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TEE SHOTS



by the Editor

The Greater London Council plans to put up charges on its public courses from 10s to 15s for weekend rounds. Hainault Forest and Beckenham Place Park already pay their way under the present scale of charges with 200,000 rounds a year but the Greater London Council needs another 100,000 to cover increased costs for the whole of its sporting facilities. Golf, being a popular game, has been chosen to bear the brunt.

Towneley Golf Club members at Burnley have been complaining to their Council about their clubhouse. As one of East Lancashire's most popular golf courses, facilities at the 19th hole are stated to amount to "a sixpenny tea dispensing machine, a couple of toilets, two sinks and a geyser that doesn't work."

Harborne Golf Club Limited at Birmingham has gone into voluntary liquidation. Fortunately, this is purely a financial exercise so that nearly half of £65,000 realised by the sale of land outside the course can be distributed amongst shareholders at the rate of 16 per share. A new company has been formed called Harborne Golf Club (Birmingham) Limited but in other respects there will be no change apart from £35,000 which is being kept in the kitty.

Rumours have been circulated in the West Country that Exeter Golf and Country Club was to be sold. Mr Francis Johns, the club's Executive Director and Secretary, has emphatically denied it and also another current rumour according to which the club intended to construct a second course some miles from Exeter.

A new course in North Devon is, however, planned at South Molton where Mr F. L. Coombs, a barrister, has now received planning approval for 18 holes on 175 acres of grassland.



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No. 14 — Research in the Seventies

by F. W. HAWTREE

It is time to sound an alarm. The sixties showed what could be done to attract people to golf. For longer than that, the Golf Foundation has done noble work among the schools. Now the pressure is on. We are hurrying (slowly) to provide more golf courses but hardly more than ten new ones open annually. In the twenties, 50 were made each year. They were often made with rudimentary knowledge of soil science and never with the idea that they would have to stand up to pounding by thousands of feet and trollies in all weathers. Most inland courses are deteriorating. Greenkeepers never have a chance to put them right. Green committees are often keener to add length or alter bunkers than to get down to the basic need for drastic reform of the structure of courses which will soon resemble the goalmouths of the average football pitch.

Compaction by traffic over the grass had led to refined machines for spiking, slitting, and hollow tining. But they only act as palliatives. On poorly drained courses play in wet weather puddles the surface, the grass loses vigour and we rely on more fertiliser to get it back. A winter with no frost, a drought after a cold spring, any aberration from a normal weather pattern leaves the turf gasping.

Drainage is our problem. Drainage of greens, tees and fairways, drainage through the top-soil, drainage of the sub-soil. Winter play will be more agreeable, damage will be negligible, the turf will be stronger and its condition will not oscillate wildly from one month to the next.

But when we try to find out about drainage we soon realise that events have overtaken research. We can

borrow from the U.S.G.A. Green Section their specification for constructing greens with a porous layer below a special soil mixture. But the proportions of sand and peat to form the ideal mixture with our local soil are still hit and miss because little work has been done to determine the acceptable range of permeability and how it can be produced.

The Sports Council appointed a small committee to decide how best research into problems of this sort should be aided. Their report appears to have gone into mothballs. Grants totalling about £10,000 are made to the Sports Turf Research Institute and to Aberystwyth though the latter is more concerned with sports grounds where similar problems arise. The S.T.R.I. is otherwise supported entirely by voluntary contributions and with the whole range of golf course problems to be studied has to trim its research to a limited budget. £10,000 on research to sustain our investment in golf courses of perhaps £1500 million hardly makes sense. If we compare it with the total annual operating costs, the cost of new courses, what golfers are spending and tournament prize money, it makes less sense still.

Apart from research, we are not spending one penny on education. Five years ago, the British and Scottish Greenkeepers Associations, recognising the dangers, started an apprenticeship scheme with the help of the golf unions. This scheme supports itself on the fees it charges for issuing the apprenticeship deeds. At least it has produced 90 well trained young men and more are training now. But education beyond this level is totally absent except for lectures which the sections of the Greenkeepers

