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Greetings



From the President

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From the Chairman

I would like to take this opportunity of sending my best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to all Members and supporters of the British Golf Greenkeepers' Association.



From the Hon. Secretary

To every member of the Association I would like to extend my very best wishes for a Happy Christmas and a Bright and Prosperous New Year.

C. H. Dix.



18 HOLES WITH HAWTREE

No. 9 — THE TEE

by FRED HAWTREE

At Hole No. 1 we noticed how important was the player's first impression and how a large tee made it possible to present

the course favourably.

Ideally, the same principle should be extended to all eighteen holes especially the Par 3's. If club damage can be spread lightly over a big enough area, the grass will recover by itself and there need be no patching or returfing. Two hundred and fifty square yards with 350 at short holes, is probably the minimum that can be envisaged at lightly used courses, but 350 and 450 square yards will not be enough if wear is intense and winter play continuous.

Like breweries, the need for economy has led to amalgamation. Surprisingly enough, if a 2 ft. strip round the edge of two tees each 10 yards x 10 yards is not used, nearly 25% of their area is wasted. Connected, they lose only 19%—still pretty considerable. Long narrow tees lose a higher percentage still, though other factors—traffic, location, hole

length—may take precedence.

Maintenance is obviously reduced where tees are united but no connection should be made without detailed planning. If the tee-shot is to a fairway or green at a lower level, a long single formation may completely spoil the view of the hole from the back of the tee. At a short hole on one well-known links, the player now looks at a long flat length of tee with the green, as it were, lying at the end of it. All the intermediate land is obscured. It can be argued that the previous wasteful multiplicity of tees was preferable both from the landscape and playing view points.

Certainly where one large tee involves destroying valuable feature, as can often happen on sea-side links, the benefits of reduced maintenance must be very carefully weighed before a decision is made.

The overwhelming desire to join tees has even led to combinations of the tees of two different holes. There is one in

Hampshire resembling the top two-thirds of a Maltese Cross. The idea goes beyond reasonable limits when interference and delays are likely to be introduced.

Visibility problems can often be overcome by "stepping" the tee surface. If the slopes intervening between each level are gradual, say 1 in 4, mowing will not be interrupted, though space is again

wasted.

Aesthetically, tees are the least attractive feature of a golf course. Efforts have been made in the past to introduce random shapes instead of rectangles but they have not been generally popular and a flat top on a random shape can often look curious. At the same time, an irregular shape can often be co-ordinated with the direction of the tee shot and surrounding contour to provide something both interesting and acceptable.

Players seem to prefer a tee built up to inspire confidence and some elevation will often be desirable for better drainage. If the surrounding slopes are graded out very gently the flat area will almost dis-

appear and hand work with it.

The teeing ground itself is probably best left dead level. There have been suggestions for a back to front fall at downhill holes and front to back at uphill holes but it is doubtful whether the feasible gradients are significant. A tee can in fact appear level and have a measurable fall.

Complaints will however soon follow if a new tee is wrongly orientated—and the effects of wrong orientation on the tee shot can be noticeable. Players will often allow the trajectory of their club to follow the line given by the tee while aiming in the desired direction. The irregular shape at least avoids this problem.

On most inland soils the dry tee is always going to be more resistant to wear than the wet one. Therefore good drainage is nearly as vital as it is in greens. Modern specifications for clay soils even

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SITUATION VACANT

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HON. SECRETARY'S NOTES

Messrs. H. Pattisson & Co., Limited have very kindly taken in their Annual Trophy for modernisation and have advised me that five winners names are missing from the Trophy.

I have been able to trace three of these but we are still looking for the winners in 1951 and 1955.

Can anybody help with this information? If so, please let me know as soon as possible.

C. H. DIX

TOP FRENCH JOB FOR GREENKEEPER DAVID SINGLETON

David Singleton, greenkeeper at Orsett Golf Club for more than six years, leaves this month for his new job in France.

He is becoming head greenkeeper at the Villarceaux Country Club, Chaussy, Nr. Paris, where he will have a staff of sixteen working under him and three golf courses to maintain.

David was short listed for another job in Paris but was just beaten at the finish. He must have made a good impression on the French, however, for he was the first man they approached when the job at Villarceaux became vacant.

His wife, Valerie, their three children, and the dog, will be going with him.

AN INTERESTING APPLICATION FOR ATCO 20" GARDEN SWEEPER

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One of the three courses of instruction held at the STRI in the three weeks beginning 13th October. Our picture shows those who attended the first course with the experimental grounds in the background.

