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TEE SHOTS



by the Editor

A brighter side to events in Belfast was the opening last month of a new £250,000 sports complex on the slopes of Belfast's Black Mountain. The Green Briar Golf Centre is situated on a 24-acre site, easily reached from the city and already has a 135 ft. covered driving range in two tiers which cope with 24 customers at once. Two uncovered Driving areas, each with 15 bays, will be added shortly and work has already begun on developing a short 9-hole course.

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Journalist Mike Borissow has just completed the first 9 holes of his own golf course on farmland between Sissinghurst and Benenden. The Borissows bought a run-down farmhouse with 100 acres, obtained planning permission, hired farm worker Charlie Woolford as groundsman and in eighteen months had 9 holes ready for play.

On the other hand, Mr Fell who omitted to get planning permission before making his 9-hole course on land opposite his home in Lapworth, Warwickshire, has been told he cannot play on it. Mr Fell has now applied for planning permission and hopes he will not be obliged to revert the land to its original use.

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Average strokes taken by competitors in the Open at St. Andrews were highest at No. 17. Over the four rounds, players failed to make par at this hole 208 times and only 5 birdies were recorded.

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Whitburn Golf Club is living on the edge of a cliff as quarrying operations creep closer to the back door of the wooden club-house. Crockery rattles on the shelves in the greenkeeper's cottage when blasting takes place.

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SOME AUTUMN TURF DISEASES

By R. D. C. EVANS, B.Sc.

Advisory Officer, Sports Turf Research Institute

The weather conditions which prevail during the autumn period are often highly favourable for the development of a number of damaging turf diseases and precautions should, therefore, be taken to guard against disease attack. Turf disease attacks can be greatly reduced by management practice. As with human disorders, prevention is undoubtedly better than cure.

Fusarium Patch Disease

Probably the commonest disease of sports turf, *Fusarium*, is encouraged by mild damp weather which frequently prevails during the September-October period. If such weather conditions seem imminent it is wise to apply a preventive fungicidal dressing whether disease symptoms are apparent or not. This practice is particularly desirable on areas which have been prone to the disease in previous years—golf greens on damp, low-lying or sheltered situations, for example, often require precautionary treatment of this kind. Bearing in mind that moisture is essential for the development of *Fusarium*, it will be obvious that the turf can be protected by keeping its surface as dry as possible. Regular morning switching or brushing is, therefore, useful in the autumn to remove dew and to assist the speedy drying of the playing surface.

Apart from the measures mentioned above, *Fusarium* damage can be prevented, or at least minimised, by ensuring that the grass has as much natural resistance to fungal attack as possible. A generally strong and hardy sward is less prone to disease infestation than one which has been weakened by mismanagement during the course of the growing season. The disease-resisting properties of a turf can also be seriously reduced by excessive fertilizer treatment at this time of the year—encouraging a lush sward by applications of nitrogen during the autumn lays the area wide open to

Fusarium attack. Fertilizer dressings containing appreciable amounts of nitrogen should, therefore, not be applied later than the end of August as a general rule. Autumn top dressings (compost/sand dressings, soil/sand/peat dressings etc.) if applied in damp, smeary condition, or in too great amounts, or if not thoroughly worked in after application, will smother the sward and produce a surface microclimate ideal for disease development.

If, in spite of all precautions, the turf is hit by *Fusarium*, apply a suitable fungicide without delay. Mercury dressings (both organic and inorganic) and Quintozene (PCNB) give effective control.

Ophiobolus Patch Disease

This affliction is also frequently encountered during the autumn and is often confused with *Fusarium*, though its characteristic ring-shaped symptoms should make it easily identifiable. *Ophiobolus* is encouraged by much the same management and weather factors as *Fusarium*, but is particularly likely to appear on recently limed areas during a warm wet summer or autumn. Fairways are particularly prone to the condition after liming the previous winter, although if the winter liming is followed up by a good balanced fertilizer dressing the following spring the fertilizer can reduce the chances of attack.

Because *Ophiobolus* is encouraged by damp conditions, spiking and possibly drainage work can go a long way in reducing incidence of the disease.

The disease can be controlled by repeat applications of organo-mercurial fungicides at suitable rates, and if the disease appears on a golf green then treatment of this type should undoubtedly be given. On fairways the cost of such treatment over a wide area is usually prohibitive.

Red Thread Disease

Red Thread or *Corticium* is also

prevalent in autumn and is most frequent in fine turf where fescue is an important constituent of the sward (although it will attack other grasses too). Not the most serious of the turf diseases, Corticium can cause a general loss of colour and ruin the appearance of a golf green during the latter part of the season. Corticium appears particularly on swards of low fertility where nitrogen is lacking, and the importance of carefully balanced fertilizer treatment is well illustrated by considering the relative incidence of Corticium and Fusarium. Too much nitrogen encourages Fusarium, too little favours Corticium and a balance must be struck between the two.

Various fungicides will give a degree of control, inorganic mercury fungicides in many instances proving the most effective of all.

Other Fungal Diseases

A less well known disease is Helminthosporium leaf spot which also frequently appears during the summer and autumn. It is most often encountered on golf tees where smooth-stalked meadow-grass is the most important constituent of the sward. Adequate fertilizer treatment during spring and summer is helpful, and the turf should not be too closely mown. The use of more disease resistant smooth-stalked meadow-grass varieties such as Prato or Merion is also advisable.

