

News



from the Sections

EAST MIDLAND

By S. Fretter

Hon. Secretary:

4 Queens Drive,
Leicester Forest East,
Leicester.

Chairman:
P. McCARRON

Knock-out Competition

The draw for this competition took place at the Anchor Inn, Hathern, on Wednesday, 8th April, 1970.

PRELIMINARY ROUND

L. Spence (Scraptoft) v. G. Gittings (Birstall), B. Mott (Kettering) v. E. Gurney (Scraptoft).

FIRST ROUND

S. Fretter (Unattached) v. B. Bates (Birstall), R. Bailey (Kibworth) v. F. Fogg (Luffenham Heath), D. Warrington (Birstall) v. B. Mott or E. Gurney, J. Pilgrim (Willesley Park) v. R. Willars (Leicestershire), A. J. E. Cook (Birstall) v. T. Hendry (Birstall), I. R. Toone (Kirby Muxloe) v. P. McCarron (Leicestershire), G. Darby (Birstall) v. L. Spence or G. Gittings, K. J. Wood (Kirby Muxloe) v. W. L. Tuckwood (Charnwood).

NOTTINGHAM—FIRST ROUND

G. Arnold (Erewash) v. W. Woods (Stanton on the Wolds), A. Webb (Rushcliffe) v. R. O'Hara (Stanton on the Wolds).

The first round is to be played by the 21st May 1970 and the second round by the 24th June 1970.

Will the winner of each game please notify me.

New Members

We welcome to this section a new Vice-President, Mr R. J. Bates of Birstall Golf Club, Birstall, Leicestershire.

We also welcome back to this section a greenkeeper who we hope will have a long

stay in this section—Mr R. Willars, 50 Blaby Road, South Wigston, Leicester.

Subscriptions

All subscriptions became due on the 1st May 1970. Also would you please return all your pass cards as they are *no longer valid*. When you pay your subscriptions you will have a new pass. It would be appreciated and helpful if you would forward your subscriptions as soon as possible.

NORTHERN

By J. Parker

Hon. Secretary:

Chairman:
A. ROBERTSHAW

8 Goit Stock Terr., Harden,
Bingley, Yorks.

President's Prize

The competition for the President's Prize will be played over the course at Sandmoor Golf Club, Leeds, on Tuesday, 16th June, by courtesy of the Club Committee. Play will start at 3 p.m.—members being partnered on arrival.

Annual Dinner

Fifty-two members, wives and friends attended the Annual Dinner in the Clubhouse of the Horsforth Golf Club on Wednesday, 4th March. An enjoyable evening was had by all and our thanks are due to our President for providing the entertainment.

Subscriptions

Although some members have only just paid their subscriptions for the year commencing 1st May 1969, I must remind members that a new financial year's subs are now due. Our membership is falling so I would be glad if members would do their utmost to bring new ones into the Association.

Handicaps

The following changes in handicaps have been made:—

D. Spurden 12 to 11, D. Storey 9 to 11, M. Barrett 9 to 11, S. Smith 15 to 17, A. Burge 24 to 22, L. Sharp 17 to 19.

SOUTHERN

By F. W. Ford

Hon. Secretary:

Chairman:
J. K. GLASS
(Thorpe Hall)

68 Salcombe Gardens
Mill Hill, N.W.7
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Annual Dinner

The Annual Dinner was held at Shirley Park Golf Club on Friday, 20th March, and a record number of 100 members and guests assembled for what turned out to be a good afternoon's golf and an excellent meal in the evening.

Following the meal, our President, Mr J. Wallis-Arthur read out apologies and good

wishes for a successful evening from the Association President, Mr Carl Bretherton, and the Captain of the Essex Golf Captains.

The Sweepstake for the 18-hole Stableford were then presented as follows: 1st, R. Vernon and Guest (41 points); 2nd, F. W. Ford and Dai Rees (39 points); 3rd, S. Kilby and C. A. Moore (38 points).

The President then called upon Mr Charles L'Archer, Captain of Shirley Park, to propose the Association.

Welcoming the Southern Section to Shirley Park for the first time, he said he hoped it would be the forerunner of many more such events. He also expressed great pleasure at being invited to the Dinner and congratulated the Secretary on the arrangements, etc.

The Association Chairman, Mr Henry Fry, was delayed with traffic problems on his journey from Swansea and was unable to be with us in time to reply. However, we are very fortunate to have such a versatile and competent Section Chairman in Mr J. K. Glass who, as always, was ready and willing to step into the breach.

Mr J. Wallis-Arthur then proposed the guests and in his reply Dai Rees said how pleased he was to be with us again and to see so many youngsters in the gathering. Referring to the golf, which he said he had enjoyed very much, the short 14th hole was one of the best he had seen.

One or two stories followed and the evening concluded by a last visit to the bar for drinks and goodbyes.

New Members

A warm welcome from the Section to the following new members: R. M. Davis (Wyke Green), D. J. Wilde (Mitcham), P. N. Marshall (Truro), J. B. Monk, B. J. Richardson and N. A. H. Griffin of Effingham Golf Club.

SOUTH-WEST

By **A. Cockfield**

Hon. Secretary:
10 Clarence Terrace,
Claverton Down, Bath.

Chairman:
L. MILLAR

Annual General Meeting

Twenty-two members attended the Section A.G.M. held at Saltford Golf Club on the evening of 24th March.

