th September. To enable me to make final arrangements for the coach, etc., will members wishing to go please let me know as soon as possible.

New Members

The following new members are extended a warm welcome and I hope they will soon join in the section's activities.

D. T. Wishart, P. J. Creese (Hayling Island); R. Elkin (Stoneham); V. F. Brenes (Surbiton); L. Arbon (Woodbridge); and R. Tempest (Hartsbourne).

MIDLAND

By R. Goodwin

Chairman: G. HART (Gay Hill) Hon. Secretary: 167 Birmingham Road, Lichfield, Staffs.

President's Match

THE ANNUAL MATCH AGAINST our President's Team will take place during the evening of Thursday, 26th June at the Handsworth Golf Club.

I have been rather hard pushed to field a team during the last two years, and this

is most disturbing.

Mr Bretherton has a very strong team, and puts in a tremendous amount of work to ensure that this event be a continual success.

I do hope that everyone will make a determined effort to come along to this most enjoyable event, so please make a note of the date—26th JUNE.

Walmley Golf Club Appointment

Geoffrey Smith has recently been appointed Head Greenkeeper to the Walmley Golf Club, Sutton Coldfield.

I am sure that all members will join with me in wishing Geoff a long and happy association with his new club.

Albert Oakly Retires

Albert Oakley, Head Greenkeeper to the Moor Hall Golf Club, Sutton Coldfield, has recently retired after 32 years' continuous service, a fine record.

His efforts over the years can be reflected by the excellent condition of this delightful Parkland course set in the heart of the

Midlands.

Our best wishes go to Albert for a long

and happy retirement.

Jim Stephens, First Assistant for many years, takes over as Head Greenkeeper. Good luck to you, Jim, and all best wishes for a long and successful future in your new post.

NORTH-WEST

By H. M. Walsh

Chairman: O. P. Jones Hon. Secretary: 78 Hadfield Street, Oldham, Lancs.

New Member

WE WELCOME THE FOLLOWING new member to the Section and hope his association will be a long and happy one.

G. H. Norburn, Sandiway Golf Club Ltd., Clubhouse, Sandiway, Cheshire.

NORTHERN

By J. Parker

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

March Lecture

THE LAST LECTURE OF THE session was held in the clubhouse of the Horsforth Golf Club on Wednesday, 13th March. Thirty-five members attended to hear a talk by Mr D. Hardisty, Service Manager of Villiers Engineers Ltd. A most fascinating talk was given, well illustrated with slides and engines, and I am sure all members came away with some increased knowledge of the work going into bringing an engine into production and its workings. A vote of thanks proposed by our Chairman, Mr A. Robertshaw, was heartily endorsed.

Annual Dinner

Sixty members, wives and friends sat down for dinner on the occasion of the Annual Dinner held in the clubhouse of the Horsforth Golf Club on Friday, 21st March. As usual Ron Hartley, the club steward, provided us with a most sumptuous meal. Following the meal, we were entertained by the local Scottish Caledonian Society, who surprised us all by their agility and versatility which even members at a late hour and sustained with liquid refreshment could not match!



Mrs Greenkeeper's



Own Corner

with Ann Mawson

As we all know grapefruit are very good for you. Here is a good tonic and pick-me-up.

Grapefruit Champagne

Cut up 7 grapefruit, place in a large bowl. Pour over a gallon cold water. Let it stand for 10 days then add 4 lb. of sugar, stir well. Let it stand another 10 days, stirring every day, strain into another bowl, and remove all scum. As it rises, let it stand a few more days. Bottle off. Ready for drinking in 4 weeks.

Grapefruit Salad

Mustard and cress, 2 large grapefruit, a bunch of watercress and home-made salad dressing.

Peel the grapefruit, removing all the white pith. Cut into slices across,

remove pips, if any. Cut the slices into quarters, put them in a shallow dish. Pour the home-made salad dressing over the fruit and arrange the mustard and cress and watercress attractively round the edge. This salad is delicious with cold duck.

Grapefruit and Pineapple

2 large grapefruit, about 6 oz. of diced fresh pineapple, a little sugar, a few cherries and a sprig of mint.

Cut the grapefruit into halves, remove the pulp, mix with the pineapple, add sugar to taste, pile back into the grapefruit, decorate with mint sprigs and cherries. Serves 4.

This is very good if you are watching your calories.

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