

ANNUAL REPORT — 1969

Administration

It is with a great deal of pleasure that we again congratulate our chairman Mr G. Herrington on a most successful year of office. He was our chairman in 1959 and we all look forward to the time when we can call on him to perform the hat trick.

We look forward to the coming year under the chairmanship of Mr H. A. D. Fry, our present vice-chairman, who so kindly took office after the regretted death of Mr D. Lord. We trust he will have a very happy and successful year.

The Annual Draw was again very well supported by our members, the final result showing an increase on last year, and our thanks are due to all those who made this result possible.

We were again kindly allotted 12 passes for the Open Championship at Lytham by the R. & A., and our sincere thanks are expressed for that privilege. All these passes were quickly taken up, and it is regretted that some members were too late in their application.

The Association were again represented at the Artisan Tournament at Walton Heath, this year by Mr H. Emery in the Senior Division and Mr A. Boraston in the Junior. Although they were not in the prize list, we understand they thoroughly enjoyed the occasion.

As requested last year a copy of the latest recommendations of the Wage Scale Survey had been sent to chairmen of Green Committees of all clubs at which our members were employed, and it is hoped that beneficial results will be derived therefrom.

The Apprenticeship Scheme is still progressing, and the latest figures available are most encouraging. One hundred and eighty-six deeds issued, 132 registered and over 75 completed.

Membership

Once again our membership figures show an increase, and according to Section returns have now reached 810, an increase of 11.

Annual Tournament

The 51st Annual Tournament was held at the Seacroft Golf Club, Skegness, on 12th-14th August 1969 with an entry of close on 70. This proved a very satisfactory and enjoyable occasion. Everything possible was done by the committee, members and staff for our visit, and our sincere thanks are due to everybody concerned for their efforts. We would also again like to emphasise our appreciation for the generous support extended by firms and individuals for this event, both by donations to the Prize Fund and assistance given during the Tournament.

Sections

Through the endeavours of secretaries and committees Sections have again been most

active with visits, lectures and tournaments, all of which must be appreciated by members.

British Golf Greenkeeper

Our Journal, such an important feature of our Association, has again proved its value in so many ways, and we must again thank our Editor and his staff for their continued efforts.

Benevolent Fund

We are happy to report that the callings on the Benevolent Fund have been less than last year, payments only amounting to £45.

F. G. Hawtree Memorial Fund

Only one member has attended Bingley in the year under review, but two requests have been made for the coming autumn. Again our thanks are due to clubs who assist with the expenses of these courses.

Sports Turf Research Institute

We would once again express our thanks to the S.T.R.I. for all the advice and assistance given to our members when their problems arise.

In Memoriam

We record with sorrow the death of the following members announced in the *British Golf Greenkeeper* since our last report:—

Mr D. Lord, Welsh Section, vice-chairman; Mr T. Iveson, Northern Section, vice-president; Mr R. B. Dawson, O.B.E., Northern Section, vice-president.

We are indebted to the following who have kindly contributed to our Prize Fund:—

C. Bretherton, Esq.; Gordon Wright, Esq.; I. G. Nicholls, Esq.; The "News of the World"; The Sports Turf Research Institute; The Professional Golfers' Association; The Artisan Golfers' Association; The Golf Ball Manufacturers' Conference; The British Motor Corporation Ltd.; "Golf Illustrated"; Messrs Berk Ltd.; The Cannock Agricultural Co. Ltd.; Messrs Carter's Tested Seeds Ltd.; Messrs R. C. Craig & Co. Ltd.; Messrs Flymo Ltd.; Messrs J. T. Goudie & Co.; Messrs Hercules Powder Co. Ltd.; Messrs Maxwell M Hart Ltd.; Messrs Mays Chemical Manure Co. Ltd.; Messrs May & Baker Ltd.; Messrs T. Parker & Sons; Messrs H. Pattison & Co. Ltd.; Messrs Ransomes, Sims & Jeffries Ltd.; Messrs Relf & Kendall; Messrs Stewart & Co. Seedsmen Ltd.; Messrs Sutton & Sons Ltd.; Messrs Allan Taylor (Engineers) Ltd.; Messrs Top Form Turf Fertilisers Ltd.; Messrs Universal Mat Co. Ltd.; The Welsh Section B.G.G.A.; Messrs Pressure Jet Markers Ltd.; The Captain, Pyle and Kenfig Golf Club; Charles H. Pugh (Atco) Ltd.