

News



from the Sections

NORTH-EAST

By G. Jeffries

Chairman:
J. SIMPSON

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

December Lecture

At our December lecture held in the Duke of Wellington Hotel, Newcastle, on the 15th, Mr B. D. Lloyd-James, Institutional Representative for Flymo Limited, gave a very interesting talk on lawn mowers, with the aid of slides.

The turn out was very poor due to the fact that quite a number were suffering from influenza, however, a good night was had by those present.

Our chairman thanked Mr Lloyd-James for his lecture, and we ended the evening with refreshments.

Spring Outing

A visit to the S.T.R.I. is proposed in the Spring, the exact date to be given later. A coach will be hired for this outing and will leave from Newcastle. Any member wishing to go, please let me know as soon as possible to enable me to make arrangements for meals etc.

MIDLAND

By R. Goodwin

Chairman:
G. HART
(Gay Hill)

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

Charles Woodhouse Retires

The end of 1969 saw the retirement of Charles Woodhouse after completing 51 years as a Greenkeeper.

At the age of 14, Charles started work on the

Carlisle & Silloth Golf Course, Cumberland

From there he moved to Keswick Golf Club in the Lake District as Head Greenkeeper.

In 1929 he went to South Staffordshire Golf Club where he remained for the past 41 years.

In those years Charles has sought, and achieved perfection, the South Staffordshire course being renowned throughout the Midlands for its magnificent condition.

Congratulations to you Charles on this excellent achievement and wonderful contribution to Greenkeeping and the game of golf. My fellow greenkeepers will join me in wishing you a long and happy retirement.

Spring Tournament

The Spring Tournament will take place at the Oswestry Golf Club on Wednesday, 6th May 1970, by kind permission of the Captain and committee. It is intended to run a coach from the Hall of Memory, Birmingham, leaving at 8.15 a.m.

In order for me to make detailed arrangements for the tournament, it is important that all members wishing to play, should send in their entries by the end of MARCH, stating if they will be travelling on the coach, require lunch and tea, and names and requirements of their visitors.

Subscriptions

Should any member have forgotten his 1969 subscription, would he please send it to Mr F. Cashmore, 76 Four Oaks Common Road, Sutton Coldfield.

New Member

We welcome to the section D. A. Barker, of the Finham Park Coventry Golf Club.

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

January Lecture

Headed by our President, Mr J. Wallis-Arthur, 26 members attended the lecture at the Stirling Castle on Wednesday, 7th January.

"How to get the best out of your MF tractor" was the theme of the talk given by Mr Nigel Wright assisted by Mr David Smith.

Maintenance of the MF 135 occupied most of the talk and this was followed by a demonstration of the correct Hydraulic Control lever positions.

Tractors to be refuelled and DI's to be completed at the end of the day, Mr Wright advised.

Question time proved that either not many members possessed MF 135 tractors or that the majority were still suffering from the festival hangers!

A disappointed Chairman, whose MF tractor was alleged to be older than the speaker, concluded the proceedings by saying how much the interesting and instructive talk had been enjoyed.

March Lecture

On 4th March, 6.30 p.m. at the Stirling

Castle, London Wall, Moorgate, we shall once again have the pleasure of another visit from the Sports Turf Research Institute at Bingley, of Mr Bartle.

This will be the third and final talk on green-keeping and I shall look forward to a full house as usual.

Annual Dinner

The Annual Dinner and 18 holes competition will take place at the Shirley Park Golf Club, Addiscombe Road, Croydon, Surrey, on Friday, 20th March 1970.

Tickets are £1 each and are available from me either by writing or collecting at the Stirling Castle on lecture evenings.

The nearest station is East Croydon with a short bus ride. Members wishing to play in the 4-ball, better ball 18 hole Stableford must arrange their own partners and record the best net score. 5/- sweepstake each competition.

Any person requiring lunch or sandwiches to notify the steward on arrival (Tel. 01-654-1143).

The Secretary of Shirley Park, Mr Frank Lister, has informed me that the club can accommodate 140 to dinner which means that we should have plenty of elbow room this year and no limitation on how many guests you can invite.

Spring Tournament

The Spring Tournament will be in Surrey this year at the Walton Heath Golf Club, Tadworth. There are no entry forms! Members wishing to enter for this 36 hole medal competition should write to me stating in **BLOCK LETTERS**, name, club, lowest handicap and whether requiring a late start. Closing date 30th March 1970, the draw to be made 31st March 1970.

Members are again reminded that no entries will be accepted from persons who are in arrears with their subscriptions. Rule 7 (c).

New Member

May I extend a warm welcome to the following new member H. Tripp of Burnham Beeches.

NORTH-WEST

Chairman:
T. BRENNAN

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

Lectures

The February talk will be given by Mr Whyatt of H. Pattison & Co., Ltd., on Friday, 17th February at the Brunswick Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester, time—7.30 p.m.

The March talk will be given by G. Vaughan, Esq., of Ransomes Sims & Jefferies Limited, on the 17th March at 7.30 p.m. and the venue will again be the Brunswick Hotel.

This will be the last of this winter's series of talks.

New Member

We welcome to the section the following new

member and hope his association will be a long and happy one.

D. Hampson, Shaw Hill Golf Club, Whittle le Woods, Nr. Chorley, Lancs.

WELSH

By **S. A. Tucker**

Chairman:
M. GEDDES
(Royal Porthcawl)

Hon. Secretary:
36 Clase Road,
Morrison,
Swansea, Glam.

Spring Meeting

I am pleased to be able to let you know that the Spring Meeting will be held on Wednesday 22nd April 1970 at the Wenvove Castle Golf Club. I would like your entries as soon as you know if you will be coming.

Subscriptions

There are still a few subscriptions not paid. It would help Mr Geddes very much if you sent yours on to him right away. His address is:—

M. Geddes,
23 Fenton Place,
Porthcawl,
Glam.

PLEASE do not send them to me.

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