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The Easthampstead municipal course project is still only a fond dream of the three local authorities concerned. Negotiations to acquire the necessary land have fallen through. R.D.C. and Berks County Councillor Sir Louis Dickers is reported as saying: "This is a tragedy of the first order".

Seventy-three local residents objected to the siting of two holes on Sheffield's new miniature golf course in Longley Park. Members of the Recreation Committee visited the course and played a round. Result? Two holes will be re-sited this autumn and opening will take place in early spring.

Fifty-year-old Arthur Ready, a non-golfer, is converting an old football pitch near Brentwood, Essex, into a driving range. About  $\pounds 10,000$  is being spent on the 12-cubicle range with floodlights, water splashes and the old clubhouse which will become the new 19th.

The Ministry of Housing and Local Government has overruled the Aldridge Brownhills Council's refusal to allow 136 acres of agricultural land to be used for a new golf course. The Minister agreed with his inspector that this part of the Midlands has less than the national average of golf facilities in relation to the population.

Peel's 18-hole course, one of the Isle of Man's best tourist amenities, is threatened by a plan to open a second sand pit on adjoining land. Removal of the sand would have to be across the links.



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# DEEP BUNKERS ARE SAFEST IN A THUNDERSTORM

# by **PETER HEFFORD**

The tragedy which befell a Hertfordshire man while on a golfing holiday in Norfolk a few weeks ago reminds us sadly that golf is not always a safe and tranquil game. Playing in a four-ball at Thetford Golf Club, Richard Clarke, of Harpenden, was struck by lightning and killed. Maurice Robson, of Sarratt, was badly burned and taken to hospital.

The coroner at the inquest on Mr Clarke commented that the only safe thing for a golfer to do during a storm is to go off the course and go indoors.

Naturally this is the soundest advice — but it is not easy advice to carry out on the average golf course.

The nearest shelter is usually a mile or so away. It is not considered safe to stand beneath trees. Although the golfer has a bag full of steel shafted clubs he is disinclined to abandon such valuable property in the middle of the course.

The record books include an unfortunate number of cases of golfers struck by lightning — enough to be significant. The most widely publicised case in recent years was that of the brilliant Scotland and Tottenham Hotspur footballer, John White, who was killed on the course while playing at Enfield.

Some players complain that most golf courses do not have small hut shelters at certain points off the fairways. It would give some psychological comfort to be able to take cover in such a shelter — but official advice states that such places are dangerous in a storm.

In fact, most places seem to be unsafe. Isolated trees, wire fences, hilltops and wide open spaces are to be avoided. The rules of golf specifically allow discontinuation of play if there is any danger of lightning — but where to go?

The United States Golf Association, in a guide to personal safety in thunderstorms, recommends seeking shelter in one of the following places — a cave, a depression in the ground, a deep valley, the foot of a steep or overhanging cliff, dense woods or a grove of trees.

It is regarded as dangerous to raise an umbrella or golf club above one's head — the umbrella ribs or the steel shafts may attract lightning. It is also advisable to lay one's bag of clubs flat on the ground.

While it may sound rather drastic and uncomfortable, it has even been suggested that golf shoes with metal spikes should be taken off.

The main fact arising out of all this advice is to make oneself as inconspicuous as possible, to merge in with larger objects or to lower oneself below the level of the surrounding ground.

It is not easy to do such a thing on, for instance, the flat and open spaces of seaside links, but I imagine one could do worse than lie flat in a deep bunker if a storm becomes desperately bad.

An all-weather putting course on the Hoe at Plymouth will be ready for Mayflower year. The course will not only have a service of "extruded polypropylene felt" but nineteen holes into the bargain.

Dornoch in East Sutherland is debating a plan to build a second 18-hole golf course with golf chalets, enlarged clubhouse, swimming pool, indoor recreation centre, restaurant and licensed air strip.

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# The British Golf Greenkeepers' Association

Minutes of the 52nd Annual General Meeting held at the Pyle and Kenfig Golf Club near Porthcawl, on Monday, 11th August 1969, at 3.00 p.m.

