

News



from the Sections

MIDLAND

Chairman:
G. HART
(Gay Hill)

By R. Goodwin
Hon. Secretary:
4 Burton Old Road,
Streechay, 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.

NORTHERN

Chairman:
A. ROBERTSHAW

By J. Parker
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. Spurdin 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 weather-wise and much credit is due to Jim Stotard 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.

EAST MIDLAND

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).

NORTH-WEST

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.

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

By F. W. Ford

Chairman:
J. K. GLASS
(Thorpe Hall)

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 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 trolleys 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 imposition in 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 R. Chase (Beaconsfield) 77 points—pair Table lamps.

3rd Aggregate

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

A younger brother to the world-established Ransomes 86 inch Motor Triple, made its debut at the Institute of Park Administration and National Groundsmen's Exhibition in September. It is ideal for cutting small parks, sports fields, golf approaches and tees.

The Junior, with a cutting width of 73 inches has an actual cutting performance of up to 1½ acres per hour, and, like its big brother has all its three cutting units power driven.

The second new item was the recently introduced range of Golf Course Accessories. Ransomes have designed and produced in Scotland an attractive range of accessories made of light yet strong materials in bright, attractive colours.

A quick change flag with a built-in plastic tube slips onto the flagpole in seconds. These flags can be custom designed with club crest or insignia.

Other items are easily distinguishable tee markers in elegant designs, direction and rule signs in brilliant "Vistolite".

Custom-built fibreglass flagpoles, tee markers and putting green markers are also included in the range.

The full range of Ransomes grass machinery was also on view from the 12 in. Ajax to the 15 ft. 8 in. Trailer Gang Carrier.

SITUATIONS VACANT

WEST KENT GOLF CLUB, Downe, Nr. Farnborough, Kent require Second Greenkeeper. Must be experienced. Good wages and fringe benefits. No accommodation. Apply: Secretary, Farnborough (Kent) 51323 or 51737.

ELSHAM GOLF CLUB, LINCOLNSHIRE, require experienced Head Greenkeeper. Modern house in village. Applications stating experience and references to the Secretary, "Beretun", Brigg Road, Barton on Humber, Lincs.

HEAD GREENKEEPER REQUIRED due to retirement of present Greenkeeper after 48 years' service. Salary according to qualifications. Accommodation available. Apply, stating experience and qualifications, to The Secretary, The Golf House Club, Elie, Fife.

HEAD GREENKEEPER REQUIRED. 18 hole course. Applicants should be experienced. Good salary will be paid and excellent family accommodation provided. Apply Secretary, Home Park Golf Club, Hampton Wick, Kingston on Thames, giving full details of experience, age and qualifications.

FOR HIRE

SISIS AUTOTURFMAN AERATOR, £25 per week—do it yourself. For contract prices telephone Burnell, Eaglescliffe 3647.

MISCELLANEOUS

PROFESSIONALS AND GREENKEEPERS having stocks of used golf balls contact Sparkbrook Golf Ball Co., 295 Highgate Road, Stoney Lane, Birmingham, with a view to filling export orders.