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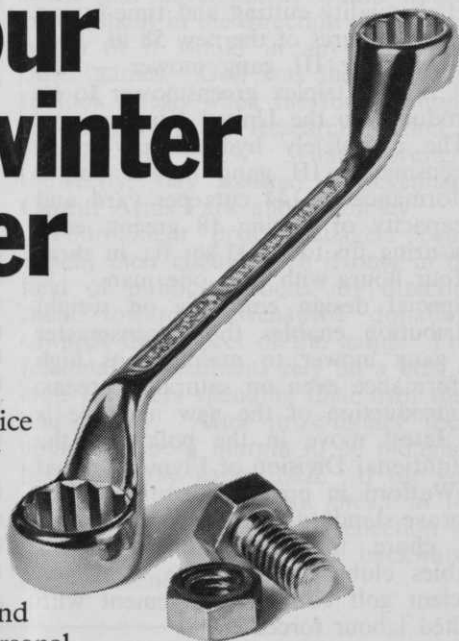
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Special design emphasis on weight distribution enables the Greensmaster III gang mower to maintain its high performance even on saturated greens.

Introduction of the new machine is the latest move in the policy of the Institutional Division of Flymo Limited of Watford in providing equipment to improve standards and reduce the mowing chore to the minimum. This enables clubs to undertake total and efficient golf course management with limited labour forces.

The three 21 in. cutting units of the Greensmaster III gang mower incorporate all the outstanding features of the popular 21 in. Toro Greensmaster pedestrian-operated machine which is still available.

The new machine, which can also be used on aprons, cuts greens from $\frac{1}{8}$ in. to 11/16th in. An adjustment of height by an additional 3/16th in. for cutting aprons can be made in seconds, without tools, by means of spring-loaded hand wheels.

Another feature is that all three cutting units are clearly visible forward of the greenkeeper seated in a relaxed position at all times. All three cutting units are interchangeable.

Powered by an electric-start 12 h.p. Kohler engine the new model cuts greens at 3 m.p.h. and reaches 7 m.p.h. in transport between greens.

The Greensmaster III gang mower weighs 1080 lbs. and measures a compact 89 in. x 72 in. with a height of 46 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. Special wide-fitting balloon tyres, each with a ground contact of

43 sq. in., are designed to prevent turf damage.

Other features include single foot control to raise and lower cutting units with automatic engagement and disengagement of cutter drive, and spacious frame-mounted boxes for grass collection. There is an adjustable high-back padded seat for maximum driver comfort and minimum operator fatigue.

NEW 19 ft. TORO PARKMASTER CUTS TIME AND MOWING COSTS

Designed flexibility for mowing around natural and other obstacles and a cutting width of 30 in. up to 19 ft. are key features of the new Toro Parkmaster gang mower being introduced to the United Kingdom by the Institutional Division of Flymo Limited of Watford. It has a capacity of more than 100 acres a day.

The Parkmaster is a combination of a 79 h.p. purpose-built tractor and an outfit of five, seven- or nine-reel-type trailed gang mowers especially designed to save maintenance costs on large turf areas including parks, golf courses, motorway verges, playing fields and similar situations.

The latest product in the Flymo Institutional range, the Parkmaster provides unequalled flexibility of a tractor unit with a five, seven- or nine-unit frame. The five-unit model cuts a maximum swath of 11 ft., the seven-unit model a 15 ft. swath, and the nine-unit model a 19 ft. swath.

All three models, which can operate the 30 in. mowers singly or in conjunction with others, depending on the nature of the turf, are claimed to save up to 50 per cent in time and maintenance costs.

The main feature of the hydraulic control enables each mower to be raised and lowered at the simple push of a lever to clear around obstacles without having to stop for changes and adjustments. The 79 h.p. engine gives the tractor unit a capability of long service rugged performance on any terrain.

Mobility is emphasised by a road speed of 30 m.p.h. for transport

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Associations arrange for themselves. We should be sending men for advanced training at university level. The American Superintendents Association's scholarship and research fund in 1969 was 21,000 dollars. This year the U.S. National Golf Day will give 14,300 dollars to the fund. Over there, these figures are regarded as trifling compared with the need though in all some 80,000 dollars was allocated to golf educational funds in 1969.

It is fair to assume that the momentum of the present tide of new golfers will carry itself on without much assistance. We should consolidate our position before moving on. Knowledge from research is needed to provide the sub-structure which will produce good turf in all seasons. The money for making the changes will have to come from golf clubs themselves and would be better spent this way to guarantee the future than on new cocktail bars.

There are dozens of voluntary bodies supporting the playing side of the game. They should direct a little of their

income to encourage the knowledge and practice fundamental to every shot ever played. A National Golf Day in the British Isles would alone transform the scene. The Sports Council should consider whether part of the grants to assist golf development would not be better spent in the direction of research. Much of it would in any case assist other games. Golf was the first sport to look ahead when the four National Unions set up the Research Station at Bingley in 1929. That foresight, indirectly, has assisted Twickenham, Cardiff Arms Park and Wembley.

