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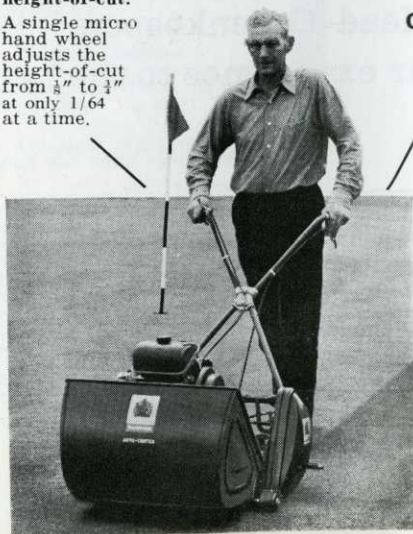
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# TEE SHOTS



by the Editor

Bath Golf Club, where A. A. Cockfield, Secretary of the South-Western Section, is in charge of the course, has approved the scheme for a new club-house near the present site. Total cost will be around £26,000.

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Lisburn Golf Club, near Belfast, has sold its 9-hole course to the Burgh Council for £110,000 and is buying land nearby to lay out a new 18-hole course.

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Seahouses Golf Club at Berwick has organised volunteers to make a new 9-holes at weekends.

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Dudley Council has given approval in principle to the establishment of the municipal course. Suitable sites are now being investigated.

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Kingussie Golf Club is building a new house for its greenkeeper. Club-house improvements are to follow.

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Dunfermline Golf Club has decided to permit lady members to use the gentlemen's lounge on Saturdays and Sundays but not until after 6.00 p.m.

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# LABOUR RELATIONS

by T. FRANCIS

IT was my privilege some time ago to attend a Supervisors Course run by the East Midlands Provincial Council at Buxton in Derbyshire and along with my practical experiences at different levels of work the following remarks are my thoughts and ideas of labour relations.

I will call all men in supervisory positions supervisors to simplify matters and men in lower positions workers or staff.

Much has been written and said about labour relations in industry but much less on our type of work. However, the same applies wherever you work, and the relationship between supervisor and staff in groundwork or turf culture is just as important and if you happen to be supervisor or staff in question they are of major importance.

I think if we look back over the years we can see a complete change in methods of approach between supervisor and staff. Men will not be bullied these days and supervisors must be a lot more tolerant than they used to be or else they will have no staff to supervise.

Some people might prefer the older way but times change and we must try to adapt ourselves to the modern way.

I think throughout all problems associated with labour relations let us all remember that we are all human and we can all make mistakes. I am sure many times the supervisors think they are the only ones with problems. This applies to the staff also. Let us try to understand each others' problems and, if we do, life will be a lot easier. I am sure we all agree that the relationship between supervisor and staff is of the utmost importance and if a good relationship can be built up, any obstacle can be overcome, difficult problems become easy, life is much happier for all and, above all, much more work is done.

It is accepted that the role of the supervisor is the most difficult of tasks. Men look to him to be the go-between

between them and the management (presenting their problems to the Boss), and likewise the management look to the supervisors to bring the best out of the men and get the work done, and produce the goods. This is not impossible but can be very difficult, to say the least.

What are the major assets of a first-class supervisor apart from being super-human? He must be tolerant, patient, fairminded, honest, good organiser, a psychologist, and a man that the men can trust and lean on. He must set a good example and, above all, know his job. How many have failed in a supervisory position because they did not know the job? A man soon knows if you know what you are talking about. If he knows you know the job, this can be a tremendous asset; but if he knows you don't know your job, he can make your life very difficult and some of the other good points you thought you had can easily go by the board. If a supervisor is respected by the men this helps tremendously.

On the course that I attended, a lecturer noted the following as the skills and knowledge of the supervisor. Skill in leading, communication, instructing and improving methods. He must also have a good knowledge of the work which includes plant and materials and different methods of work. Another important factor is knowledge of responsibilities which include rules, agreements, authority, delegation, superiors, safety, discipline, costs and quality. One other major factor the supervisor needed was the full backing of the management.

I think most of us would agree that these things are needed to become an efficient supervisor and, when all is said and done, a supervisor gets results through people and I always say a supervisor rises and falls on the strength of his men. He can't do all the work himself.

I have just said supervisors get results through people. As supervisors we are concerned with achieving results.

It is therefore worthwhile to look at some of the factors involved in motivating fellow men, that is to say getting them to be keen, energetic and enthusiastic about their work.