Fairy rings of various types are common during the autumn months, most of them fairly harmless, although there are exceptions—the rings caused by *Marasmius oreades* for instance which actually destroy the turf. If you are unlucky enough to get these *Marasmius* rings on or near your greens you will just have to cut them out entirely, removing the infected soil and turf, and replace them with fresh material.

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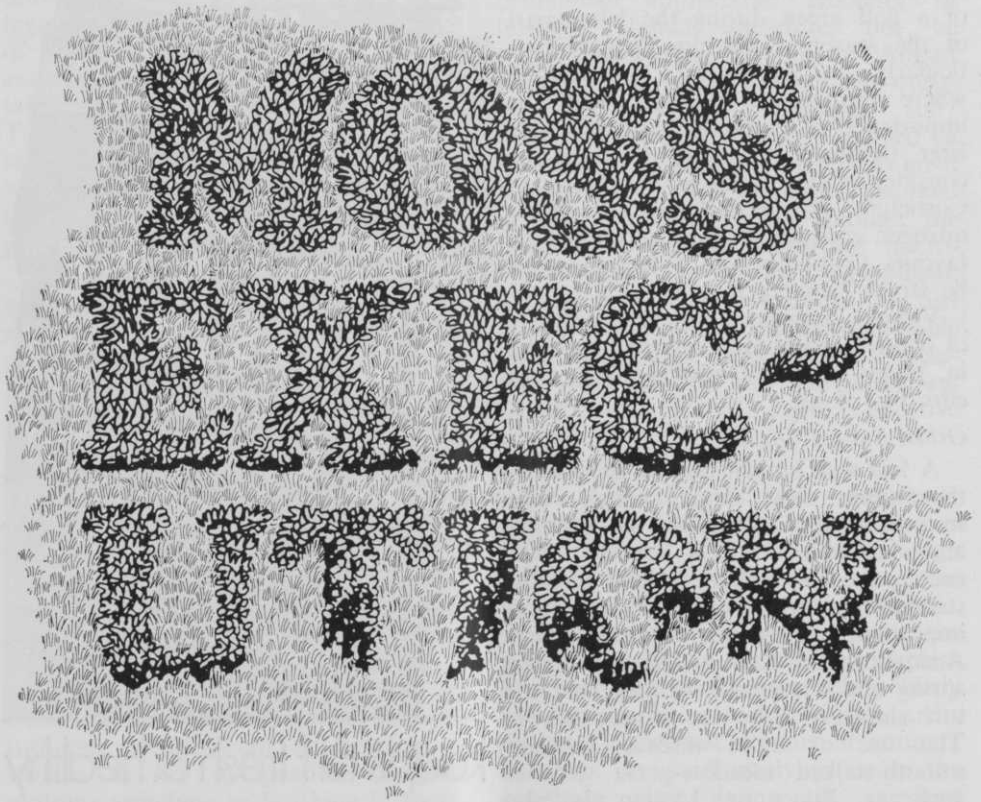
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	6th	North-West Section Autumn Tournament.
	7th	Southern Section Quiz.
	14th	Southern Section v. Secretaries Match.
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Administration

We congratulate our chairman, Mr H. A. D. Fry, on the quiet and efficient way he has carried out his duties and trust he has enjoyed his year of office as much as we have enjoyed his chairmanship.

Mr A. Robertshaw, our vice-chairman, will be succeeding Mr Fry and we offer our congratulations and wish him a most happy and successful year.

The annual draw was once again a successful effort, the final result being on a par with last year and our thanks are once again due to members and friends who made this result possible. The draw this year is being held on the Dunlop Masters Tournament and it is hoped that this will enable the draw to be made and publicised earlier.

Our thanks are again due to the R. & A. for kindly forwarding a dozen passes for the Open Championship at St. Andrews.

Once again we entered two members for the Artisan Annual Tournament this year at Moor Park and our representatives were Mr F. Ford, of South Herts, in the Junior Handicap Division, and Mr W. Machin, of Addington Court, in the Senior Handicap Division. Both made a great show on behalf of the Greenkeepers and we must offer our sincere congratulations to Bill Machin on winning third prize in the Senior Division with a nett score for 36 holes of 139.

A very important factor in our administration this year has been the formation of the South Coast Section for members in the Dorset, Hampshire and West Sussex area and, which according to early reports, is proving most satisfactory. Our thanks and appreciation are due to Mr P. Malia who was largely instrumental in the formation of this new section and we would also like to thank the members who have taken office with Mr Malia and the Southern Section for their splendid co-operation in this new development.

The wage scale recommendations

were reviewed by the Executive Committee in March and new figures were given as published in the Journal. It is hoped these will prove beneficial to our members.

The apprenticeship scheme is again bringing in new greenkeepers and the latest figures available show that 220 deeds have been issued, 153 registered and 90 completed.

Membership

According to section returns, our membership figure stands at 809 against 810 last year.

Annual Tournament

The 52nd Annual Tournament was held at Pyle and Kenfig Golf Club in August last with an entry of approximately 60. It was a very happy occasion but the weather was not too kind and the Championship and Handicap Divisions winners had to be decided on 18 holes. We have to express our sincere thanks to the club and staff for the service and attention which made our visit so pleasant. We must once again thank the individuals and firms that gave assistance and presented donations and prizes.