The Association Chairman opened the meeting, at which there were sixty-two members, and invited Mr Carl Bretherton to occupy the Chair. Mr Bretherton thanked the Chairman for the invitation but said that owing to slight trouble with his hearing he did not feel that he could justify the position and said that Mr F. W. Hawtree would be very pleased to deputise for him and conduct the meeting. Mr F. W. Hawtree asked the meeting to stand in silent tribute to those who had died during the year as named in the Secretary's Report.

At the suggestion of the Chairman, the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at Seacroft Golf Club, Skegness, on Monday 12th August 1968 were taken as read, and approved as published in the Journal.

# **Annual Report**

This was read by the Hon. Secretary. Its adoption was proposed by Mr F. W. Ford and seconded by Mr Tucker and unanimously accepted.

# **Financial Report**

Copies of the annual accounts had been posted in the club-house and further copies handed round at the meeting. The Treasurer considered that the finances of the Association were healthy and satisfactory and informed the members that the £200 which had been repaid from the Journal funds had now been transferred to the Benevolent Fund, £100 as investments and £100 in the deposit account. This had been requested at the Executive Meeting when the balance of the Benevolent Fund came under consideration at the last Meeting. It was proposed by Mr Folkes and seconded by Mr Finch that the accounts be adopted. Carried unanimously.

# **Tournament Matters**

The Tournament Sub-Committee elected at the Executive Meeting were Messrs G. Herrington, H. Fry, E. Folkes, F. Cashmore and O. P. Jones, three to form a quorum. It had been agreed that the forward tees on the course should be played during the whole of the Tournament.

The Northern Section had nominated Mr A. Robertshaw as Vice-Chairman to succeed Mr Fry and they were making arrangements for the venue for the 1970 Tournament. They had made enquiries at Filey Golf Club, South Scarborough and proposed, at the request of the Executive Committee, to make enquiries at Ganton.

# **Election of Officers**

President

At the unanimous request of the meeting Mr Carl Bretherton was reelected as President of the Association. Carried unanimously. Mr Bretherton thanked the members and said he would be very pleased to accept this office for 1969/70.

# **Vice-Presidents**

It was proposed by Mr Goodwin and seconded by Mr Drewitt that the Vice-Presidents be re-elected. Carried.

# Chairman

It was proposed by Mr Cockfield and seconded by Mr Tucker that Mr H. A. D. Fry be elected Chairman of the Association, in succession to Mr Herrington. Carried unanimously.

Mr Herrington rose and wished Mr Fry every success in his new office and presented him with the badge of chairmanship. He then thanked the President, Secretary and Executive Committee for the help they had extended to him during his year of office which had been again a very happy experience for him. Mr Fry rose and thanked the meeting for their acceptance of him as their Chairman and hoped he would be able to carry out the necessary duties to their satisfaction. He then presented a tankard to Mr Herrington in appreciation of his services during 1968/69.

# Vice-Chairman

It was proposed by Mr Benbow and seconded by Mr Noakes that Mr A. Robertshaw should be elected Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year. This was carried unanimously and Mr Robertshaw expressed his appreciation for the compliment shown by his election.

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# Secretary and Treasurer

It was proposed by Mr Ford and seconded by Mr Machin that Mr C. H. Dix be re-elected as Secretary and Treasurer. Carried unanimously. Mr Dix thanked the members and expressed his willingness to continue in office.

# **Executive Committee**

It was proposed by Mr Payne and seconded by Mr Roberts that the Executive Committee should be elected as nominated by Sections. Carried.

# Hon. Auditors

It was proposed by Mr O. P. Jones seconded by Mr W. Sumner that Messrs Smallfield, Rawlins and Co. be re-elected as Hon. Auditors.

# Hon. Solicitor

It was proposed by Mr Grealy and seconded by Mr Fordham that Mr R. A. Beck be re-elected Hon. Solicitor. Carried.