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Mr W. Robertson, Downfield Golf Club; Mr T. Graham, Hayling Golf Club; Mr P. McKenna, Christian Bros. Grammar School; Mr J. A. Davis; Maylands Golf Club; Mr J. Birkett, Turnhouse Golf Club; Mr S. Holden, Mid-Herts Golf Club; Mr D Waller, Pinner Hill Golf Club; Mr J. P. Randell, Robin Hood Golf Club.

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Next year there will be two courses in the Spring, one in the Summer and either two or three as required in the Autumn. The Spring courses are fully booked but there are still some vacancies for later courses.

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HIGH WORK-RATE **EQUIPMENT IMPROVES** STANDARDS

by D. B. Harrison

Introduction of high work-rate grass cutting equipment at Tyrrells Wood Golf Club this year has already resulted in a significant saving in man hours.

Head Greenkeeper, Mr Bert Watson, who has been with the club for 10 years has two assistant greenkeepers on

the 120 acre golf course.

Mr Watson says that they only introduced high work-rate machinery in March this year. Improvement of fairways and greens has been such that members have made a special point of expressing appreciation. "We have never had so many compliments before," Mr Watson commented.

He added: "Although we are still hard at it every day of the week with a staff of only three we are producing better results more easily than would

otherwise have been possible."

Describing the factors which contributed, Mr Watson explains that manoeuvrability of their Toro rideon equipment makes it possible to cut steep slopes and banks that previously had to be cut by hand.

The biggest time saving using high work-rate equipment has been on the greens. The 18 greens can all be cut now by two men in a total of about 7 man-hours a task which once took three

men up to 12 man-hours.

It used to take five men to maintain the course properly but with the new equipment the present staff of three can now complete the work more easily with better results.

After a detailed assessment of the grass cutting needs the Club agreed to go ahead and invest in a comprehensive range of new equipment for all grass cutting needs.

They purchased two high work-rate machines, the Toro 11ft. Super Pro and the Toro 70 in. Professional, both

power driven gang mowers.

The Super Pro cuts 46 acres a day and handles all the fairways in less than two days and with 50 cuts a yard appears to have produced a denser turf.

The Toro 70 in. cuts aprons and approaches, sloping banks up to 1 in 4, and handles grass up to three inches high. The height of cut control allows for quick adjustment for fine cutting of approaches.

A Flymo 21 in. Contractor aircushion mower cuts the more difficult banks and grass areas beyond the scope

of the 70 in. Toro.

For greens the club uses two Toro high work-rate 21 in. "Greensmaster" models which have resulted in a 50 per cent saving in time and, with 147 cuts per yard, a better sward.

The Club was able to acquire all the machines under a leasing agreement through Flymo Limited of Watford, without a large capital expediture.



Many Golf Clubs are now having to cope with far less staff than they had a few years ago putting a greater work load on existing staff who still have to get through the same amount of work.

Recent experience at Tyrrells Wood Golf Club shows that the proper utilisation of high work-rate equipment is not only economical but results in improved working conditions for greenkeepers and makes a high standard of professional turf care more easily attainable. Moreover, this type of equipment could help in attracting a high standard of trainee groundsmen, one of today's biggest problems.

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SOUTHERN SECRETARIES v SOUTHERN SECTION GREENKEEPERS AT BEACONSFIELD ON WEDNESDAY, 15th OCTOBER

Once again the secretaries fielded a team which just had the edge on the Greenkeepers which enabled them to retain the Challenge Trophy.

It was a glorious day for the middle of October and the way the course was

playing was a great credit to Bob Plain, Ernie, Brian and young Claydon.

The Captain of the Secretaries, Air Commodore F. A. Pearce, in accepting the Trophy, said how much he had enjoyed being at Beaconsfield for the occasion.

Replying on behalf of the Southern Section the Secretary congratulated the victors and expressed the hope that this now very popular annual event would continue for many years to come.

The results were as follows:—

SECRETARIES V GREENKEEPERS

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Match Result	10½	71/2

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call for a drainage layer and a soil mix equivalent to those set out for greens. This will be impossible for a whole new course on a tight budget but it is worth considering when new tees are to be made on existing courses. Inward external slopes may also need drainage to cut surface flow or seepage on to the tee. Where these factors have to be considered, soil conditions are also likely to

be those where surfaced paths have to be provided alongside tees to avoid the development of trampled mud, as they do at the other end of the scale on very sandy soil where the surface breaks up.