Sections

From published reports in the Journal, it is obvious that the sections have again had a full and active year and our thanks are due to all the officers that make this possible within the sections.

“British Golf Greenkeeper”

Our thanks again to the editor and staff for the continued success of the Association Journal; also to those who have assisted with articles of interest to members.

Benevolent Fund

We are pleased to report that the calls on the Benevolent Fund have been very light, only £20 having been requested during the year under review.

F. G. Hawtree Memorial Fund

Two members visited Bingley under the auspices of the F. G. Hawtree Memorial Fund during the year and

our thanks are due to the clubs concerned for their generous assistance towards the cost of these visits.

Sports Turf Research Institute

Once again we would like to thank the Sports Turf Research Institute for their continued help and co-operation in every way when the occasion demands.

In Memoriam

We record with sorrow the death of the following members announced in the "British Golf Greenkeeper" since our last report:—

J. Coates, Northern Section; A. Routledge, Northern Section (committee member); B. Battrick, Southern Section; J. R. Borthwick, North-East Section; G. Kendall, Northern Section

(founder member and past Association chairman).

We are indebted to the following who have kindly contributed to our Prize Fund:—

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The S.T.R.I. Cup, 18 holes Stableford:

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- 2nd Prize (Hargreaves Cup and 21-piece tea set), G. S. Payne, 36 points;
- 3rd Prize (clock), W. Barton, 35 points;
- 4th Prize (kitchen set), C. Martin, 35 points.

News of the World Cup, 36 holes Scratch:

- 1st Prize (transistor radio), W. Woods, 143 Grs.

The Artisan Medal, 18 holes Medal:

- ($\frac{1}{2}$ doz. golf balls), I. F. Scoones, 67.

Jubilee Cup Inter-Section, 36 holes Medal:

- (3 tankards), Midland Section, 428.

"Coming of Age" Cup (60 years and over), 18 holes Medal:

- 1st Prize (table lamp), W. Barton, 71.
- (travelling rug), S. W. Light, 73.

Senior Division, 36 holes Medal:

- 1st Prize (Ransomes Cup and wrist watch), M. Barrett, 136.
- 2nd Prize (*Golf Illustrated* Cup, and suit case), I. F. Scoones, 139.
- 3rd Prize ("Universal" Cup and golf bag), G. S. Payne, 141.
- 4th Prize (garden chair), D. Roberts, 141.
- 5th Prize (holdall case), W. G. Marnoch, 141.
- 6th Prize (steak knives), E. Ainsworth, 143.

7th Prize (1 doz. golf balls), J. W. Kirkpatrick, 143.

8th Prize (Pyrex coffee jug and cups), E. R. West, 143.

9th Prize (cigarette case and cuff links), R. Whitehead, 144.

Junior Division (12 to 24):

1st Prize ("Pattison" Trophy and wrist watch), J. H. Readhead, 138.

2nd Prize (President's Cup and $\frac{1}{2}$ doz. cut glass whiskey glasses), H. Herrington, 142.

3rd Prize ("May's" Cup and golf bag), S. Kilby, 142.

4th Prize (cut glass sugar and cream jug), R. Lewis, 142.

5th Prize (steak knives and forks), D. Sellers, 143.

6th Prize (travelling case), R. N. Maltby, 143.

7th Prize (Worcester beer mug), P. Whitehead, 144.

8th Prize (cigarette case and cuff links), P. Fitzjohn, 148.

The "Allan Taylor" Cup, 18 holes Medal:

1st Prize ("Allan Taylor" Cup and canteen of cutlery), M. Barrett, 65.

2nd Prize (Verdone Cup and clock), E. R. James, 66.

3rd Prize (Stowaway tea set), E. R. West, 66.

4th Prize (table mats), C. Martin, 67.

The British Golf Greenkeepers' Association

Minutes of the 53rd Annual General Meeting held at the Filey Golf Club on Monday, 17th August 1970, at 3 p.m.

The Association Chairman opened the Meeting at which there were approximately 60 members present and invited Mr Carl Bretherton to occupy the Chair. Mr Bretherton thanked the Chairman and expressed his willingness to conduct the Meeting.

The Minutes of the last A.G.M.

The Chairman suggested that as these had been printed in the Association Journal, he thought that the Meeting would probably like to consider them as read, which suggestion was accepted.

Annual Report

The Hon. Secretary read the Annual Report and its adoption was proposed by Mr Herrington and seconded by Mr Dixon.

Financial Report

Copies of the annual accounts had been posted in the clubhouse and further copies were handed round at the Meeting. The Treasurer advised that the Auditors had apologised for having made an error in last year's figures with reference to the Benevolent Fund. In calculating the Loss on Sale of the Investments last year, incorrect figures were used for the cost of the Investments Sold and as a result, the Balance of the Benevolent Fund and the Balance of the Costs of Investments retained were both overstated by £256. Adjustments have, however, been made and shown in the Balance Sheet. It was proposed by Mr Robertshaw and seconded by Mr Payne that the accounts be adopted. Carried unanimously.

Executive Committee Report

The Tournament Sub-Committee elected at the Executive Meeting were

Messrs. Fry, Robertshaw, Herrington, Walsh and Folkes. Three to form a quorum.