In a research made recently, out of a sample of 1,685 persons, 81 per cent were shown (by incidents recalled giving rise to job satisfaction) to have been motivated by those aspects of their work which involved the following: sense of achievement and recognition for achievement, responsibility, advancement, satisfaction derived from the nature of the work itself and possibility of growth within the job. When asked about incidents which caused dissatisfaction, 67 per cent related occasions involving the lack of the following: sound policy and administration, technical supervision, satisfactory relationships with other people, adequate status, good salary, adequate physical safety arrangements, and good job security.

We have looked at the role of the supervisor and also mentioned the things that matter to the worker. Shall we look now and see what the supervisor should expect of the men: honesty, willingness to be shown and willingness to do a good day's work, but above all to be trusted. A supervisor must be able to trust the men as the worker should be able to trust the supervisor. What is the good if once you turn your back the person ceases to work. Yes, a man you can trust, knowing he will be working while you are away, is invaluable.

I think that all these things go to make a good groundsman. (I didn't mention good timekeeping because if he has most of the qualities that I have mentioned he would be a good time-keeper.)

If we can combine all the qualities of what a good supervisor should be with all the good things a worker should be I am sure all our lives would be much easier. We all know this is impossible but let us try to do our jobs a little bit better and if we can all achieve a slight improvement this would be a good start. I think it is a fact that when we talk about the supervisor or worker not doing his job properly we never think of ourselves. It is always the other fellow, never us. If we are honest with ourselves, we know that it is us they are getting at, but our pride will not let us accept it. But let us all take a closer look at ourselves before we start putting other people right. Once we can put ourselves right I am sure other people will not seem so bad after all. My final remark is some advice given to me some years ago by a Parks Superintendent. At the time I could not see eye to eye with my immediate superior and I was sure I was in the right. The remark was, "Always remember, the devil you know is better than the one you don't know". The longer you live, meet and work with people the more you will realise how true this is.

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(1) In the Annual Report for 1969, which was adopted, reference was made to:—

**(a) Research**

Grass variety trials were extended over about 1¼ acres including 186 varieties and commercial stocks. Further trials of fungicides were laid down and future plans include development of methods of disease study and prevention under more easily controlled conditions in greenhouses. Other work included trials of mosskillers, herbicide treatments for the control of poa-annua in seedbeds and several small-scale tests of new herbicides. Studies of soil amelioration continued.

**(b) Advisory Service**

The Institute's advisory service was in constant demand and with the easing of the Government's economic restrictions there was a considerable increase in the number of sports grounds under construction compared with the previous year. The Institute's knowledge and experience of sports ground construction is being increasingly recognised in its appointment as consultants to many more projects.

**(c) Education**

The demand for places on courses continued to grow and the number of courses was increased from five to six. Other educational activities included lectures through-

out the country — also one in Cologne — and publication of the *Journal, Sports Turf Bulletin* and several articles for the popular sports press. The first International Turf Grass Research Conference was held in Harrogate, the Director and Senior Staff of the Institute making major contributions in organisation and the presentation of papers.

**(d) Finance**

In spite of inflation and the heavy burden of Selective Employment Tax, the year ended without deficit. It was, nevertheless, regrettable that achieving this result sometimes caused Staff to be diverted from their proper tasks by financial considerations associated with fund-raising.

(2) A message of greetings was sent to H.R.H. The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron of the Institute.

(3) The following elections were made:—

President, The Duke of Norfolk; Vice-Presidents, Carl Bretherton, Esq., Sir William Worsley, R. G. J. Kirk, Esq., C.A.; Chairman, Alan Sowden, Esq., M.I.C.E.; Vice-Chairman, R. E. Cameron, Esq.

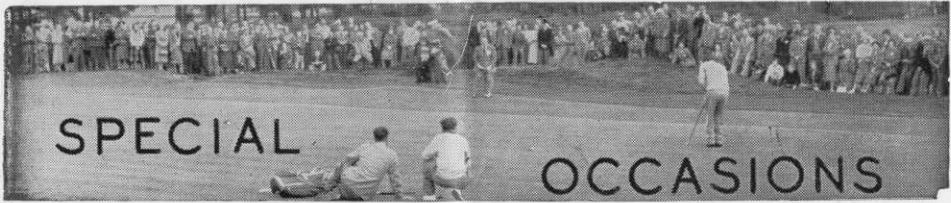
Tribute was paid to the untiring efforts over many years of Mr Carl Bretherton who, whilst remaining an Honorary Vice-President, stood down from the Vice-Chairmanship in favour of Mr R. E. Cameron, representative of the English Bowling Association.