Tournament pros' managers could benefit their clients, even if only in the field of public relations, by directing them towards covenanted donations towards this aspect of the game. Professional tournaments rely on a host of club members spending their own time and money. After prize-money there could still be a margin to be ploughed back into the game itself. If the golf unions could see so far ahead in the twenties, it will be a sad reflection on all of us of we only look backwards in the seventies.

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between jobs. The unit compacts to 8 ft. in width for easy road travel and garaging.

The hydraulic system enables the unit to slim down to pass through narrow areas and disengages the mowers for road transport in less than a minute.

To meet the requirements of any surface the tractor operates four forward gears and reverse. The unit utilises Toro Spartan six-blade gang mowers (30 in. x 8½ in. diameter) for use on formal and semi-formal turf areas and Toro heavy-duty four-blade Roughmaster gang mowers (30 in. x 10 in. diameter) for "control mowing" of limited care turf areas. All the blades are specially designed and highly engineered for rugged performance and low maintenance requirements.

Other special features include a turning radius of 7 ft. 3 in., a 2:1 hill operation capacity, a facility for adjusting the ground pressure of the wheels and rear rollers and hydraulic brakes.

The hydraulic control at the driver's elbow, power steering and maximum seat comfort ensure minimum driver fatigue for long operations.

LATEST NEW ZEALAND MOWER JOINS FLYMO RANGE

A rugged, 28 in. power-driven rotary mower for heavy-duty grass application, the Roughmaster 28 is the latest model in the Morrison range of turf care equipment available through the Institutional Division of Flymo Limited of Watford.

Designed to meet a wide variety of grass conditions, the Roughmaster 28 incorporates several unique design features coupling power with manoeuvrability.

The robust traction-drive New

Zealand machine is fitted with a floating cutting head which pivots to follow contours in close-cutting operations and reduce unsightly scalping. Removable side skids which guide the floating head also help prevent turf damage and provide easy over-edge cutting. In rough cutting, the side skids are fixed to their brackets in a reverse position which makes them inoperative. Inset rear wheels ensure accurate over-edge cutting.

An unique principle of smooth-based orbital discs, which are an additional feature and interchangeable with the two front castor wheels used in normal operations, provide a rotating slide movement for the front of the machine enabling easy operation over uneven ground.

Particularly suitable for use in parks and reserves, road verges, golf courses and other similar areas, the Roughmaster 28 is versatile and easy to operate for lengthy periods.

The mower's powerful 7 h.p. Tecumseh engine, designed for continuous heavyweight performance, drives through a completely enclosed trans-axle at three forward speeds and reverse, with a top forward speed of 4½ m.p.h.

The combination of manoeuvrability, range of speeds and the choice of cutting heights from ½ in. to 3½ in. give the machine exceptional versatility. An important safety feature is the arrangement of the cutter drive mechanism which automatically places a brake on the revolving cutter when the cutter drive is disengaged.

Weighing 290 lb. and measuring 72 in. x 32 in. with a wheel base of 26 in., the machine can be fitted with a trailer seat for a driver-operator for continuous cutting.

The 16 in. diameter pneumatic tyres give positive drive and safety on slopes. The cutter bar is fully enclosed in its housing.

Witham Council is supporting Braintree and District Golf Club by making representations to the Ministry of Housing and Local Government over the Ministry's refusal to make loan sanction for £35,000 for construction of the golf course at Stisted.

The Ministry previously granted loan sanction of £25,000 for purchase of the land.

HAYTERS DEVELOP MOWER FOR CEMETERIES

A new lightweight mini-sized rotary mower which can cut grass right up against stonework has been developed by rotary mower pioneers, Hayters Ltd. of Spellbrook, Bishop's Stortford, Herts. It was displayed on the company's stand at NAG and Park Administration exhibitions.

The mower, called the Hayter Hawk, has a 12 in. cut and is fitted with inset rear wheels and a choice of an inset roller or inset wheels for the front.

One of the main features is the inclusion of a side inlet and a small nylon chisel-shaped vertical deflector which acts as a scoop and draws grass from the side on to the cutters. This is designed to enable the mower to cut right up against monumental stonework. The nylon pad prevents damage.

In addition, another deflector can be fitted on the other side so that the operator can push the machine up one side of the row, and then back down the other—cutting right up to the edge in both directions.