The Secretary advised the Meeting that the 1971 tournament had been arranged to take place at Hollinwell Golf Club by the East Midlands Section and he had himself been in contact with the Club who had expressed their willingness to entertain the Association during August next year and final details would be agreed later. There were several objections immediately raised to the venue for 1971 as it was not a seaside course and several members made strong protest. The Secretary advised the Meeting that this question of seaside courses and inland courses was always arising at meetings and he felt it was time that a definite decision should be taken with a view to future arrangements to avoid this continued dissatisfaction among certain members.

After considerable discussion, the following proposal was put to the Meeting:

"That the section asked to run the Tournament should be given full authority to find a venue which would not be disputed but that the section should also be advised that whenever possible a seaside course would be preferred."

An amendment to this proposal was made:

"That if a section could not find a seaside course, another section should be asked to take over the arrangements for the Annual Tournament."

This amendment was put to the vote and carried with a majority of 21-17.

The question then arose as to whether the tournament for 1971 should be held at Hollinwell as the Club had already agreed to accept the Association and the Secretary felt that it would be very discourteous and harmful to the Association in general if it withdrew its request after having the courtesy of the Club extended to them.

After considerable further discussion, this matter was again put to the vote as to whether next year's tournament should take place at Hollinwell and it was agreed that it should by a majority of 33-6.

Election of Officers

President

At the unanimous request of the Meeting, Mr Carl Bretherton was re-elected President of the Association. Mr Bretherton thanked the Meeting and said he would be very pleased to accept this office for 1970/1971.

Vice-Presidents

Following the request of the A.G.M in 1970 that the names of Mr Phillip Marshall and Mr William Payne, representatives of Messrs. Ransomes, Sims & Jefferies, should be added to the Association's list of Vice-Presidents, it was proposed that these two gentlemen's names should be added to the existing list of Vice-Presidents as listed in the Association's Journal. This was carried unanimously.

Chairman

It was proposed by Mr Lewis and seconded by Mr Herrington that Mr A. Robertshaw should be elected Chairman of the Association in succession to Mr Fry. This proposition was carried unanimously.

Mr Fry then rose and invited Mr Robertshaw to occupy his chair and wished him every success in his new office. He then thanked the President and his Committee and all members present for their support during his year which he had enjoyed and trusted that he had been a satisfactory representative in the view of the members.

Mr Robertshaw then expressed his appreciation and the honour bestowed upon him at being elected as Chairman and sincerely trusted that he would be able to carry out his duties to the satisfaction of everybody and thereupon presented Mr Fry with a tankard in recognition and appreciation of his services during 1969/1970.

Vice-Chairman

The Hon. Secretary reported that he had as yet been unable to obtain a nomination from the East Midlands Section but as soon as this was avail-

able, he would notify the members through the Journal.

Secretary and Treasurer

It was proposed by Mr Walsh and seconded by Mr Fry that Mr C. H. Dix should be re-elected Secretary and Treasurer. This was carried unanimously and Mr Dix thanked the members and expressed his willingness to continue his office this year.

Executive Committee

It was proposed by Mr Cashmore and seconded by Mr Dixon that the Executive Committee should be elected as nominated by Sections. Carried.

Hon. Auditors

It was proposed by Mr Herrington and seconded by Mr Ford that Messrs Smallfield, Rawlins and Co. be re-elected as Hon. Auditors for 1970/1971. Carried.

Hon. Solicitor

The Hon. Secretary informed the Meeting that Mr R. A. Beck, who had represented the Association as Hon. Solicitor, had unfortunately died last year.

Thanks to the good offices of Mr F. W. Hawtree, Mr H. Dowding had kindly offered to represent the Association in this capacity. Appreciation of Mr Hawtree's efforts in obtaining a successor to Mr Beck were expressed and the proposal was carried unanimously.

Any Other Business

After experiencing the difficulty of starting at the 7th tee on the morning competition, the Meeting agreed that for Tuesday and Wednesday, the starting would revert to the 1st and 10th tees and that play would be from the back tees yellow markers.

There being nothing further to discuss, the Meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Chair by Mr G. Herrington.

Major Move To Centralise Works By Ransomes

As part of the long term planning policy of Ransomes Sims & Jefferies Limited to centralise all their activities on their Nacton site, the Company have announced the following relocations. Production from Ransomes Grass Machinery Works at Fore Hamlet, Ipswich, will be transferred progressively to Nacton during 1971. Ransomes Stanton Works, near Bury St. Edmunds (formerly Catchpole Engineering Company), will also be closed and its production moved to existing Company premises by 31st December 1970.

Due to redeployment and natural wastage of labour within the Company, it is not anticipated that the move from the Fore Hamlet site will result in redundancies. However, due to the location of the Stanton Works, some redundancies are inevitable and these will be treated in accordance with the requirements of the 1965 Redundancy Act. Every assistance will be given by Ransomes Personnel staff in co-operation with the Department of Employment and Productivity to find alternative employment for those affected.

Ransomes centralisation of their activities on the Nacton site will lead to greater efficiency and economy of production, simplify communications and improve working conditions.

RENEWED PRODUCTION FOR ROTARY SIFTER

In response to extensive demand, H. Pattisson and Company Limited, of Stanmore, have recently renewed production of their Rotary Sifter for screening ashes, topsoil, compost, etc.