# **Any Other Business**

Mr Kingston was of the opinion that something should be done by the promoters of major professional tournaments for this Association to receive a small percentage of the prize money which is made available for these events, particularly in view of the essential part taken by greenkeepers in the preparation of golf courses for these tournaments. After considerable discussion the members were not generally very optimistic of this possibility, but Mr Hawtree said that he would approach Major Bywaters as he thought that if anything could be done this would probably be the best approach.

Mr P. Malia had approached the Secretary with a view to the possibilities of forming a new section comprising the South Coast area of West Sussex, Hampshire and Dorset stating that in this area he thought that about 40 clubs would be interested and that it could well mean a large intake of new members if there was a local centre, possibly in Southampton. His object in bringing forward this suggestion was that the focal point of the Southern Section in London was too far away for the majority of Southern Section members to attend any arrangements made by the Section such as lectures, tournaments and so on. This idea was discussed at some length but it was pointed out that no decision could be made at this stage and the matter would have to be referred to the Executive Committee for their consideration, who would then advise the Southern Section of their findings. Mr Malia offered his apologies for the incorrect approach to this matter which should have been through the Section and he was quite happy to leave the matter for further discussion by the Executive Meeting when fuller information as to its possibilities would be available.

In reference to the election of Vice-Presidents there was a general request from members that the names of Mr P. Marshall and Mr W. Payne, should be added to the list of Vice-Presidents, in appreciation of the tremendous assistance given by these gentlemen at Golf Tournaments throughout the country. The Hon. Secretary was asked to put this proposition forward for the next meeting.

There was nothing further to discuss and the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Chair by Mr Goodwin.



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# **18 HOLES WITH HAWTREE**

# No. 7—TREES

# by FRED HAWTREE

**B**<sup>Y</sup> now, we should have got the framework of the golf course as good as the site permits and the time has come to paper the walls.

Ideally, planting trees should form part of the original conception, they may even be essential to full and interesting use of the ground. They should not be relied on as a safety factor, either present or future, but a good plan will use existing trees as strategic playing features.

Once established, the right varieties need little upkeep and make a welcome addition to the limited number of weapons in the designer's armoury.

Those situated in the fairways will be older than the golf course unless subsequent shifts of tees or greens have made use of planting which was marginal when the course began.

In principle, a tree hazard can be used exactly as a sand bunker but discretion will temper its distance from the tee in order to limit the number of players whose best drive will finish just behind it. In any case it is effective over a much wider area and far more interesting when it modifies but does not block a fair shot.

There are few shots in golf more satisfying than one which sails over trees exactly on target. If the line is optional then blindness is permissible; if it is obligatory, a thin screen obscuring some of the air-space on the way to the green but not the green itself is both decorative and stimulating. The not-too-long short hole is very suitable for this device, often found on courses carried out of pine woods. It is also the hole where the idea can be developed on existing courses by allowing small trees in the carry rough to creep up imperceptibly into view and eventually into play.

But most tree-planting programmes will be restricted to the margins. There are two things on which all golfers seem to be agreed. One, though not altogether relevant here, is that the

West Sussex golf course at Pulborough is perfect. The other is that a course with every hole completely isolated from the others is ideal. Unfortunately, many inland courses, especially round big cities, are laid out on closely parallel lines for maximum length and do not allow enough width between fairways for any considerable density. Here it is better to abandon the idea of total separation and plant as thickly as possible in areas where the fairway can be waisted, connecting the groups with isolated specimens. A thin single line does not enhance the landscape.

Free spaces are still more important round greens for "air drainage". Trees planted as background to greens receive approbation from all except purists but if planting is carried round the sides it should allow air to move across the surface and reduce the risk of fungal attacks.

In colder climates the angle and direction of early morning sun in winter should also be studied. Frost may otherwise persist too long into the day. If there is drip from branches overhanging the green they are too close in any case but grass does not like it any more than it appreciates invasion by tree roots. Mole ploughing round the green or trenching and painting the severed roots with a hormone weedkiller will be needed.

All these factors apply more frequently to tees because it is relatively simple to put a tee back into woodland without disturbing the general effect and the narrow gap often leads to excessive shade and dampness.

