

# 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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