Powered by the Norton Villiers F15 four-stroke engine, the Pattisson Sifter has a 6ft. x 3ft. diameter drum and is equipped with a special safety clutch which prevents damage to the machine in the event of overloading.

The Sifter can happily keep pace with loading by a two-man team and the screened product can be delivered into wheelbarrows below the drum. The steel-framed machine is mobile and is fitted with tyred wheels and a tractor draw bar.

British turf maintenance and golf course equipment ranks among the world's best and export orders feature regularly for Pattisson's specialist equipment. Among recent overseas sales of the very popular self-propelled Turf Piercer was one to Fiji and another delivered to an Italian golf club.

The piercer, which uses a Villiers F15 power unit, cuts out the "hard labour" of hand-drawn machines and its 30-inch wide cylinder carries 72 spikes. Wheel spin is completely eliminated due to propulsion being on the tines. Pattisson's provide a range of ancillary equipment for their piercer covering a variety of functions of turf maintenance.

TELEGRAM

To: ADRIAN ROBERTSHAW, FILEY GOLF CLUB, FILEY.

Congratulations and successful year in your office —
from Captain and Members of Ilkley Golf Club.

Our new Chairman obviously has the support of his home club. This telegram arrived at Filey Golf Club where he was elected for 1970/1971. We all join in wishing him a happy and successful year.

MOTSPUR PARK EXHIBITION

Charles H. Pugh Limited will be exhibiting four new machines which were introduced during this selling season and comprise a 20-inch Heavy Duty, a 20-inch Special for Superfine mowing, a 24-inch Riding Mower and the 30-inch Garden Model. The latter two are offered either as pedestrian models or as riding mowers fitted with the unique Atco Auto Steer Seat.

The power units fitted provide power to spare for long periods due to extra long life specification. A built-in decompressor reduces starting effort to a minimum and instantly adjustable tubular handles provide good control at all times. The main controls come readily to hand on the handles and extensive use of ball bearings throughout reduces maintenance to a minimum.

A lever mounted behind the chain case declutches the cutters which enables the machine to be operated with the cutters stationary and twin ball races in the main clutch operating mechanism provides drag-free pull-back.

The 20-inch Heavy Duty, 20-inch Special and 24-inch models are fitted with two-sectioned rear rollers, each section independently driven, while the 30-inch Garden Model is fitted with a three-section rear roller and full differential. To ensure good traction the rear roller units for the 24-inch and 30-inch Garden Model are rubber covered and fluted to increase grip. The front roller in each case is made of one-piece metal and runs on grease-packed cup and cone ball-races.

The Golf Green Special will still enjoy the features which make it a Special for Superfine mowing, that is to say, the 12-bladed cutter providing 135 cuts per yard power operated transport wheels, of new design, and a Comb-It rake which is offered as an optional extra.

Prices: 20-inch H.D. £101 10s.; 20-inch Special £117 10s. (Comb-It rake £4 10s. extra), 24-inch Pedestrian Model £116, 24-inch Riding Mower fitted with Auto Steer Seat £143 10s., 30-inch Pedestrian Model £140, 30-inch Riding Mower fitted with Auto Steer Seat £167 10s.

NEW 15FT. TORO PARKMASTER CUTS TIME AND MOWING COSTS

The latest addition to the Flymo Institutional range of high work rate mowing machinery is the Toro Parkmaster.

The Parkmaster is a powerful combination of a purpose-built tractor with 79 h.p. six-cylinder petrol engine and either five-gang mowers (11ft.) or seven-gang mowers (15ft.)—hydraulically raised or lowered from the operator's seat.

Capacity at eight miles an hour is almost 100 acres per day.

The Parkmaster, making its exhibition debut at the Motspur Park display of equipment organised by the National Institute of Groundsmen on September 15, 16 and 17, is claimed to reduce normal grass maintenance costs by 50 per cent. with low maintenance charges on large grass areas of parks, playing fields, motorway verges and golf courses. The machine will also be seen at Meyrick Park, Bournemouth, during the annual conference of the Institute of Parks Administration on September 22 and 23.

The Parkmaster has a choice of either Spartan six-blade units with 30in. x 8½in. diameter cutting cylinders for formal areas, or Roughmaster four-blade units with 30in. x 10in. diameter cutting cylinders for areas less frequently maintained.

The hydraulic system enables each cutting unit to be raised or lowered by a simple push of a lever at the operator's elbow to vary cutting widths from 30in. to 15ft. and to raise units completely for transport.

Road speed is the maximum permitted of 20 m.p.h. to reduce lost cutting time travelling between sites. The tractor has four cutting speeds and reverse to suit requirements of any terrain.

The Parkmaster has hydraulic brakes and a turning radius of only 7ft. 3in. and can operate on steep slopes because of the facility for re-distributing the weight by lifting the outboard units on the slopes.

CORRESPONDENCE

10 Brooklands Crescent,
Yeadon,
Leeds,
Yorks.

Dear Sir,

I would like to take this opportunity to express my views on the apparent lack of educational facilities for golf greenkeepers.

Why, since 1912, has no structure of education and examination designed for the enlightenment and qualification of students of greenkeeping been evolved by the B.G.G.A.