The choice of trees for new planting on a golf course should be related to the landscape generally but it is even more important to plant in keeping with the artificial landscape which the golf course itself creates over its hundred acres or so. By the sea, on sandy or gravelly heaths and in pine woods the answer is ready made. Else-(continued on page 14)



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Both during and after the two World Wars he was deeply involved in the decisions of re-organisation and reconstruction. As a chemical manufacturer, F. W. Berk & Company Limited, as it then was, had a key role to play in the munitions industry and Mr Douglas Berk was active both in erecting new plant and finding alternative suppliers in liaison with the Government.

His engineering training was put to good use in both post-war periods. In the earlier period he designed and supervised at Stratford, East London, the erection of a new sulphuric acid plant incorporating one of the largest Glover Towers in Britain—and certainly the largest Gay Lussac. At this time he invented what became known as the Berk Spray, the main feature of which was its impringing jets. In 1947 the first hydrochloric acid plant was erected under his supervision at London Colney, Hertfordshire.

His foresight in anticipating growing capital needs of the Group was demonstrated by his decision in 1949 to "go public". The stock market quotation has enabled Berk Limited to continue its expansion into a wide range of profitable activities.

On a national scale he played a leading part in the representative bodies of the chemical and sand and gravel industries. At his death he was President of the National Sulphuric Acid Association. He was a founder member of both associations. He was responsible for the purchase of the Sand and Gravel Association's Headquarters in Park Lane, and on his retirement from this association in 1966 he was presented with an illuminated scroll in recognition of his "Service to Industry". He was also a liveryman of the Worshipful Company of Horners.

He is survived by his wife Myfanwy.



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# HON. SECRETARY'S NOTES



I have received the following letter from the President of the Italian Golf Federation:—

# Sir,

Due to the important progress of golf in this country, we are often

requested to advise employment of Head Greenkeepers for Italian Golf Courses. The candidates must have overseas experience preferably in climates similar to ours.

Would you please inform us whether any able and experienced Greenkeepers would be prepared to take up jobs with Italian Clubs.

Knowledge of the Italian language is welcome. Nevertheless it is essential that those wishing to be appointed must be prepared to learn elements of spoken Italian in order to establish proper contact and control with Greenkeeping staff.

Thanking you in advance, we remain,

Yours sincerely,

# Gianni Albertini President

If anyone is interested they should write to the President, Federazione Italiana Golf, 00100 Roma, Viale Tiziano 70, Italy.



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where the importation of sand and the slow development of an acid turf guide the selection. A basis of Pine and Silver Birch is widely adaptable, shows green throughout the year being only partly deciduous (small leaves at that) and is a very agreeable mixture in itself. Larch and Spruce can be added sparingly to vary colour and form but the latter should not be used in isolation because of their formal habit of growth. Similarly most Cypress and Thuya look better in the garden than on the golf course.

Oak, Beech, single specimens of Mountain Ash, the Wild Cherry (Gean) can be added, preferably away from greens, but Chestnuts, Planes, Maples (except the Hedge Maple), Sycamores; Ash, and Limes give leaf problems and may have the wrong associations. Poplars are generally best avoided altogether unless landscaping a stream or pool. Local considerations apply near water and in parkland courses where noble specimens may need replacing.

The line between what is wrong on a golf course and right in a garden gets more difficult to draw when choosing shrubs. Gorse and Broom obviously qualify for the golfing landscape: Sallow and Spindle also grow wild and there are plenty of colourful Hawthorns. Rhododendrons may be more demanding but there are many Heathers which tolerate lime. The less vivid Azalea, Forsythia and Dogwoods (but not variegated) might be adopted, but one should stop short of Berberis, double-flowered Almond and other common delights of the smaller nurseryman. No will one object if a few hundredweights of Daffodils are sown at random under the new trees. Exotic subjects can be planted between the club house and the first tee but from that point on our landscape should be native or at least naturalised while accepting imports associations and with informal tolerant of possible exposure.

