

News



from the Sections

SOUTH COAST

Chairman :
P. MALIA
(Lee-on-Solent)

By Tom Graham
Hon. Secretary:
"Waverley",
West Lane,
Hayling Island,
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

Chairman:
A. ROBERTSHAW

By J. Parker
Hon. Secretary:
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.

R. C. Craig & Co. Ltd., Ransomes, Sims & Jefferies Ltd., H. Patissons & Co. Ltd., Plymo Ltd., J. Parker & Sons, Synchemicals Ltd., Sutton & Sons, C. H. Pugh Ltd., Maxwell M. Hart Ltd., Kingston House Mowers Ltd., British Overhead Irrigation Ltd., May & Baker Ltd., Universal Mat Co. Ltd., Carters Tested Seeds Ltd.

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

Chairman:

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

By S. A. Tucker

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

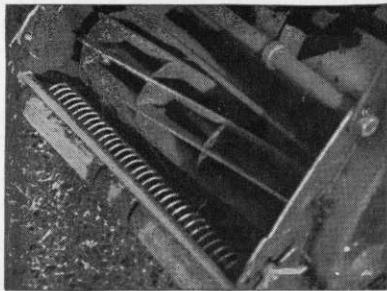
I have a number of Greenkeepers ties in stock. I will have them with me at Southerdown; if any member wants one they will be 10/6 each.

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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