It is true that there exists an apprenticeship scheme and week-long block lectures at the S.T.R.I., but these factors, although of some merit, are hopelessly inadequate. As for the St. Ives courses, well, they are fine but all too swift and indigestible with no real results. The training of an accomplished apprentice depends solely upon his head greenkeeper who might view his potential prodigy's well-being with jealousy and apathy.

Apart from a greatly enhanced future, it would be far more interesting and rewarding for the apprentice to work for and attain a set level of requirements in both theoretical and practical aspects of golf course management.

Tell me, is greenkeeping to remain a semi-obscure profession confined to the peasants of the field? For this I am sure is the impression of the majority.

Finally, in desperation, I ask you, if possible, to acquaint me with any N.A.G. examination courses in my immediate area, or better still nationwide, for the benefit of other frustrated assistants.

Yours faithfully,

D. C. HANNAN,
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News



from the Sections

NORTH-WEST

By H. M. Walsh

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

Chairman:
T. BRENNAN

Autumn Tournament

As stated in last month's journal our Autumn Tournament will be held on the Swinton Park Golf Club course, East Lancs Road, Swinton, near Manchester. Will all members who will be there please let me know so that I can complete catering arrangements. As usual it will be a 27 hole competition, 9 holes in the morning and 18 in the afternoon. Please get there as early as possible. Tee off from 9.15 a.m. Visitors will play an 18 hole competition in the afternoon—one visitor per member, please.

Winter Lectures

Not having completed my list of speakers for this Winter Series of talks I will first remind members that the first talk will be given by Mr H. Ratcliff, of Rigby Taylor Ltd., on Monday, 26th October—venue Brunswick Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester, at 7.30 p.m.

Annual Trip

Also to remind members that the annual trip this year will be to ATCO, Birmingham Works, by coach from Manchester, on 10th November. Please let me have your names.

New Member

We welcome to the section the following new member and hope his association with the section will be a happy one: R. A. Atkin, St. Annes Old Links Golf Club, St. Annes, Lancs.

MIDLAND

By R. Goodwin

Chairman:
G. HART
(Gay Hill)

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

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting took place in the Clubhouse of the Habberley Golf Club on Monday, July 20th 1970, with 34 members in attendance.

The Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting were read and passed.

The Treasurer's and Secretary's Report were passed.

Mr Bretherton was unanimously re-elected as President.

The Vice-Presidents were re-elected *en bloc*, with the addition of Mr Neil Prior and Mr Peter Wyatt.

G. Hart was re-elected Chairman.

R. Goodwin was re-elected Secretary and Representative to the Executive Committee.

F. Cashmore was re-elected Treasurer and Assistant Secretary.

Mr. K. Sargeson and Mr E. Ballinger were re-elected Honorary Auditors with a hearty vote of thanks for their valuable work over the past years.

The following were elected to form a Committee for the coming year:—A. Boffy, A. Boraston, L. Greenow, G. Smith, R. Smith, V. Smith and A. Stephens.

The following proposals were passed:—

1. The Premium Bonds owned by the Section, to the value of £80, should be cashed and deposited in a Bank Account.

2. The Annual Dinner should be dropped from this year's Fixtures.

3. The Fixture List for 1970/71 should be drawn up in good time.

The Meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to G. Hart for conducting the proceedings.

A.G.M. Summer Tournament

This event took place over 18 holes at the Habberley Golf Club on Monday, July 20th.

On a perfect day for golf, and the course in excellent condition, some very fine scores were achieved.

Most notable of these were from our older members.

Ernie Benlow with a 72 gross and G. Hart with 73 gross were averaging little more than a stroke for each year of age, while 17 years old Trevor Morris returned a nett score of 65 off handicap 15.

New member Walter Drewitt, off handicap 3, had a good round of 73 gross.

Best gross, E. Benlow 72, Summer Cup and carpet; 1st nett, T. Morris 65, A.G.M. Cup and carpet; 2nd, G. Hart 65, carpet; 3rd, A. Boffy 69, carpet; 4th, G. Smith 69, cigarette lighter; 5th, D. Haynes 69, bottle Scotch whisky; 6th, A. Boraston 70, bottle Scotch whisky; 7th, W. Drewitt 70, bottle

Scotch whisky; 8th, W. Barton 70, sports shirt; 9th, J. Bevan 70, set of carvers; 10th, V. Smith 70, glasses; 11th, R. Pullen 71, garden chair; 12th, R. Goodwin 71, half bottle Scotch whisky; 13th, T. Jones 73, half bottle Scotch whisky; 14th, E. V. Thomas 73, half bottle Scotch whisky; 15th, R. Smith 74, bottle sherry; 16th, J. Grealy 75, bottle sherry; 17th, H. Drewitt 75, bottle sherry; 18th, A. Cutler 75, half bottle gin; 19th, W. Boyce 76, half bottle gin; 20th, Tony Cutler 78, half bottle gin.

The prizes were presented by Mr Stephens, the President of the Habberley Golf Club, who said how pleased he was to see so many Greenkeepers and hoped that everyone had enjoyed their day at Habberley.

George Hart, the Section Chairman, thanked Mr Stephens for presenting the prizes and said how Greenkeepers always enjoyed playing at the Habberley Golf Club. He also thanked the Captain and Directors for giving these magnificent prizes to the Greenkeepers and the warm hospitality of the Habberley Golf Club to the Members of the Midland Greenkeepers.