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             25th    Midland Section Annual Match  
             30th    Welsh Section A.G.M.
- JULY**    8th    Sheffield Section Annual Tournament  
             16th    South-West Section Summer Tournament  
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# HAT TRICK

by WILMA JENKINS

There was a restless pacing in the hall below. Now and again a sound that was half groan and half sigh floated up the stairs.

Joe, in short, was ready first as usual.

"How much longer, old girl?"

"Another two minutes, darling."

Wondering, as I have done throughout our married life, how my husband contrives to look impeccably groomed in so short a time, I snatched up hand-bag, umbrella and clean handkerchief and sped down the stairs.

I flashed Joe my warm possessive smile and proudly took his arm. Once again I was walking out with the charmer who swept me off my feet and then down the aisle.

"Now that I've graduated from golf widow to golfing wife I want to buy an outfit," I said as soon as we were seated in the bus.

"Slacks and a gay pullover at least. But the head-gear will be the problem."

Why do they confuse the feminine mind by tempting it with so many different hats — even in the realm of sport? Some were hard and ultramasculine; others were soft and floppy. Others again were so off-beat and rakish that the mind boggled.

The girl in the fourth sports outfitters we visited suggested that the gentleman should come inside and take a seat. She was an appealing little thing with eyes of cornflower blue. I didn't like the way she discussed the shape of "Modom's" face so intimately with Joe. I believe he would have encouraged her to go on producing hats for the rest of the day. "Let's get out of here and have some tea," I whispered while Baby Face was returning rejected hats to the stock room.

"I've seen three hats I fancy. I'd like to think it over for a week. Could we come in again next Saturday?"

"Anything for a quiet life," said Joe.

On our way to the bus Joe paused at a shop window to admire a tie.

"I'm going to treat myself to that," he said over his shoulder as he left me. "I won't be long."

He wasn't. He emerged with a paper bag before I had fully recovered from the shock of his disappearance.

"I saw two more ties that took my fancy," said Joe, taking my arm. "And while I was in there I bought a hat. It's one of those collapsible non-crease things. You can stuff it into a pocket when you're sick of wearing it. Just the job!"

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## HON. SECRETARY'S NOTES

### Filey Golf Club, Filey, E. Yorkshire

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the fifty-third Annual General Meeting of the British Golf Greenkeepers' Association will be held at the Filey Golf Club, Filey, on Monday, 17th August 1970 at 2.30 p.m. Notice of resolutions must be sent in writing to the Hon. Secretary TWENTY-ONE DAYS before the date of the meeting. Under Rule 29, proxies may be voted at all General Meetings. A Form of Proxy may be obtained from the Hon. Secretary and returned not later than the first post on Wednesday, 12th August.

### The Annual Tournament

The fifty-third Annual Golf Tournament will be held at the Filey Golf Club, Filey, on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, 17th, 18th and 19th August 1970. Entry forms appeared in the June Journal.

### Programme

Monday, 17th August: Morning—18 hole Stableford; Afternoon — Annual General Meeting at 2.30 p.m.

Tuesday, 18th August: 36 holes Medal; News of the World Cup (scratch); Senior Division (plus to 11); Junior Division (12 to 24); the Artisan Medal; the Jubilee Cup (Team Prize

off handicap); "The Coming of Age" Cup.

Wednesday, 19th August: Morning—18 holes Medal; Afternoon — Prize distribution, 3 p.m.

### Handicaps

Section secretaries will be asked to verify the handicaps of all competitors from their records before the tournament. All handicaps must be based on the National Golf Union's handicapping system.

### Executive Committee

A meeting of the Executive will be held at the Filey Golf Club on Sunday, 16th August 1970, at approximately 5.30 p.m.

### Trophies

May I remind holders of trophies from last year's tournament who are not taking part this year to ensure that these are returned to the Filey Golf Club before Saturday, 15th August.

### Annual Draw

May I remind members that all counterfoils and moneys should be returned to their Section Secretary and NOT to me.

### Open Championship

The Secretary of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club has again kindly forwarded 12 passes for the "Open" at Royal Lytham and St Anne's Golf Club from 8th to 11th July. Any member who would like to make use of one should apply to me as soon as possible — first come, first served.

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# SUMMER RENOVATION FOR WINTER

By D. J. JONES of Hendon Golf Club

Although spring is here at long last, let's not forget winter altogether. All too often in winter are the same old gripes from long-suffering members, eg "Call these winter greens?" and, "How can you hit a ball off these so-and-so tees, they're like mud flats!"