Some clubs have dedicated remote areas and planted forest nursery stock costing a few pounds per thousand. Planting is rapid, being a dibbing

rather than a digging operation, but losses are severe because planting in grass is not the same as re-planting cleared woodland where vegetation is sparser and brambles give protection. Many trees have a system of fine root hairs, which we never notice when pulling them up, busy in just the same area as grass roots. The 2 x 1 transplant stands a poor chance against a hefty clump of Cocksfoot. After a few years, unless clearing round each tree has been regular, it is difficult to see either the wood or the trees. Near play the upkeep of the rough normally demands a planting interval of triple gang mower width and very small trees would not stand much chance.

'Instant " trees will become cheaper as more specially prepared stock becomes available. Unless so prepared they must be transplanted by the machines designed for the job. But it is still desirable to prepare larger trees on the course to be transplanted by trenching round and filling the trench with peat a year or two before they are moved. And it still has to be demonstrated that 25ft. of lanky tree, which may need guy ropes for a year or two and may fade away meanwhile, is better than a 6ft. specimen which will develop into a handsome shape and be a feature in under ten years if properly planted.

All the trouble taken in selecting and planning will be set at naught if the planting is not done with all the care lavished on a putting green. And care must continue for a year or two afterwards. Thorough preparation of the holes, careful spreading of the roots, fine soil well firmed round them but not puddled, a stout stake, physical protection - nothing can be neglected. If planting is done at the right season, only an exceptional drought need cause alarm and there is nothing against judicious fertilising with or without water. Then if the grass is kept back (and contact herbicides with a shield simplifies this) if tree-ties are checked, vermin kept out and errant golfers exhorted, it is surprising how soon a plantation will begin to make a show. Life is not so (continued on page 16)



The new Morrison 20 in. "Golfmaster" introduced by the Institutional Division of Flymo Limited of Waiford at the I.P.A. Exhibition, Eastbourne, and the N.A.G. Exhibition, Motspur Park, in September.

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short on a golf course and future generations will be grateful for what is done now, even if you only start a nursery to make the job cheaper in their time.

Many committees discuss tree planting — not so many carry it to its logical conclusion. One of the best examples of what can be done on an inland course both from the landscape and playing points of view can be seen at the South Staffordshire Golf Club at Tettenhall. The scheme is still relatively young but is already transforming the course. Can you, as the saying goes, afford not to?

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# News



# from the Sections



Chairman: G. HART (Gay Hill)

# By R. Goodwin

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

Winter Lecture

A Lecture has been arranged for Tuesday, 9th December at the Old Crown Hotel, Corporation Street, at 7 p.m. Further details will be published in next month's journal.

## **Annual Dinner**

The Annual Dinner will take place at the Walmley Golf Club, Wylede Green, Sutton Coldfield, on Friday, 24th October at 7.30 p.m. Members requiring tickets please contact me or Mr Cashmore of 76 Four Oaks Common Road, Sutton Coldfield.



By J. Parker

Chairman: A. ROBERTSHAW

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

### Handicaps

Your committee have made the following changes in handicaps:—J. Doull 13 to 10, D. Spurden 14 to 12, G. Mason 13 to 15, R. Lewis 10 to 12, D. Ward 16 to 13 and C. Ramsden 18 to 16.

## **New Members**

We welcome to the Section the following new member:-J. E. Storey, 138 Mead Way, Woodside Estate, Bradford, 6. (Halifax West End G.C.)

### Lectures

Arrangements are in hand for the usual winter

series of lectures to commence early in November. Also to have a Christmas Social and a dinner in the New Year. These again will be held in the clubhouse of the Horsforth Golf Club by the kind permission of the club committee.

# SHEFFIELD

Chairman: G. HERRINGTON (Lindrick)

By H. Gillespie Hon. Secretary: 63 Langsett Avenue Sheffield, S6 4AA

# **President's Trophy**

The President's Trophy match was played at Sickleholme Golf Club, by kind permission of the captain and committee, on Tuesday, 19th August. Only 15 members took part, holidays etc. being responsible for the missing numbers. Conditions were perfect both course and weatherwise and much credit is due to Jim Strotard and his staff. The inner man was more than satisfied by the stewardess.