Many problems will be solved if an acceptable grass substitute can be found for teeing areas. The rubber mat is not the final answer. The new golf course in Alaska is having a nylon tufted carpet for tees.



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News



from the Sections

MIDLAND

By R. Goodwin

Chairman: (Gay Hill)

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

The Annual Dinner was held at the Walmley Golf Club, Sutton Coldfield, on Friday, 24th October.

There was an attendance of 62 for this year's dinner which was followed by a Film

Show.

Mr K. Sargeson presided and we were also very pleased to have among our guests Mr Leo Taylor, the Walmley President, and Mrs Taylor, Mr Duxbry, Vice-Captain, Mr Gibbs, Chairman of the House Committee and Mrs Gibbs, Mr J. R. Greenhalgh, Chair-man of the Green Committee and Mrs Greenhalgh.

Once again we were well supported by members of the Trade and everyone was delighted to see, for the first time in many years, a very old friend, Mr Neil Prior.

Our thanks go to the Captain and Com-mittee of the Walmley Golf Club for allowing us to hold the dinner in their magnificent Clubhouse. Thanks also to the evening's speakers, Mr K. Sargeson, Mr Leo Taylor, Mr J. R. Greenhalgh, Mr E. Ballinger, and Mr Neil Prior. We were also indebted to Mr Bill Payne who brought along a very interesting film entitled "The Life and Work of Capability Brown", and Mr Parker for providing a most interesting film "This is your Life", in which many greenkeepers were seen at work.

We also thank Mr Carl Bretherton for providing liquid refreshment, Mr Eric Ballinger and Frank Cashmore together with Geoff Smith for making prior arrangements

and putting in so much work to ensure the success of the Dinner.

Seasonal Greetings

I would like to extend best wishes to our President, Trade Members and Association Members and their families, for a Happy Christmas and joyful New Year.

SOUTHERN

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

November Lecture

This talk by Freddy Pyne of Field Drainage had to be shelved for another year owing to the fact that the alterations and improvements to our lecture room were incomplete.

I have been assured by the management of the Stirling Castle that it will be ready for the next lecture and that the seating room will be more than doubled. This is good news indeed for occasionally in the past we have been a little cramped.

With my apologies I would like to thank everyone who turned up for the above lecture and for the way in which they accepted

the disappointment.

January Lecture

A representative from Massey Fergusson will talk on M.F. Tractors at 6.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 7th January at the Stirling Castle, London Wall, Moorgate, E.C.2.

Long Service

At their Annual Dinner and Dance Thorp Hall Golf Club presented our Chairman, J. K. Glass, with a cheque for his 35 years service as Head Greenkeeper with the club. Congratulations, Jock!

New Members

We welcome to the section the following

new members:—
H. J. Knight (Royal St. George's), S. T.
Goddard (Bury St. Edmunds), R. G. Mills (Betchworth Park), and E. R. Small (Hartsbourne).

NORTHERN

By J. Parker

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

Seasonal Greetings

I would very much like to take the opportunity of wishing all the members of the Association a Very Happy Christmas and all the best for the coming year.

Sheffield Match

The Annual Match for the "Slater Cup" against the Sheffield Section was played over the course of the Halifax Golf Club, Ogden on Thursday, 16th October. Fifty members of the two sections were able to get together once again, for an enjoyable afternoon.

In the match for the trophy the section was successful in regaining it by $4\frac{1}{2}$ to $2\frac{1}{2}$ matches.

Our thanks are due to all connected with the club in providing us with a memorable outing. Also to the Club and Captain for their generous "liquid" refreshments.

Spring Tournament

Arrangements have been made for the 1970 Spring Tournament to be played over the course at the Ilkley Golf Club on Wednesday, 6th May 1970 by courtesy of the Club Committee.

WELSH

By S. A. Tucker

Chairman: M. GEDDES, 23 Fenton Place, Porthcawl, Glamorgan. Hon. Sec. and Treasurer: 36 Clase Road, Morriston, Swansea, Glamorgan.

Greetings

Now that the festive season is very near on behalf of all members of the Welsh section I would like to wish all members of the Association a Very Happy Xmas and a Prosperous New Year to you all

Prosperous New Year to you all.