These are just two of the usual complaints, and, sad to say, they are all too often right. Golfers nowadays don't get their golf cheap and consequently they expect top conditions in winter as well as summer. Obviously, conditions can't be the same, but I do feel that a lot more can be done than usually is. That means treating winter greens and tees much the same as summer greens and tees.

Start by picking areas where the winter greens are to be situated, then give the chosen areas a light scarifying. Next, spike with solid tines and follow

this by applying your usual mixture of top dressing at 2-3 lbs per sq yard to even out the area. The next step is to apply a spring/summer fertilizer and to de-worm and carry out selective weeding as necessary throughout the season. Spike as much as conditions and time will allow.

The same method can be adopted for winter tees except that they will require some grass seed as well as the top dressing which might be applied at the rate of 4-5 lbs per sq yard on these areas.

If some of these maintenance jobs are carried out, I am sure that the green committee won't begrudge the money needed for the necessary extra materials and labour when they see what good results will be obtained. And if you find that your efforts *have* paid off, *please* remember to cut the treated areas regularly.



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Hants.

### First Report from South Coast Section

A Committee Meeting held at the Ampfield Golf and Country Club on Thursday, 30th April, opened with a vote of thanks from the Chairman to Mr A. J. Baker who had generously given the use of facilities of this wonderful picturesque club to hold our meetings and lectures this coming autumn.

A discussion of members travelling to meetings took place and it was decided that Ampfield should be made our central headquarters.

For this year it was decided to forego a summer golf tournament through insufficient time for organising same, but an Autumn Competition has been arranged to be held at Hayling Island Golf Club on Tuesday, September 15th, by kind permission of the captain and members of the Hayling Golf Club.

This competition has been so arranged to include the invitation of all our vice-presidents who have so generously helped our Section. A four-ball better ball against bogey in the morning and a two-ball foursome in the afternoon.

As this is our first competition, would members wishing to enter who have not a handicap please ask an official of their club

to give them one and forward same to the Secretary as soon as possible. The cost of entry will be 30/- which will include lunch, tea and sweep. We are expecting a big turnout. It would be appreciated if members send in their entries as soon as possible to enable arrangements for catering to be made.

A vote of thanks to Mr Dix and Southern Secretary, Mr Ford, for their help and encouragement in getting this Section under way was proposed by Mr Ernie West and seconded by Mr Eddie James.

Will members please send their subs, which are now due, to the Honorary Secretary and Treasurer.

New members will be most welcome to our Section which we hope will grow rapidly.

Committee members: Chairman, Paul Malia (Lee-on-Solent); Vice-Chairman, Ian Greenfield (Goodwood); Hon. Sec./Treasurer, Tom Graham (Hayling Island), John Dodds (Ampfield Golf and Country Club); Handicapping, Eric James (Parkstone); Committee, Ernie West (Broadstone), John Hughes (Rowlands Castle).

## NORTHERN

*By J. Parker*  
*Hon. Secretary:*  
A. ROBERTSHAW  
8 Goit Stock Terr.,  
Bingley, Yorks.

### Mr G. Kendal

It is with deep regret that I inform those members who do not already know of the death, at the age of 79, of Mr G. Kendal. Gilbert, as he was so familiarly addressed, was a founder member of the Northern Section. He held most offices in the Section and it was through his hard work, along with several others, that the foundations were laid to a strong Section. He also served a term of office as Chairman of the Association. For over forty years he was Head Greenkeeper to the Bradford Golf Club. Even after his retirement he took a keen interest in the Section's affairs and attended most of the functions. His departure leaves a sad gap in the Section. Mr R. Kirk and Mr F. Smith represented the Section at the funeral service which coincided with the Spring Tournament where members paid their last respects by standing in silence before the presentation of prizes.

### Spring Tournament

The Annual Spring Tournament of the Section was played over the course of Ilkley Golf Club on Wednesday, 6th May, by courtesy of the Club Committee. Fifty members took part in the competition on a day perfect for golf. Through the efforts of our Chairman and his staff the course was in immaculate condition and his efforts

were matched by the stewardess and her cooking. To all staff at the Club thanks for a marvellous day.

Prizes—*Scratch*: D. Storey (West End), 160.

*First Division*: 1st, D. Ward (Scarcroft), 134; 2nd, R. Lewis (Starbeck), 144; 3rd, G. Bennison (Otley), 146; 4th, J. Doull (Keighley), 147.