The prizes were presented by the president, Mr A. Shardlow, and we owe him all our thanks and appreciation for yet another memorable day.

The prize winners:—C. Chappell, 32 points; R. N. Maltby, 31 points; E. Ainsworth, 30 points.

## Winter Lectures

The arrangements for the winter lectures are almost complete. These will again be held on the last Thursday of the month at the Brunswick

- Hotel, Haymarket, commencing at 7.15 p.m. 30th October-Ransomes Films, Mr G. Vaughan.
  - 27th November-S.T.R.I., Mr J. D. Joss, Drainage on Golf Courses.
  - 29th January-to be arranged.
  - 26th February-Sutton Seeds Ltd., Mr R. W. Palin, Golf Course Design and Construction.
  - 26th March-Rentokil Ltd., Pest Control on Golf Courses.
  - 30th April-Annual General Meeting.

### **Bon Voyage**

We send our best wishes to F. Frost of Sickleholme Golf Club who is going out to Bermuda to work on one of the golf courses there. Good luck to you Frank, perhaps you will write to us some time and let us know of the differing conditions.



Chairman: P. McCarron

# By S. Fretter Hon. Secretary: 4 Queens Drive, Leicester Forest East, Leicester.

# **Annual General Meeting**

The Annual General Meeting was held at the Anchor Inn, Hathern, on Wednesday, 20th August 1969. The attendance was very poor. The following were elected for the ensuing year:-President, A. J. E. Cook; Vice Presidents were elected en bloc; Treasurer, A. Thornton; Secretary S. Fretter; Section Representative, S. Fretter; Chairman, P. McCarron; Vice Chairman, J. Carrick; Committee, P. M. McCarron, J. Carrick, A. Thornton, G. Arnold, G. Fillis, R. O'Hara.

# New Member

We would like to welcome to the section A. J. Pilgrim, of Willesley Park Golf Club; F. R. Fogg, Luffenham Heath Golf Club; G. Darby, Birstall Golf Club, and wish them a long stay with us. We also welcome Mr Blackburn to this section

as a Vice President.

## Subscriptions

Will all members please note that subscriptions are now due.

(We apologise for any inconvenience caused by the omission of the East Midland Section Notes in last month's Journal).



By H. M. Walsh

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

# **Autumn Tournament**

As stated in previous issues of the journal the Autumn Tournament will be held at the Lestock Park Golf Club, Bolton, on Thursday 16th October, starting times from 9 a.m. Best wishes for a pleasant day.

# Winter Lectures

The first of our talks for this winter's series will be given by T. L. Hewitt Esq., of ATCO, Longton Service Branch, Preston, Tuesday 28th October. The venue will be The Brunswick Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester, at 7.30 p.m. Please let me have as good an attendance as for previous talks.

Other speakers for future talks will be A. Fairhurst, Wrightington, Messrs H. Ratcliffe & G. Smythe, and B. Metcalf. Dates for these talks will be in the next issue of the journal.

# Green Chairmen v. Greenkeepers

It was proposed at the last meeting of the committee that a match between Green Chairmen and Greenkeepers be arranged. Will members who think their Green Chairmen would be interested in this venture please contact me as soon as possible so that I can make arrangements for venue, time etc.

### **New Members**

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

be a long and happy one. J. Bond, Dean Wood Golf Club, Laford Lane, Upholland, Wigan; Mr. P. K. Corless, Miller and Towncliffe Golf Club, Gibb Lane, Tarden Nr. Stockport, Cheshire. SOUTHERN