To all Golf Clubs and Trades I say thank you for your help with my prize fund to make our meetings much more pleasant. Wishing you all Good Luck for the coming year with a Happy Xmas and Prosperous New Year to you all.

NORTH-WEST

Chairman: T. BRENNAN By H. M. Walsh

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

Lectures

Our thanks to Mr Hewitt of the Longton Service Branch, Preston, (ATCO) for the very interesting talk and demonstration of the various parts that go to make up the engine of the modern motor mower for the professional user, and how to get the best possible results, when handled and maintained properly. Also for the very excellent refreshments provided. Thank you once again.

I would like to congratulate the members for a really good attendance, twenty-nine members came to listen and ask some very good questions which I think were fairly

answered by Mr Hewitt.

The December talk will be given by H. Ratcliffe, Esq., of Rigby Taylor Ltd. and G. Smythe of May & Baker Ltd., The venue will be Brunswick Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester on Tuesday 9th December and the time 7.30 p.m. Please keep up the good attendance—it encourages the speakers.

The speakers for January, February and March will be B. Metcalf, Esq., of Joseph Metcalf Ltd., R. Whyatt Esq., of H. Pattisson & Co., and G. Vaughan Esq., of Ransomes Sims and Jefferies Ltd.

Seasons Greetings

On behalf of all members of the section I would like to extend to our President, the Editor, the Hon. Secretary, our numerous friends in the trade, to all greenkeepers everywhere and their families, and in fact to everyone in this business of keeping golf courses fit to play on, our most sincere wishes for a Very Happy Christmas and New Year.

New Member

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

R. C. Bradley, Royal Birkdale Golf Club,

Southport, Lancs.

NORTH-EAST

By G. Jeffries

Chairman: J. SIMPSON Hon. Secretary: 55 Brackenfield Road, Framwell Gate Moor, Durham.

William Hood Salver

At our last meeting a vote of thanks went to Mr W. Hood of Tynemouth Golf Club, for presenting the section with a Salver which will be named the William Hood Salver, and which will be played for in the Spring Competition as a Handicap prize.

Sweep Tickets

I congratulate all members who sold tickets for the sweep, the amount collected was £57 15s. 0d. Thanks to Vice President T. Oliver for dealing with the sweep tickets. Tom also sold 116 books which was a grand effort.

Winter Lectures

Arrangements are in hand for the winter series of lectures.

Association Ties

I have now in stock a number of Association Ties which I will be pleased to supply to any member of the section who would like one.

Greetings

On behalf of members of the North East Section, may I take this opportunity to wish all members of the Association and the many Golf Clubs and firms who so kindly support us throughout the year, a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

EAST MIDLAND

By S. Fretter

Chairman: P. McCarron Hon. Secretary:
4 Queens Drive,
Leicester Forest East,
Leicester.

Seasons Greetings

I would like to wish all our members a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

Subscriptions

Will all members who have not already paid their subscriptions, do so as soon as possible.

SHEFFIELD

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G. HERRINGTON
(Lindrick)

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Slater Trophy

The match against the Northern Section was played at the Halifax Golf Club on the 16th October 1969. Twenty two members travelled by coach and in glorious weather and perfect playing conditions competition for the "Slater Trophy" commenced. The final result was a win for the Northern Section $4\frac{1}{2}$ to $2\frac{1}{2}$, and so we loan the trophy for 12 months.

Coach Cup

The Coach Cup was played in the morning prior to the Northern match, at the Halifax Golf Club over 9 holes. Scoring was difficult over this strange course and the eventual winner was K. Dickinson (Lindrick) 14½ points, second for the third year in succession was R. Maltby (Sherwood Forest) 14¼ points.

Lectures

The January 1970 lecture is by Mr D. Hardisty of Messrs Norton Villiers Ltd., on

maintenance of Villiers engines.

41 members were present on 30th October when Mr G. Vaughan of Ransomes gave a film show and talk. This was a wonderful turn out and shows the rising interest that is being taken in the section.

Three very interesting films were shown and followed by refreshments to round off a wonderful evening. Thank you Mr Vaughan,

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New Member

We welcome A. Wadkin of Lees Hall Golf Club to the section and hope he will find our activities of interest.

A Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year to all.

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Greetings

On behalf of the South West Section may I extend Christmas Greetings to the President, Chairman and Secretary of the Association, to the Editor and staff of the "Greenkeeper", to Greenkeepers everywhere, and to all members of the Trade with sincere thanks for the continued support for 1970.

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