Last year's Minutes and balance sheet were read and approved. The Committee appointed for the coming year was as follows: Chairman, L. Millar. General Committee—I. Scoones, W. Light, J. Torrance, S. Baber and R. King. The Summer Competition and prizes came in for some discussion. But it was finally agreed that in order to make the day more competitive a prize to every three competitors in each section was all that was required. Sweep money was also to be increased in order that a percentage could go to the prize fund.

The Christmas Dinner 1970. Long Ashton Golf Club was to be approached as a possible venue. If not convenient Lansdown Golf Club was recommended as a second choice.

The results of the 18-hole Medal Competition held on the afternoon of the A.G.M. were as follows:—

Best Gross—L. Millar, 78.

Best Nett—R. Jones, 81:11:70; M. Dodd, 79:9:70; B. Summers, 88:18:70; W. Light, 82:11:71.

These four qualify for the S.W. Artisan Championship. Date to be announced later.

At the conclusion of the meeting I. Scoones proposed a vote of thanks on behalf of the Section to Saltford Golf Club for permitting us to hold our Competition and meeting at their club.

Am/Greenkeeper Foursomes

Will all members please note the date of the Am/Greenkeeper Foursomes—Monday, 22nd June. It is important for every member to support this event.

Annual Summer Competition

The Annual Summer Competition will be held at the Mendip Golf Club on Thursday, 16th July.

MIDLAND

By **R. Goodwin**

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

Chairman:
G. HART
(Gay Hill)

Massey-Ferguson Day Trip

A visit to Massey-Ferguson U.K. Ltd. of Coventry has been arranged for Tuesday, 23rd June. There will be a coach leaving the Civic Centre, Broad Street, Birmingham, at 9 a.m. Will members wishing to go on this outing please let me know by the 31st May.

Annual Match at Handsworth

Mr Bretherton has arranged the date for the Annual Match between the President's team and the Greenkeepers for Thursday, 25th June, at the Handsworth Golf Club. Last year's match attracted a record number of Greenkeepers and I would like to see a similar number along this year.

SHEFFIELD

By **H. Gillespie**

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

Chairman:
G. HERRINGTON
(Lindrick)

Lecture

The final lecture of this winter on 26th March by Mr French, of Rentokil Laboratories Ltd., was entitled "Pest Control on Golf Courses". It was in keeping with the previously monthly meetings with 30 mem-

bers. The evening was very informative and some very interesting questions were asked. I would like to thank all members who have attended lectures during the winter series. The numbers have been very encouraging both to the lecturers, who travel many miles to be with us, and to those responsible for the organisation of the programme. It makes it all worth the effort. If you have any suggestions for next winter please let me know and I will gladly try to make the necessary arrangements.

Tournaments

The dates of the tournaments are as follows:—

19th May—President's Trophy—Hallowes Golf Club.

15th June—Sheffield Union Match—Phoenix Golf Club.

8th July—Section Annual Tournament—Lincoln Golf Club.

17th, 18th, 19th August—Association Annual Tournament—Filey Golf Club.

29th September—Northern Section Match—Rotherham Golf Club.

Entry forms for these will be sent out nearer the dates.

Ransomes Visit

The visit to Ransomes will have taken place by the time you read this and a report will be in next month's issue.

NORTH-WEST

Chairman:
T. BRENNAN.

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

Subscriptions

Will all members please note that subscriptions are now due for 1970, please forward them to our Treasurer, Mr Macavoy and NOT to me. Will you also forward your old pass book when a new one will be issued.

In Memoriam

It is with regret that I have to inform members of the passing of Mr J. R. Borthwick, Head Greenkeeper at the Northenden Golf Club and who was associated with Northenden for over 30 years, and on behalf of the members of the Section to extend to his wife and family our deepest sympathy in their bereavement.

New Member

We welcome to the Section on his rejoining, E. Walsh, Childwell Golf Club, Naylans Road, Liverpool, and hope his association with the Section will be a happy one.

WELSH

By S. A. Tucker

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

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

Annual General Meeting

The Section Annual General Meeting will be held at Southerdown Golf Club on Tuesday, 30th June. This meeting is in conjunction with the Secretaries. I must have your entry by 18th June so that I can let Mr Leonard know how many will be coming and so enable him to make the necessary arrangements for lunch and dinner. PLEASE let me have your entry as soon as you know that you can come.

Subscriptions

These are now due and I ask you to please bring them with you as it will save Mr Geddes a lot of time and expense in chasing late subs. It will also enable him to clear that section of the accounts. Thank you.

Congratulations

On behalf of the members of the Section I would like to congratulate Jack Martin of Pennard Golf Club on completing 20 years with the club. As a token of respect for his good work the club has made him an Honorary Member. Good Luck Jack and we hope you will continue for many more years.

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Mastiff—improved balance

All Mastiff 30 and 36 inch mowers now have improved poise. These exceptionally popular mowers are fitted with a new balance bar and solid handle bar as standard to ensure perfect balance when mowing. When mowing without the grass box, poise can be restored by moving the balance bar.

Electric Start

This is now fitted to the 36 inch Mastiff and the ride-on Twenty-Four and works from a self righting key switch. Among its more obvious advantages is its ease of starting, especially in confined spaces.

General

On exhibition on Ransomes display will be a wide range of domestic and professional mowers with a choice of mowers to suit most purposes.