He also paid tribute to John Grealy who had the course in excellent condition, and Mrs Grealy and the ladies who looked after us so well in the dining room, Mrs Robinson, Mrs Darby and Mrs Davies.

We were also pleased to have with us during the day Mr R. A. Pratt, Chairman of the Green Committee, and fellow Director Mr W. E. Robinson.

Mr Peter Wyatt, Frank Cashmore and Les Greenow once again did a fine job of officiating over the Tournament which has proved to be a most popular event.

I would like to add my personal thanks to Mr Bradley, Secretary of Habberley Golf Club, and everyone who helped to arrange the Tournament.

Autumn Lecture

A lecture and discussion on the Upkeep of Fine Turfs will take place at the Clubhouse of the Handsworth Golf Club on Monday afternoon, October 19th, from 2.00 p.m. until 5.00 p.m. by kind permission of the Captain and Committee of the Handsworth Golf Club.

Please make every effort to come along to this event as I would like maximum support. Bring along your Chairman of Green Committee who will find it interesting and well worth while.

New Member

We welcome to the Section William Lewis, First Assistant to the Walmley Golf Club.

NORTH-EAST

By G. Jeffries

Chairman:
J. SIMPSON

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

Congratulations

I am sure all members of the section will

join me in congratulating Jimmy Anderson, assistant to Roger Derham, on completing 25 years' service with South Shields Golf Club. As a token of his popularity the members have presented him with a gold watch. Well done, Jim, may you drop many more Jackpots.

Subscriptions

These are now due, and I would like those members who have not yet paid to please let me have theirs as soon as possible, and not wait until near the end of the financial year.

New Member

We welcome to the section Mr D. Cooper, Head Greenkeeper of Wickham Golf Club, and hope his association with the section will be a long and happy one.

NORTHERN

By J. Parker

Chairman:
A. ROBERTSHAW

Hon. Secretary:
8 Goit Stock Terr., Harden,
Bingley, Yorks.

Sheffield Match

Members are reminded that the closing date for acceptance of invitation to play in the Annual Match v. Sheffield Section, at the Rotherham Golf Club (Thryburgh) on Tuesday, 29th September, is Monday, 21st September.

Autumn Tournament

The Annual Autumn Tournament of the Section will be played over the course of the Wetherby Golf Club on Thursday, 15th October (by courtesy of the Club Committee). Closing date for entries is Thursday, 8th October.

SHEFFIELD

By H. Gillespie

Chairman:
G. HERRINGTON
(Lindrick)

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

Annual Tournament

The Annual Tournament held at Lincoln Golf Club on Wednesday, 8th July, was restricted to 18 holes due to a heavy thunderstorm causing the cancellation of the morning round.

Twenty-nine members played in the very much improved afternoon conditions, and although the course had suffered from the prolonged heatwave the greens were in excellent condition, thanks to the labours of Eddie Ainsworth and his staff.

The leading scorers were:—J. Walker (Doncaster Town Moor) 78 gross, 73 net;

C. Chappell (Phoenix) 75 net; D. Thompson (Lees Hall) 76 net; A. Wadkin (Lees Hall) 76 net. The visitors' prize winner was Mr S. K. Arnold 76 net.

The prizes were presented by the Captain of Lincoln Golf Club, Mr Forster Wood, and we thank him and the club officials for allowing us to visit Lincoln.

We thank the following members of the trade and individuals who contributed to the prize fund:—Messrs Sutton Seeds, Patissons, Ransomes, Stewart, Rigby Taylors, May & Baker, Cannock, Flymo, S.A.I., Lindsey & Kesteven, ATCO, Mr W. Mountain, Fearnco Ltd., Mr B. Elliott, Mr E. W. Park, Mr A. Sharlow and Mr R. Jennings.

We also thank Mr E. Goddard and Mr F. Hoyland of Fearnco Ltd. for the collection of monies and score cards, also the club professional, Mr R. Jennings, for the troy cars and his usual cordial welcome.

"Steel City" Pro/Am

A team from this section, sponsored by our President, Mr A. Shardlow, was entered in the "Steel City" Pro/Am Tournament at the Hillsborough Golf Club on 22nd July. A. Spencer, R. N. Maltby and J. Walker accompanied by Tinsley Park Professional, G. Broster, whilst not among the winners had a very enjoyable day.

New Members

We welcome the following new members:—H. Pearson (Hallowes G.C.), D. Bennett and T. Smith (Abbeydale G.C.).

EAST MIDLAND

By S. Fretter

Hon. Secretary:

4 Queens Drive,
Leicester Forest East,
Leicester.

Chairman:
J. CARRICK

New Members

I would like to welcome to this section the following new members:—

Greenkeepers—M. J. Lake, Esq., 2 Council Houses, Hanging, Houghton, Northants.; G. A. Pollard, Esq., 67 Sunbury Green, Thurnby Lodge, Leics.; G. Bratt, Esq., 8 Elizabeth Drive, Thurmaston, Leics.; L. Bowley, Esq., Warwick Avenue, Quorn, Leics.; N. Millington, Esq., 7 Castle Hill, East Leake, Notts.; T. Porter, Esq., 76 Trafalgar Road, Beeston, Notts.

Vice-President—J. G. Reeve, Esq., Tethers End, Rose Grove, Plumtree, Notts.