The front roller together with the deflectors enables the machine to be suitable for all grass cutting applica-

tions in confined spaces. The necessity for hand trimming is virtually eliminated with the exception of corners within a stone framework.

Power for the cutting mechanism is provided by a Briggs and Stratton 147 c.c. four stroke engine which develops 3 b.h.p. at 3000 r.p.m. An automatic choke is standard.

The cutter bar has two cutting edges which can be reversed before re-sharpening is necessary. It is friction driven by a concave bottom plate mounted directly onto the engine crankshaft. In the event of the blade striking an obstruction it can slip around the bottom plate to a new position at which it can continue cutting thus reducing damage to the blades and preventing direct shock loads on to the engine.

Cutting height adjustment is by altering the setting of the wheels giving a variation of cut between $\frac{7}{8}$ in. to $1\frac{5}{8}$ in.

The machine weighs 52 lbs (23.6 kilos) and is 38 in. (96 cm.) long, 38 in. (96 cm.) high, and 15 in. (38 cm.) wide. Complete with wheel conversion set and extra grass deflector selling price is £40 10s.

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	6th	North-West Section Autumn Tournament.
	7th	Southern Section Quiz.
	14th	Southern Section v. Secretaries Match.
	15th	Northern Section Annual Tournament.
	19th	Midland Section Lecture.
	26th	North-West Section Lecture.
NOV.	4th	Southern Section Lecture.
	8th	East Midland Section Film Show
	10th	North-West Section Trip.

P.G.A. TOURNAMENTS 1971

Free Entry for B.G.G.A. Members

Members will be pleased to learn that the P.G.A. have very kindly granted facilities for the free entry to most professional tournaments next year. Major John Bywaters, M.B.E., P.G.A. Secretary, has written as follows:—

“At a meeting of the Committee recently I read your letter of 31st July concerning the British Golf Greenkeepers’ Association members coming to P.G.A. tournaments. The simple answer is that we shall be delighted to see them.

As you may or may not know, whereas at the majority of the tournaments there is free access to P.G.A. members, this is not always the case and so your own members would be bound by the same conditions as ours. Accordingly your members will be welcome to some 95 per cent of the events although I cannot guarantee that every single tournament of the year will be open to them.”

Commissionaires and gatekeepers at these events will have authority to admit members of the Association who produce current membership.

Members will be very grateful for this friendly action.

Scottish Golf Union Member Clubs will be paying 4s for each male member next year instead of 2s 6d but golf clubs without their own courses will still only pay the annual affiliation fee of 4 guineas.

Plans are now completed for a new 18-hole course at Blaris, near Lisburn, Co. Antrim. This will replace the present 9-hole course and should be ready for play in summer 1972.



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By S. Fretter

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Leicester.

Chairman:
J. CARRICK

Film Show

A Film Show will be held at Birstal Golf Club on Wednesday, November 8th 1970. Come and be entertained by Ransomes and Leicester Horticultural Engineers, commencing 7.30 p.m., by courtesy of the Birstal Golf Club. Please make a note of this date as postage is so dear, I shall not be writing to you again about this show.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Mr W. Wood, Stanton-on-the-Wolds Golf Club, for winning the Scratch Cup at Filey. This must be the first time it has been to the East Midlands. Well done, Walter.

Congratulations to Mr and Mrs G. Arnold on the birth of their son.

NORTH-EAST

By G. Jeffries

Hon. Secretary:

55 Brackenfield Road,
Framwell Gate Moor, Durham.

Chairman:
J. SIMPSON

Autumn Tournament

Our Autumn Tournament was held on Thursday, 10th September, at the Boldon Golf Club, by kind permission of the captain and committee. Results: Best scratch score over 27 holes—D. Cooper