*Second Division*: 1st, J. Storey (West End), 142; 2nd, C. Garnett (West Bradford), 146; 3rd, C. Geddes (Moor Allerton), 146; 4th, A. Burge (Lightcliffe), 147.

*Veteran's Prize*: G. L. Sharp.

*Vice-President's*: 1st, G. Baxter (Wetherby); 2nd, B. Birdsall.

The prizes were presented by Mr A. Kidd, Captain of the Club, and a vote of thanks which was heartily endorsed, by Mr J. Scole. Our thanks are due to the following who so kindly donated to our Prize Fund:—the Captain and Professional of Ilkley Golf Club, E. G. Jepsons & Son, Rigby Taylor Ltd., Stephen Toulson & Son, Pressure Jet Markers, Atco Ltd., Webb Mowers, Stewart & Son, Landmaster Ltd., Sisis Ltd., Flymo, H. Pattison & Son, Ransomes, Sims & Jefferies, Hayter Ltd., Aspera Ltd., Villiers Ltd., Briggs & Stratton.

## NORTH-WEST

*Chairman*:  
T. BRENNAN.

**By H. M. Walsh**

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

### Spring Tournament

Our thanks are due to the Captain and Council of the Ormskirk Golf Club for their kindness in granting to us the courtesy of their course and facilities of the club-house on the occasion of our Spring Tournament. Our sincere thanks to the Captain Mr Finch for the very warm welcome he extended to us and also for his kindness in presenting the prizes in the evening; to Mrs Kirby for the excellent meals provided; Mr Fyles and his staff for the excellent condition of the course; Mr G. Vaughan for his great help in issuing cards, taking monies, etc.

Our special thanks to all prize donors as follows:—Captain Mr Finch, Members of the Ormskirk Golf Club, Ladies Section Ormskirk Golf Club, Dr S Dobson, Chairman of Green Committee, Ormskirk Golf Club, Mrs N. W. Daish, Mr D. G. Ridings, Mr Guy of the Ormskirk Golf Club.

To our friends the members of the trade as follows:—Messrs. Fisons Ltd., Joseph Metcalf Ltd., Rigby Taylor Ltd., W. Wilcock & Son, W. Sowerbutts & Son, Suttons & Son, Thos. Foster & Sons Ltd., S.A.I. Horticulture Ltd., W. Burrows Ltd. (M/C).

### Winners

Scratch Prize: E. Walsh—119.  
Best Nett: F. Halstead—111.  
2nd Best Nett: O. P. Jones—112.  
3rd Best Nett: A. Fyles.

Other winners were as follows:—R. Hayhurst, R. Janovskis, R. Vickers, J. Gillett, E. Walsh, H. M. Walsh, J. Robinson, D. Pate, E. Macavoy, W. Sumner, H. Needham, E. Droge, J. Macdonald, D. Macavoy, G. A. Hall, K. Holmes.

The Visitors Prize was won by J. L. S. Pasquill. The Over Fiftys prize F. Halstead.

### Annual General Meeting

The A.G.M. took place in the evening after the prize giving and was quite well attended.

The election of officers resulted as follows:  
President: W. Kinsey, Esq.  
Vice-Presidents: En-Bloc  
Chairman: D. Pate, Esq.  
Vice-Chairman: J. Gillett, Esq.  
Secretary: H. M. Walsh, Esq.,  
Treasurer: E. Macavoy, Esq.  
Committee: Messrs. J. Rhodes, J. Macdonald, R. Vickers, T. Brennan, O. P. Jones.

### Subscriptions

All members are requested to forward subscriptions and old pass books to our Treasurer, E. Macavoy, Esq. who will be pleased to receive same.

### New Members

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

Associate Member J. A. Dudley, Chairman of Green Committee, West Lancashire Golf Club.

J. D. Lowery, Ringway Golf Club, Hole Barn.

S. W. Garner, Wilmslow Golf Club, Moberly Knutsford.

H. Sumner, Woolton Golf Club, Woolton, Liverpool.

M. Patrick, Woolton Golf Club, Woolton, Liverpool.

R. Peters, Woolton Golf Club, Woolton, Liverpool.

### Draw Tickets

I would be grateful if members would please return to me, monies, counterfoils and unsold tickets by the last week of July 1970.

## 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

### Spring Tournament

The Annual Spring Tournament was held at Walton Heath Golf Club on Wednesday, 15th April 1970.

The early starters of the 70 competitors found conditions a little difficult for the first nine holes owing to the heavy mist which shrouded the course giving visibility of a hundred yards.