Autumn Tournament

The Annual Autumn Tournament will be held at Glen Gorse Golf Club, Oadby, on the 7th October 1970. First tee 12.30 p.m. Will all members wishing to play and require a meal please notify me by the 2nd October 1970. The number of the road the Glen Gorse Golf Club is on is the A6 and the

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Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting was held at the Anchor Inn, Hathern, on Wednesday, 22nd July 1970. With a good attendance the following were elected:—President, Mr A. J. E. Cook; Vice-Presidents were elected *en bloc*; Secretary, Mr S. Fretter; Treasurer, Mr A. Thornton; Chairman, Mr J. Carrick; Vice-Chairman, Mr G. Darby; Committee—Messrs J. Carrick, G. Darby, S. Fretter, A. Thornton, G. Arnold, P. McCarron, B. Mott, R. O'Hara, C. E. Fillis, D. Whitehead.

WELSH

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

By S. A. Tucker

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

Autumn Meeting

Please let me have your entry for the Autumn Meeting at the Longlands Bay Golf Club, on 23rd September, as soon as you read these notes. I *must* have your entry to give me a clear view of how many will be attending so that I can arrange for the catering etc. Please do your little bit to help me.

Subscriptions

There are still a few who have not yet paid their subs. Please send to Mr Geddes right away as they are now well overdue. If they are not received I shall have to cancel your Journals as it is costing the Section quite a sum in stamps etc., writing to you, so please do this to save the costs. Mr Geddes address is 23 Fenton Place, Porthcawl, Glam.

Annual Draw

We are a few pounds up on last year and I thank you all for doing your bit towards this increase. I must congratulate T. E. Lloyd on his effort. Again he sold for us 120 books. A wonderful effort, Tom, and thank you very much.

SOUTHERN

Chairman:
J. K. GLASS
(Thorpe Hall)

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

October Lecture

This will be our usual get together Quiz with an appointed Quiz Master in charge and if he cannot answer your questions he will throw them over to the meeting. So, gentlemen, come in large numbers with plenty of questions.

If you have a greenkeeping problem this is a great opportunity to have it discussed. Wednesday at 6.30 p.m. on 7th October at

the Stirling Castle Hotel, London Wall, Moor-gate.

Other lectures arranged are Wednesday, 4th November — Bingley Research Station — Speaker and subject in next Journal.

Wednesday, 2nd December — H. Patisson & Co. Ltd., with Mr Peter Wyatt, the subject being "Aeration and Drainage".

New Members

A warm welcome to the following new members:—J. S. Barr (Camberley), R. W. Lance (Effingham), P. Grindley (Ifield), and Paul Thomas of Fisons.

Best Wishes

For a long and happy retirement to Mr H. G. Dixon who has retired from his post as Head Greenkeeper at Crews Hill Golf Club. Bert has also relinquished his committee duties which he has fulfilled so well, so loyally and for so long. We shall all miss you at the committee meetings, Bert.

Best Wishes to G. T. Atfield who is also retiring this year.

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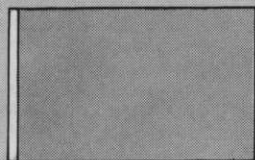
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R. KRAUSE	04410	J. HITCHCOCK	08396
H. BOYLE	11118	J. DORRESTEIN	19930
CHANG CHUNG FA	02316	G. B. WOLSTENHOLME	18343
M. E. GREGSON	18031	D. TALBOT	10825
Winner of SWISS OPEN*	00221	D. SEWELL	05218
R. R. W. DAVENPORT	10791	P. OOSTERHUIS	20524
P. TOWNSEND	09670	HSIEH YUNG YO	03502
B. G. C. HUGGETT	06095	R. D. SHADE	00903
P. ALLISS	21867	E. C. BROWN	22556
R. J. CHARLES	05398	J. J. KINSELLA	19128
Winner of LONG JOHN		H. JACKSON	13181
WHISKY Championship*	24836	P. W. THOMSON	06117
P. J. BUTUER	23764	L. PLATTS	01236
B. ARDA	01047	C. A. CLARKE	11547
J. LISTER	15198	A. GALLARDO	01041
D. J. REES	23513	T. HORTON	03624
H. BANNERMAN	23296	V. FERNANDEZ	14565
K. NAGLE	10819	A. CAYGILL	12442
P. H. WILCOCK	00196	R. DE VICENZO	03595
M. BEMBRIDGE	23261	C. O'CONNOR	10034
D. GRAHAM	23084	Winner of P L A Y E R	
P. SKERRIT	00465	CLASSIC*	04855
G. WILL	14767	H. MUSCROFT	04190
G. L. HUNT	07710	C. LEGRANGE	03567
N. COLES	04748	J. GARAIALDE	11167
D. J. RIDLEY	12253	S. D. BROWN	07006
M. C. DOUGLAS	18721	A. BROOKS	08879
B. GALLACHER	14047	B. J. HUNT	11261
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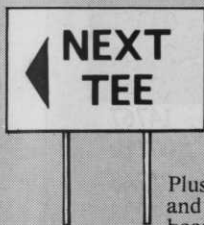
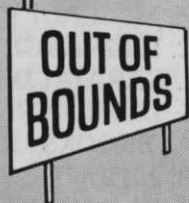
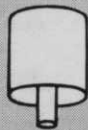
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