(Whickham), 117; Joseph Millar Salver and table lamp. The Ransomes Cup and Ransomes Watch was won by G. Gainford (City of Newcastle) for the best net score 106. Second—I. Huish (Wearside), 108½; Metamec clock. Third—A. Lowes (Chester-le-Street), 111; bed sheets. Fourth—R. Bird (un-attached), 112½, Snug blanket. Fifth—J. Cars (Embleton), 115; bedspread. Sixth—H. Sommerville (Alnmouth), blanket, also the Jack Wroath Trophy for over the age of 55, with a score of 116, making this two in a row. Seventh—R. Hutton (Eaglescliffe), 117; vegetable dish. Eighth—R. Hinson (Tynemouth), 118; shopping bag. Ninth—J. Ward (Wearside), 118; lighter. Tenth—S. Graham (Newbiggin), 118½; golf balls. Eleventh—H. Brown (Newbiggin), 121; watch. Twelfth—C. Baxter (Whitburn), 122; blanket. Thirteenth—G. Thompson (Goswick), 122½; table lamp. Fourteenth—S. Pope (Tyneside), 123; magazine rock. Fifteenth—D. Earsman (Heworth), 123; Pyrex casserole/stand. Sixteenth—J. Richardson (Tyneside), 125; Pyrex casserole/stand. Seventeenth—D. McNeil (Chester-le-Street), 125; SISIS rake. Eighteenth—L. Farrington (Warkworth), 125; Association tie. The Trade prize was won by Mr W. Beveridge of Ransomes with a score of 114.

Our Chairman, Mr J. Simpson, called upon our President, Mr C. N. Storey, to say a few words on our behalf. He apologised for not being able to attend more field days remarking that he had been very busy from time to time, and that he would try to join in with us for a game of golf at some future tournament. He went on to say that he was pleased to see the membership growing in the section, also to see so many of the older members in attendance. He was rather surprised to know that we had a member at Appleby, and Windermere in the section. A good round of applause followed his speech. We would like Mr Storey to know that we are always pleased to see him at any time.

Our Chairman thanked the Captain and Committee for the courtesy of the course and clubhouse. He then introduced the vice-captain of the Boldon Golf Club who had kindly consented to present the prizes and say a few words on our behalf.

Mr Simpson then thanked the steward, stewardess and staff for two most enjoyable meals. The greenkeeper and his staff for the splendid condition of the course. This was heartily endorsed by all.

Our thanks are due to the following members of the Trade and Golf Clubs for kindly contributing to our prize list:—

Messrs Parkside Engineers, May and Baker, Stewart and Co., Mr T. Chambers for J. Bland Short, Fisons, SISIS, Mr Ian Johnstone, the Professional of Boldon Golf Club, also for the use of caddy cars, Mr J. Rutherford and the local golf clubs.

Thanks went to Mr Les Lowery for his splendid work with the cards and money, assisted by our vice-chairman Mr N. Fraser. Thanks also to our Chairman, Mr J. Simp-

son, for the part he played in these functions, and also to Mr Rutherford for his work with the raffle.

New Members

We welcome to the section the following new members, and hope their association will be long and happy:—

R. Hutton, Eaglescliffe Golf Club; R. Richardson, Tyneside Golf Club; S. Graham, Newbiggin Golf Club; and W. Arrowsmith, of Gosforth, Bridle Path Golf Club.

New Venue for Meetings

Our meetings will now be held at the Bridge Hotel, Newcastle, as the room in the Duke of Wellington is no longer available. The Bridge Hotel is at the end of the High Level.

SOUTHERN

Chairman:
C. A. MOORE
(Stanmore)

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

Autumn Tournament

Once again the popular Autumn Tournament had a record number of entries—104—but for various reasons only 82 took part.

The early morning heavy rain which greeted the early starters was soon blown away by the heavy winds sufficiently to allow everyone to get started and surprisingly enough there were some good scores recorded.

These were as follows with the prizes which were presented by the Captain of Orsett Golf Club, Mr Thredgill. Before the presentation, however, he presented a silver salvar to our retiring Chairman, Mr J. K. Glass, in recognition of his four years of office.

Best a.m., L. Coyte and W. Barratt (Romford), travelling clocks, 41 points; Best p.m., J. Kirkpatrick and W. Loftberg (Dulwich), cut glass sets, 38; 1st aggregate, W. F. Machin and P. Blake (Addington Court), barometers, 82; 2nd, J. K. Glass and M. Herve (Thorpe Hall), table heaters, 78; 3rd, R. E. Claydon and T. Morrison (West Middlesex), tea service, 76; 4th, C. A. Moore and V. Wilde (Stanmore), bath scales, 75; 5th, B. Payne and R. Ford (Burnham Beeches), 1 doz. golf balls, 75; 6th, P. Whitehead and J. Chipping (Shooters Hill), $\frac{1}{2}$ doz. golf balls, 73.

The Flymo very sportingly offered by Flymo Ltd. for a hole-in-one made a return trip to Watford, I'm afraid, but I understand that there were some close ones!!

