

News



from the Sections

NORTH-EAST

Chairman:
J. SIMPSON

By G. Jeffries
Hon. Secretary:
55 Brackenfield Road,
Framwell Gate Moor, Durham.

Lecture

At our January lecture held in the Duke of Wellington Hotel, Newcastle, on 12th January, our Chairman introduced us to Mr Ian Forbes, director of Stewart & Co. of Edinburgh, who, with the aid of slides, gave a very interesting talk on trees and shrubs.

Refreshments were served after the lecture and a number of interesting discussions took place. I reckon a good evening was had by all. Mr Simpson then thanked Mr Forbes for coming along and giving so much of his valuable time. Jack also thanked our members for their good turnout, as the weather was not too good.

Visit to S.T.R.I.

We hope to visit Bingley on Wednesday, 13th May. I would like all names of members who are interested in going to let me know in good time. I am not sure of the cost of the coach fare but will let you know at a later date.

SOUTHERN

Chairman:
J. K. GLASS
(Thorpe Hall)

By F. W. Ford
Hon. Secretary:
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February Lecture

As was to be expected, the visit to the Southern Section by Mr R. L. Morris, of the Levington Research Station, Ipswich,

attracted a very gratifying gathering of 50 plus.

Introducing the speaker, the Chairman also welcomed back to the Stirling Castle after a long absence through illness, Mr Stan Dennis. Stan was in his usual good form and had several points to make during question time. His advice to the younger greenkeeper was to always work with nature.

To deal with the problem of thatch apart from the usual methods of spiking and scarifying etc., Mr Morris agreed that a tool or machine was needed with which to severely prune the roots. As thatch is aggravated by top dressings he also believed in small amounts at a time.

The meeting was brought to a close by the chairman thanking Bob Morris for one of the best lectures we have had.

Spring Tournament

The date of the Spring Tournament is Wednesday, 15th April, at Walton Heath Golf Club, Tadworth, Surrey.

Members are again reminded that their entries, stating name, club and handicap, must be received by me on or before the closing date, Monday, 30th March.

Subscriptions

Subscriptions are due and payable on 1st May and I shall be glad to receive your cheques or postal orders at your earliest convenience. No cash through the post, please.

New Members

A very warm welcome to the following new members: D. Manning, of Mitcham, and I. G. Bunting, of Orsett.

SHEFFIELD

Chairman:
G. HERRINGTON
(Lindrick)

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

Lectures

The lecture on 29th January by Messrs Norton Villiers Ltd. was very popular with the 34 members present.

The final lecture of this winter session is on 26th March at 7.30 p.m., with a visit by Messrs Rentokil Laboratories Ltd., and the subject will be Pest Control on Golf Courses.

The Annual General Meeting is on 30th April at 7.30 p.m.

Outing

A visit has been arranged to Messrs Ransomes Sims & Jefferies Ltd., at Ipswich, on Wednesday, 15th April 1970. The arrangements are to leave Sheffield at midday on Tuesday, 14th April, travel to Ipswich, staying overnight and, after touring the works on Wednesday, return home in time to catch late buses. The cost is not known at the time of writing, but we are to thank Mr J. J. Fearn, of Fearnco Ltd., for very generously providing the transport for us. If you wish to go please contact me, but I must inform you that the list is pretty well full already.

Retirement

We wish a long and happy retirement to "Jock" Marshall, Head Greenkeeper at Hallamshire Golf Club, who retired at the end of February. "Jock" has returned to his native Scotland and he will be missed at our monthly meetings. Good luck Mr and Mrs Jock Marshall.

NORTHERN

Chairman:
A. ROBERTSHAW

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

December Lecture

This was held in the clubhouse of the Horsforth Golf Club on Wednesday, 10th December, when 35 members attended. The Speaker was Mr R. C. D. Evans, B.Sc. of the Sports Turf Research Institute who took for his subject "Worms and Insects". Illustrating the talk with slides, members found this a most interesting session. After a series of questions, the speaker was thanked by our Chairman, Mr A. Robertshaw.

Christmas Social

The Annual Christmas Social was also held in the clubhouse of the Horsforth Golf Club on Tuesday, 16th December. This event gains popularity each year and forty-six members sat down for supper. As usual, our friend Ron Hartley was able to give his most satisfying of meals. Absent friends were not forgotten and the President and Chairman took the opportunity of extending Seasonal Greetings to all members.