This cleared eventually however, and everyone was able to enjoy these two fine courses. Congratulations to Fred Dulake and his staff for their excellent condition, especially the greens which were the envy of all of us "heavy clay men".

The food was first class and here I would like to say a special thank you to all at Walton Heath for the warm friendly way in which we were received and looked after.

At the end of the day Lt.-Col. G. A. Badham presented the prizes and a Walton Heath inscribed tankard each to the Chairman and Secretary for their efforts in organising the day.

Our grateful thanks to Dave Craig, Philip Marshall and John Fields for "rising to the occasion". I must admit I felt a little apprehensive with 70 playing 36 holes and not being able to tee off the New Course until 9.50. I had visions of sending out prizes to their winners by post but I need not have worried for our efficient markers were even more efficient and the prizes were presented by 8 o'clock.

More thanks to Bill Holloway and Frank Buitt for getting everyone off the tee at the right time and to the following firms who contributed towards the prize giving.

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#### Tournament Results

*Scratch Prize*—C. Osgood (Walton Heath) 76-81—157.

*Best Old Course*—D. Keen (Ellesborough) 88-13 75.

*Best New Course*—J. Kirkpatrick (Dulwich & Syd.) 74-2 72.

*Over 60*—A. Creese (Bognor Regis) 85-9 76; C. A. Moore (Stanmore) 96-14 82; G. Piggott (Henley) 98-11 87.

*President's Cup*—L. Coyte (Romford) 139-157—296.

*36 Aggregate*—

1. W. Cavanagh (New Malden) 83-69—152.
2. F. Dulake (Walton Heath) 82-71—153.
3. J. K. Glass (Thorpe Hall) 78-75—153.
4. P. Ainsworth (Hadley Wood) 82-73—155.
5. D. Major (Betchworth Park) 80-76—156.
6. B. V. Fordham (Tandridge) 80-76—157.
7. B. Payne (Beaconsfield) 81-76—157.
8. L. Coyte (Romford) 80-77—157.
9. P. Whitehead (Shooters Hill) 80-77—157.
10. J. Dodds (Ampfield) 79-80—159.
11. G. Payne (Maidenhead) 76-83—159.
12. F. Hayter (Enfield) 86-74—160.
13. W. Machin (Addington Court) 80-80—160.
14. R. Plain (Beaconsfield) 84-78—162.

15. P. Staines (Maylands) 82-80—162.

16. J. Noakes (Thornden Park) 96-77—163.

#### New Members

A warm welcome to the following new members. A. Winters and A. J. Martin (Harefield Place), I. E. Millar (Woodlands Manor), D. M. Anderson of Coombe Wood, T. L. Keeping (Broadstone).

#### Raffle Tickets

As in previous years all members will have received four books by this time and I am hoping you will sell them straight away and return them to me in the stamped addressed envelope enclosed. ANY OVERDUE SUBS COULD ALSO BE ENCLOSED.

#### Autumn Tournament

The Autumn Tournament will be held at Orsett Golf Club, Essex, on Wednesday, 9th September 1970.

## NORTH-EAST

By G. Jeffries

*Chairman:*  
J. SIMPSON

*Hon. Secretary:*  
55 Brackenfield Road,  
Framwell Gate Moor, Durham.

#### Spring Tournament

Our Spring Tournament was held on Thursday, 23rd April at the Newcastle United Golf Club, by kind permission of the Captain and Committee. The weather was fine, but a strong breeze was blowing across the course.

#### Results

*Best Gross*—C. Baxter (Whitburn) 77-8—69, L. Jones Putter. The William Hood Salver was won by C. W. Maston (Billingham Sythonia Recreation Club) 88-18—70. 2nd, I. Huish (Wearside) 80-9—71, ash tray. 3rd, G. Proudlock (Wearside) 93-20—73, Association tie.

Our chairman, Mr. J. Simpson, thanked the Captain and Committee for the courtesy of the course and clubhouse; also for the most hospitable welcome that we received from the Chairman, Mr Asprey, the Captain, Mr Anderson, the Hon. Secretary, Mr J. Burke and the Hon. Treasurer, Mr Cairns; he then introduced the Captain to us, who had kindly consented to present the prizes. Mr Anderson said a few words on our behalf and invited us to a return visit in the future. Our Chairman thanked Mr Burke for making it possible through the Steward and Stewardess for a splendid meal. The Greenkeeper, Mr C. Warde, was thanked for the fine condition of the course; Jack also commented on how trying the weather was for us greenkeepers. Our thanks are due to Mr W. Hood for donating the salver to our section. Thanks also to Messrs Ransomes for a donation to our prize fund and to members who gave prizes for the raffle.