Our grateful thanks to the following who helped to make it such a memorable day:—The Orsett Golf Club for the wonderful reception we received from everyone; Mr Jennings of Flymo Ltd. for the hole-in-one offer, a dozen golf balls and providing a

starter for the first tee; G. Roberts for free trollies and $\frac{1}{2}$ dozen golf balls; to the all-important scorecard officials—David Craig, Philip Marshall, John Field—and starter Bill Holloway. And last but not least Peter Wyatt of Pattissons for supporting our meetings as he always does so generously.

New Members

We welcome the following new members to the section:— M. J. White of Datchet, and C. M. Woodward of Beaconsfield.

Filey

A grateful message of thanks from Bill Kingston to all the ladies and everyone who showed great kindness to Mrs Kingston after her fall at Filey.

November Lecture

This will be given by the Senior Advisory Officer of Bingley, Mr B. Clayton, and he will be giving a general talk on Green-keeping at 6.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 4th November, at our usual meeting place.

SOUTH COAST

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

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

Congratulations

The section offers its congratulations to Eric James of Parkstone and Eddie West of Broadstone for being among the prize winners at Filey.

Tournament

A successful golf tournament was held at the Hayling Island Golf Club on the 15th September. Twenty-two teams entered. The weather for the morning round was brilliant which gave us a good start for the section's first venture. Unfortunately rain caught the competitors in the afternoon round. Messrs Flymo presented a wonderful trophy which was won by J. Pready and R. Bowey from Royal Winchester Golf Club.

List of Prize Winners

1st, Flymo Cup and 21-piece teaset each plus sweep, J. Pready and R. Bowey (Royal Winchester Golf Club), 69 points; 2nd, J. Gaffney and T. Graham (Hayling "A"), Chichester, stainless steel tray each, 66; 3rd, H. Roffey and T. Keeping (Broadstone "A"), bottle of whisky and two golf balls each, 65.

Morning Round

1st, G. Haskell and C. Dennis (Broadstone "B"), 18-piece tea or coffee set, 40 points; 2nd, W. Stephenson and J. Cousin (Hayling "B"), bottle of sherry and two golf balls

each, 36; 3rd, A. Jones and E. West (Broadstone "C"), bottle of wine and one golf ball each, 35.

Afternoon Round

1st, S. McDonald and R. Plain (Beaconsfield), carving sets, 32 points; 2nd, P. Pearson and E. Townsend (Peacehaven), sports shirts, 31; 3rd, (Guests) Mr E. Fletcher and Capt. R. Stone, bottle of wine and one golf ball each, 28.

Two bottles of champagne and four golf balls were to be the prize for a hole-in-one but as these were not won they were auctioned during the evening.

We were delighted to see our President, Mr J. H. Fry, compete and although he didn't manage to be among the prize winners he surely must qualify for the most courageous competitor in completing 36 holes so soon after his illness.

Our first meeting will soon be upon us—6th October. This will be as a general discussion for future section functions and activities. Our President has donated a beautiful silver trophy to be competed for in a summer tournament to be known as "The President's Cup".

Mr Roffey of Bournemouth has also donated a trophy to be competed for in the handicap section of the Spring Championship. The "Tregunna" trophy will be awarded to the winning scratch score—this will be our Section Champion.

New Member

We welcome to the section Mr E. Townsend of the Peacehaven G.C.

WELSH

By S. A. Tucker

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

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

Error

I am sorry I made an error in my last notes with the supper at our Annual General Meeting. It should have read "we were entertained by the Glamorganshire County Golfing Union" and not by the "Welsh Golfing Union". I am sorry I made this mistake and hope it has not been inconvenient to anyone. Thank you.

New Member

On behalf of the members, I welcome Derek Keen to the section. He has joined Shrewsbury Golf Club from the Southern Section. Good luck, Derek, and we wish you all the best in your new post.

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The New Forest Rural District Council were told at their meeting that over 90 acres of land forming the Greatwood and Manor Home Farms, Bramshott Hill, Dibden, had been purchased for a golf course.

Rochdale Highways Committee has decided not to recommend the closure of a section of public footpath at "The Racecourse"—the path which leads from Bagslate Moor Road to Broadhalgh Avenue. This closure was suggested by Rochdale Golf Club.

The Greater London Council has approved the construction of an 18-hole public golf course at Cockfosters. It will be on 140 acres of land on the Trent Park Estate. The council, following the recommendation of their arts and recreation committee, have accepted an offer by Mr H. Stovin to develop a golf course and build a clubhouse in return for a 42-year lease at a rental of £5 until the course is opened to the public which is expected to be some time in 1972.

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