Mr Alfred Routledge

It was with deep regret that members attending our last lecture heard of the death of Alf Routledge, of Ogden Golf Club. Before starting the meeting members stood in silence to pay their respects. Alf, by his cheery and friendly spirit, was most popular with everyone who knew him and will be sadly missed at our functions. He served for several years on the Committee. Mr A. Robertshaw (Chairman), S. Bailes, G. Mason and myself represented the Section at the funeral service.

January Lecture

This was held in the clubhouse of the Horsforth Golf Club on Wednesday, 21st January. Thirty-five members attended to hear a most interesting talk given by Mr P. Wyatt, representative of H. Pattison & Son Ltd. The speaker dealt with the various products made by his company and answered the many and varied questions posed by the members. A vote of thanks by our Chairman was heartily endorsed.

Grand National Sweep

Members are reminded that the closing date for counterfoils and monies for the sweep is Monday, 23rd March.

Mr A. Cox

Mr Allen Cox, formerly Head Greenkeeper to the Gotts Park Golf Club, has left to take up a similar position with the Worcestershire Golf Club at Malvern. I am sure we all wish him well in his new position. *N.B.—We regret any inconvenience caused by the omission of Northern Section notes in last month's issue.*

WELSH

Chairman:
M. GEDDES,
23 Fenton Place,
Porthcawl, Glamorgan.

By S. A. Tucker
Hon. Sec. and Treasurer:
36 Clase Road, Morriston,
Swansea, Glamorgan.

Meetings in 1970

I am pleased to announce that I have fixed the venues for our three meetings for the coming season. The Spring Meeting will be held at Wenvoe Castle Golf Club on Wednesday, 22nd April; the Annual General Meeting at Southerndown Golf Club on Tuesday, 30th June. This meeting will, as usual, be with the Secretaries. The Autumn Meeting will take place at the Longland Bay Golf Club on Wednesday, 23rd September. There will be a special prize at the end of the season for the best aggregate score (net), so do not miss a meeting as you have to play in all three to be eligible for the prize.

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I understand from my Chairman and Treasurer that there are still a few sub-

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scriptions not paid. I wish you guilty members will please take notice this time and send yours on to Mr Geddes, 23 Fenton Place, Porthcawl, Glam., as soon as possible. Thank you.

NORTH-WEST

Chairman:
T. BRENNAN.

By H. M. Walsh
Hon. Secretary:
Horrobin Cottage,
Old Links Golf Club,
Montserrat, Bolton, Lancs.

Lectures

Our thanks are due to the following gentlemen for their very interesting talks given to our members on the dates of our January and February meetings. The January talk was given by Mr Unwin, of Joseph Metcalf Ltd. of Accrington, his subject being one of great interest to most greenkeepers, "Trees for the Golf Course"—their care and maintenance from planting to adult life.

The February talk was given by Mr Wyatt of H. Pattisson & Co., of Middlesex, who showed us some of the latest equipment made in fibre glass, its advantages and adaptability for the golf course. Thank you once again, gentlemen, and for the generous refreshments provided.

The March talk will be given by G. Vaughan of Ransomes Ltd., at the Brunswick Hotel, on March 17th at 7.30 p.m.

Spring Tournament

Due to the kindness of the Captain and Council of Ormskirk Golf Club. our Spring meeting will be held on their course on Tuesday, 5th May, and will be followed by the A.G.M. in the evening. Please let me have your entries as soon as possible.

MIDLAND

Chairman:
G. HART
(Gay Hill)

By R. Goodwin
Hon. Secretary:
4 Burton Old Road,
Streethay, Lichfield,
Staffs.

President's Match

The Annual Match against the President's Team will take place on Thursday, 25th June, at the Handsworth Golf Club. Further details will be issued in a later journal.

New Members

We welcome to the Section the following new members: E. V. Thomas, Assistant Greenkeeper at Boldmere Golf Club, and B. Wilkes, Assistant Greenkeeper at the Bloxwich Golf Club.

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Chairman:
P. MCCARRON

Knock-out Golf Competition

At the committee meeting held at the Anchor Inn, Hathern, on 4th February 1970, it was decided to introduce to the section a new knock-out competition to run during the summer months for all members, vice-presidents and presidents. A letter regarding this competition will be forwarded to all members.

Committee Meeting

The next committee meeting will be held at the Anchor Inn, Hathern, on 8th April 1970 at 7.30 p.m. Vice-presidents are invited to attend.

Annual Spring Golf Tournament

The Annual Spring Golf Tournament will be held at Stanton on the Wold Golf Club on Wednesday, 13th May 1970. First Tee 12.45 p.m. Will all members wishing to play and requiring a meal please notify me by 1st May 1970.