The following were thanked for their help with the score cards. Mr Les Lowrey, our mainstay at these functions, Mr W. Pender of Stewarts of Edinburgh, and our Vice-Chairman Mr Norman Fraser. A warm thank you was given to Mr Tom Oliver for handling the raffle. It was nice to see Tom out and about again.

We were sorry our President, Mr C. N. Storey, could not attend as he had other commitments. I feel that all members will join me in thanking our Chairman, Mr J. Simpson, for the work he does on these occasions and for the section throughout the year. We welcome to the section Mr N. Dakin, assistant to Mr J. Taylor, Arcot Hall Golf Club, and hope his association will be long and happy.

## SHEFFIELD

*Chairman:*  
G. HERRINGTON  
(Lindrick)

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

### Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting held at the Brunswick Hotel on 30th April was attended by 22 members.

An apology for the unavoidable absence of the *President*, Mr A. Shardlow, was received and the *Chairman*, Mr G. Herrington, conducted the proceedings. After the approval of the minutes the elected officers were:—*President*, A. Shardlow, Esq.; *Vice-Presidents*, Messrs B. Elliott (Sickleholme), L. J. Haynes (Hallamshire), J. Hickling (Beauchief), E. W. Parks (Lindrick), B. H. Webster (Hillsborough) are joined by Mr S. K. Arnold (Abbeylea). Mr H. F. Yeomans has resigned. *Chairman*, G. Herrington; *Vice-Chairman*, J. Baxby; *Secretary*, H. Gillespie; *Treasurer*, R. Whitehead. *Committee*: H. Herrington, S. Lawler, R. N. Maltby and E. Palmer. The *Treasurer* reported a very healthy statement of accounts.

Mr J. Marshall, recently retired from Hallamshire Golf Club, was elected *Honorary Life Member*.

Fixtures are: *President's Trophy* on 19th May, at Hallows G.C.; *Sheffield Union*, 15th June, at Phoenix G.C.; *Annual Tournament*, 8th July, at Lincoln G.C.; *Match versus Northern Section*, 29th September, at Rotherham G.C.

### Handicaps

J. Lomas 18 to 20.

### Ransomes Visit

A party of 33 visited the Ipswich works of Messrs Ransomes, Sims and Jefferies on 15th April, after travelling to Felixstowe the previous day and staying overnight. This was a very interesting visit and enjoyable too and we are most grateful to Mr J. I. Fearn of Fearnco Ltd. for providing

the transport, and Mr H. Carter, manager of Fearnco Ltd., who assisted with the arrangements. We must also thank Mr J. F. R. Wilson and Mr G. Vaughan of Ransomes for the very warm and cordial welcome reception we received. Our thanks are also due to Mr A. Shardlow for his financial assistance. To all these gentlemen we say thanks for the opportunity of a very interesting and memorable occasion.

### Best Wishes

Our best wishes for a speedy recovery go to S. Inman of Lindrick Golf Club who has been immobilised for quite a while with leg trouble.

We also send our best wishes to G. Shepherd who, after 24 years' service with Hillsborough Golf Club, has had to give up greenkeeping for health reasons.

### New Member

We welcome to the Section L. Carless of Hallamshire Golf Club who joins us from Hoyleake.

## MIDLAND

*By R. Goodwin*

*Chairman:*  
G. HART  
(Gay Hill)

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

### Haberley Cup and Annual General Meeting

The Haberley Cup will be played over 18 holes at the Haberley Golf Club on 20th July by kind permission of the *Captain* and *Directors*.

The A.G.M. will take place in the clubhouse during the afternoon.

Will members taking part please let me have their names by Monday, 6th July.

### Spring Tournament at Oswestry

Thirty greenkeepers took part in the Spring Tournament at the Oswestry Golf Club. This was our first visit to this delightful parkland course set in the heart of Shropshire.

Head Greenkeeper Harold Lewis and his assistant Philip Davies had the course in first-class condition and had obviously put in a tremendous amount of hard work.

The *Steward* and *Stewardess*, Mr and Mrs Dias, provided first class meals throughout the day, while Neil Prior, Peter Grummitt, Frank Cashmore and Les Grenow made an excellent job of officiating at the day's proceedings.