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

# **Autumn Tournament**

The Autumn Tournament was played at Crews Hill Golf Club on Thursday, 11th September 1969. Eighty members and guests completed from the original entry of 94 and except for a shower or two the weather allowed us a good day's golf. As was to be expected the course was in good order and our thanks go to Bert Dixon and his staff for all the extra work they had put in keeping F.U.Z. at bay and getting the course in such good shape for us. The friendly atmosphere of the clubhouse with the atmosphere of the clubhouse with the excellent catering and 19th hole work by Audrey and Jim Holland and staff made it a very pleasant place to come back to. The free trollies from Len Mitchell were much appreciated and I would also like to thank him for his co-operation in buying the extra prizes. These extra prizes were bought with £10 10s. generously given by the Crews Hill Golf Club coupled with a bottle of whisky from the Ladies Section. David Craig with the usual support of John Fields and Ted Hammond worked hard throughout the day taking the money, issuing the cards and sorting out the scores and needless to say there were no hitches in that direction except perhaps one small one which is really too small to mention! John Fields arrived early arranged the prizes for me, made an imposin the morning, helped with the cards etc., sible to put off return business trip to Reading and organised a record ball sweep. This is an example of the willing support we get from the trade, we even expect it and sometimes even forget to thank them for it, however, on behalf of the Southern Section I would like to thank you Dave, John and Ted and we hope you will keep coming to make many more memorable days for us.

Deputy Vice-Chairman C. A. More thanked everyone who had contributed towards the day and introduced the Captain of Crews Hill Golf Club, Mr Meredith, who said how much he had enjoyed the day's golf. He then presented the prizes which were as follows:—

Four ball better ball a.m.

E. Brown and Mr Jones (Beaconsfield) 43 points—Candelabras.

Greensomes p.m.

S. Morton and R. S. Allis (Old Ford Manor) 37 points—Tudor sherry glasses.

1st Aggregate

J. Noakes and Dr Macarthy (Thordon Park) 77 points—Quadrant Clocks.

2nd Aggregate B Payne and P Chase (

B. Payne and R. Chase (Beaconsfield) 77 points—pair Table lamps. 3rd Aggregate

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A. E. Watson and R. Shannon (Tyrills Wood) 76 points—21-piece tea service.

4th Aggregate C. A. Moore and V. Wilde (Stanmore) 75 points—Barometers.

5th Aggregate

S. Kilby and C. Jones (South Herts) 75 points—Umbrellas.

6th Aggregate D. Major and F. Brittin (Betchworth Park) 73 points—Whisky.

The ball sweep followed the prize giving and raised £8 for the section funds and a very successful meeting ended with a generous "drinks all round" gesture from Jack Noakes.

# **New Members**

A very warm welcome to the following new members D. J. Cockram (Teignmounth), P. Fitzjohn (Sandy Lodge) and R. W. Turner.

# **November** Lecture

On Wednesday evening 5th November at 6.30 p.m. at the Stirling Castle, London Wall, Moorgate, E.C.2, we shall have the pleasure of hearing Freddy Pyne give a talk entitled "Field Drainage".

# **TWO NEWCOMERS**

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Melt half the butter in a casserole dish. Fry one chopped onion until golden brown, add the rice, now add the boiling stock, season and boil for 20 minutes, just before it is ready add the cheese.

In the meantime fry the other chopped onion and sausages with the chicken livers, add the tomato purce with a spoonful of stock and simmer slowly for 20 minutes.

Serve on a large dish surrounded by the rice.

# **Giblets and Rice**

Giblets,  $\frac{1}{4}$  pint of wine, oil for frying, sweet herbs, grated cheese, butter, 1 lb. of rice, salt, pepper, 1 onion, 2 oz. of ham, 1 small tin of tomato puree.



# **Own** Corner

# with Ann Mawson

Boil the rice in the usual way, chop and fry the onion, giblets and ham with salt pepper and sweet herbs.

When cooked, add the tomato puree, diluted in the wine and a teaspoonful of butter. Simmer for 5 minutes. Make a circle of the boiled rice on a large dish, put the giblets in the centre and serve with grated cheese.

# Liver with Boiled Rice

3 tablespoons of cornflour, a little sage, salt, 6 tablespoons of oil, 2 onions,  $\frac{1}{4}$  pint of red wine, 1 lb. of calves liver.

Cut the liver into nice thick slices and roll in salted flour.

When the liver is cooked, (fried in the oil with a little sage) cut into very small pieces. Fry the chopped onions until golden brown, thicken with the flour and add the wine and about half a cup of water, to make the sauce. Simmer for 1 to 2 minutes and return the liver to the sauce to heat.

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