

ANNUAL REPORT — 1970

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:—

C. Bretherton, Esq.; Gordon Wright, Esq.; I. G. Nicholls, Esq.; The "News of the World"; The Sports Turf Research Institute; The Professional Golfers' Association; The Artisan Golfers' Association; The Golf Ball Manufacturers' Conference; The British Motor Corporation Ltd.; "Golf Illustrated"; Messrs Berk Ltd.; The Cannock Agricultural Co. Ltd.; Messrs Carter's Tested Seeds Ltd.; Messrs R. C. Craig & Co. Ltd.; Messrs Flymo Ltd.; Messrs J. T. Goudie & Co.; Messrs Maxwell M. Hart Ltd; Messrs Mays Chemical Manure Co. Ltd.; Messrs May & Baker Ltd.; Messrs T. Parker & Sons; Messrs H. Pattison & Co. Ltd.; Messrs Ransomes, Sims & Jefferies Ltd.; Messrs Relf & Kendall; Messrs Stewart & Co. Seedsmen Ltd.; Messrs Sutton & Sons Ltd.; Messrs Allan Taylor (Engineers) Ltd.; Messrs Universal Mat Co. Ltd.

TOURNAMENT WINNERS

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

- 1st Prize (S.T.R.I. Cup and linen), G. Woodward, 36 points;
- 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.