### Results — 27 holes

Best Gross—W. Marnock 107, Sutton Cup and golf shoes. Best Nett—G. Bunting, 101, Ransomes Cup and gold watch; 2nd, R. Pugh, 103, pullover; 3rd, T. Morris, 105, shirt; 4th, J. Bevan, 105, table mats; 5th

V. Smith, 105½, 1 doz. golf balls; 6th, G. Hart, 107, ½ doz. steak knives; 7th, R. Pullen, 107½, holdall; 8th, D. Haynes, 108, voucher; 9th, G. Woodward, 109, 100 cigarettes.

Players with "2" on card received one golf ball each: G. Woodward, W. Barton, A. Boraston, E. McKenna, E. Thomas, T. Jones and V. Smith.

#### Visitors Invitation: 18 holes

1st, Mr S. C. Paulson, 69, bottle of whisky; 2nd, Mr L. Hatton, 69, ½ bottle of whisky.

The Captain of the Oswestry Golf Club, Mr Gull, sent his apologies for not being able to be with us on this occasion.

Mr D. Humphreys, Vice-Captain, presented the prizes. He welcomed the greenkeepers to Oswestry Golf Club and paid special tribute to Harold Lewis for his very high standard of workmanship on the course.

On behalf of the greenkeepers, Chairman George Hart thanked the Captain and Committee for allowing us the courtesy of this beautiful course and clubhouse. He also paid tribute to Harold Lewis and assistant Philip Davies for their fine efforts in providing such a well-kept course. He also thanked Mr and Mrs Dias for the first-class service and meals throughout the day, and Neil Prior of Sutton's and Peter Grummitt of Fisons, together with Frank Cashmore and Len Grenow for officiating.

We were also pleased to see at the prize-giving the Chairman of the Green Committee, Mr S. Goff, and the Secretary of the Green Committee, Mr G. Williams.

Our thanks also go to the prize donors who were:—

Messrs Ransomes, Sutton & Sons Ltd., Fisons Ltd., Flymo Ltd., Stewarts Ltd., Supaturf Ltd., Mr Carl Bretherton, Mr Jones and Mr R. Greenhalgh of Walmley Golf Club, and Carter's Tested Seeds.

#### New Member

We welcome to the Section the following new member: Keith Thacker, of the Little Aston Golf Club.

## WELSH

By **S. A. Tucker**

Hon. Sec. and Treasurer:  
36 Clase Road, Morriston,  
Swansea, Glamorgan.

Chairman:

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

#### Spring Meeting

Our Spring meeting was held at Wenroe Castle Golf Club on 22nd April which was well attended. Our Chairman was unable to attend being laid up with a very heavy cold. We all wish him the best of luck for a quick recovery and are looking forward to seeing him at our Annual General Meeting

on the 30th June at Southerdown and do make an effort to attend. The following handed in the best cards which were over 27 holes. Aggregate Medal 1st prize was won by E. J. Thompson, net 109½, winning the Cardiff Cup and travelling clock given by R. Bird; 2nd, P. Hughes, 111 net, umbrella; 3rd, E. C. Williams, 113½, holdall; 4th, T. Case, 116, half-dozen wine glasses.

The 19 to 24 handicap—J. Carter, 123 net, lighter (Ronson), given by Patisson & Co. First year competitor—D. A. Chillery, 184 gross, silver propelling pencil.

#### Ties

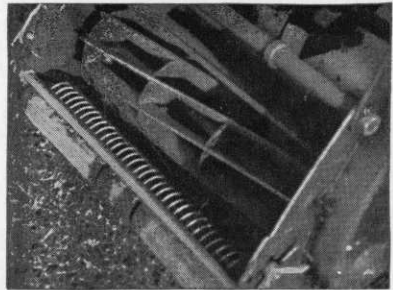
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#### Cups

The members who are holding the following cups please bring them or send them to the A.G.M. at Southerdown on 30th June: the John Duncan Cup, John O'Gorman Cup, the Birdie Cup.

Please don't forget to bring your subscriptions. They are due; also your membership cards as you have received a new one.

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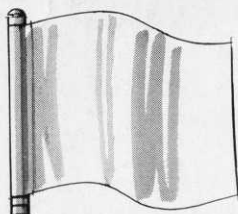
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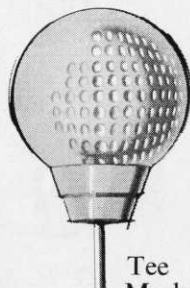
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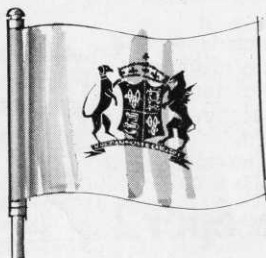


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