

News



from the Sections

NORTH-EAST

By G. Jeffries

Chairman:
J. SIMPSON

Hon. Secretary:
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In Memoriam

It is with deep regret that I have to inform members of the death of J. L. Lowery, for many years head greenkeeper of Ravensworth Golf Club. As many members will know, Les had to retire before his time owing to ill health. At our golf meetings he did a wonderful job in looking after score cards, and all the money involved with meals and sweeps. This man was in real pain with his complaint, sometimes at these Tournaments, but would keep it from us.

Les was a wonderful member, he took a keen interest in the running of the North East Section, nothing was too much for him to do, and I personally will miss him as a friend as a man to turn to when in need of advice, as will many other members of the section.

On behalf of all the members of the North East Section, I would like to extend our deepest sympathy to Mrs Lowery and relations, in their great loss.

Spring Competition

In case members did not receive the February Journal owing to the past postal strike, as I did not enter the venue of the Spring Competition in this journal, it will take place at Durham City Golf Club, on Thursday, 22nd April 1971. This will be an 18 hole event, starting time around 1 p.m. I would like to see as many members as possible come along, thank you.

NORTHERN

By J. Parker

Chairman:
A. ROBERTSHAW

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Bingley, Yorks.

Autumn Tournament

The Annual Autumn Tournament of the Section will be played over the course of the Oakdale Golf Club, Harrogate, on Thursday, 23rd September, by courtesy of the Club Committee.

President's Prize

Arrangements have been made for this event to take place on Monday, 5th July. The venue will be the Alwoodley Golf Club, Leeds.

Appointments

Mr George Mason, one of our Committee members, formerly head greenkeeper at Knaresborough Golf Club, has taken up a similar appointment at the Redcar Golf Club.

Mr Leslie Beetham has taken up an appointment in Corfu, moving from Lytham St. Annes, where he was head greenkeeper.

Meetings

Owing to thick fog and members being unable to get to Horsforth Golf Club, the January meeting had to be called off.

The February and March meetings were cancelled because, due to the postal strike, members were unable to be notified.

Mr W. Mountain

I am sure all members will wish to join me in congratulating our President, Bill Mountain, on the 25th Anniversary of the founding of the "Mountains of Morley".

Subscriptions

Members are reminded that the subscriptions for 1971-72 become due on the 1st May, 1971.

SOUTHERN

By F. W. Ford

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C. A. MOORE
(Stanmore)

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March Lecture

Approximately 50 members attended the lecture on automatic sprinklers on Wednesday, 3rd March. The speaker was Mr Barnes from Camerons Irrigation Co. Ltd., and aided by some sample pop ups and fittings and an expert knowledge of the subject, he gave a very interesting talk.

The demonstration panel was particularly interesting, and apart from controlling water for as little as one second onwards, a quick

switch to each green in the mornings and the dew is removed without caning or switching. This method is common practice in the States, the speaker said, and by at least one member present.

Mr Barnes acquainted us with some facts and points of interest. Advisable bore for mains pipe for pop ups, two-three inches. The longer the run the larger the bore to offset friction loss. Larger bore pipes can be fitted to one inch meters.

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Question time was a lively affair and several members were against pop ups because of increasement of thatch and the disruption of existing drains during P.U. pipe laying. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to Mr Barnes from our Chairman who also apologised for the absence of our President, Mr Jack Wallace-Arthur. We all wish a speedy recovery to Mrs J. Wallace-Arthur. Our thoughts and best wishes also go to Frank Brittin in the hope that he will soon be fit and well again.

Spring Tournament

The Annual Spring Tournament will be held at the Hadley Golf Club on THURSDAY, 6th MAY, and will be a 36 hole Medal Competition. Members must be up to date with their subscriptions to enter and should write in to me stating NAME, CLUB and LOWEST HANDICAP. CLOSING DATE, MONDAY, 19th APRIL. Nearest Station COCKFOSTERS, with a two mile bus journey to the club. First Year Competitors will play from scratch. May I remind last year's cup winners to bring back their trophies with them or to make sure they are at Hadley Wood by the 6th May.

New Members

A warm welcome to the following new members: John Shaw (Ransomes), T. F. Foster (Maidenhead), and R. H. Burnham, P. Dearman, and M. J. Mulligan of Hadley Wood.

A.G.M.

The Annual General Meeting will take place at the Stirling Castle on Wednesday, 26th May at 6.30 p.m. All members welcome.

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Trip to Fisons

The trip to Fisons will take place on Wednesday, 21st April. The meeting place is Charing Cross Underground Station on the Embankment side at 8 a.m.

Autumn Tournament

A note for your diaries, the Autumn Tournament has been arranged for Wednesday, 8th September, at Walton Heath.

WELSH

By S. A. Tucker

Chairman:
M. GEDDES,
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Porthcawl, Glamorgan.

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Morriston,
Swansea, Glam.

Spring Meeting

Our Spring Meeting will be held at the St. Mellons Golf Club, St. Mellons, nr. Cardiff, on Tuesday, 4th May 1971. Will, and I mean *will*, all members intending to attend *please* let me have their entry by the 25th April so that I can make sure that all are catered for. Thanking you.

A.G.M.

I hope to have the dates for the A.G.M. and the Autumn Meeting in my next notes.

NORTH-WEST

By H. M. Walsh

Chairman:
T. BRENNAN.

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

Lectures

Our thanks are due to Mr McCogan of Flymo Institutional Division, Mr Mitchell and Mr Harrison of Cheshire Light Tractors for the very interesting and entertaining talk and films on the Flymo and Toro range of grass cutting machines which appertain to green-keeping. Our thanks also for the refreshments provided. Thank you gentlemen once again.

Spring Tournament

The Spring Tournament will take place as stated in previous journals, at the Romilly Golf Club, Cheshire, on Tuesday, 11th May 1971. Will all members who intend to take part please inform me at the earliest moment so that I can complete catering arrangements. It will be a 27-hole event—nine in the morning and 18 in the afternoon. A visitors competition of 18 holes will be run in the after-

noon—one visitor per member. Tee off 9.15 a.m. The A.G.M. will be held in the evening after the evening meal. Please let us have a good attendance.

In Memorium

It is with great regret that I have to inform members of the tragic death of one of our younger members of the section, P. K. Carless of Denton Golf Club, who was killed in a motor cycling accident. Owing to the postal strike I have only the bare facts available and these I owe to Mr O. P. Jones of Bramhall. On behalf of all members I would like to extend to his parents our deepest sympathy in their great loss.

New Members

We welcome to the section the following new member and hope his association with the section will be a long and happy one: L. Scott of Manchester Golf Club — home address Hopwood Cottage, Middleton, Manchester.

MIDLAND

Chairman:
G. HART
(Gay Hill)

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

Spring Tournament

The Annual Spring Tournament will be held at the Whittington Barracks Golf Club on Tuesday, 4th May 1971, by kind permission of the Captain and Committee.

Please let me have all entries at least one week before the Tournament.

Congratulations

I would like to extend the best wishes of all Midland members to Mr Bretherton on the occasion of his marriage on April 5th and hope that future years will bring much happiness to our President and Mrs Bretherton.

Annual Match at Handsworth

The Annual Match versus the President's Team will take place on Thursday evening, June 24th, at the Handsworth Golf Club.

Once again, I hope to see a good turn-out from greenkeepers for this splendid event.

New Appointment

J. E. Twigger has recently been appointed head greenkeeper to the Evesham Golf Club. Our best wishes for a long and successful future.

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