

News



from the Sections

NORTH-EAST

By G. Jeffries

Chairman:
J. SIMPSON

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

Lecture

On Monday, 15th February, we had a lecture by Flymo Limited. This was given by Mr J. Cogan from the Institutional Division. With Mr Cogan was Mr Ron Charlton of Flymo, Mr Mitchell of Farmway, Mr D. Wox and Mr Norman Steel also of Farmway. Owing to the postal strike, the attendance was poor. With the aid of slides, Mr Cogan gave a very good lecture on how Flymo Limited began in the lawnmower market. He talked of machines that were in use long before some of us were thought of, up to the present time.

Refreshments were served and the talks continued well into the evening. Everyone agreed this was a very interesting lecture, and our chairman, Mr Jack Simpson, thanked Mr Cogan for an excellent evening. This was followed with a good round of applause from everyone present.

New Appointments

C. Moseby, head greenkeeper of Blyth Golf Club, has moved to the Bedlington new course as first assistant, and J. Clark, also of Blyth, has moved to Bedlington as an assistant at the same course. We wish them well in their new club.

EAST MIDLAND

By S. Fretter

Hon. Secretary:

4 Queens Drive,
Leicester Forest East,
Leicester.

Chairman:
J. CARRICK

Spring Tournament

The Annual Spring Tournament will be held at Kibworth Golf Club on Wednesday, 2nd June 1971. The first tee 12.45 p.m. Kibworth is on the Leicester to Market Harborough road about six miles out of Leicester on the A.6. Would you please let me know by the 22nd May 1971 if you will be playing and also require a meal.

New Members

We welcome the following new members to this Section:—

C. A. Ravalde, Esq., 30 Belvoir Drive,
Syston, Leicester (Birstall Golf Club);

A. C. Pearson, Esq., 26 Willoughby Street,
Beeston, Notts. (Chilwell Manor Golf Club).

Subscriptions

Would members please note that subscriptions for the year beginning the 1st May 1971 have now become due.

SOUTHERN

By F. W. Ford

Hon. Secretary:

68 Salcombe Gardens
Mill Hill, N.W.7
Tel: 01-959 2847

Chairman:
C. A. MOORE
(Stanmore)

Annual Dinner

Despite the postal strike making contact with members very difficult, 70 members and guests sat down for the 1971 Annual Dinner at the Wanstead Golf Club on Friday, 19th March.

The weather was not too good for the afternoon's golf but 44 competitors took part and the winners of the sweepstakes were as follows: 1st, R. Rotsey and A. Robertshaw 40 points; 2nd, R. Lance and M. Thomson 37 points; 3rd, B. Richardson and M. Bufham 37 points. Third prize of one dozen golf balls was presented by Flymo Limited. The course was playing well, thanks to Jock Rennie and his merry men, and I personally had a very enjoyable game with him and Reg Knight, the professional. Thanks also to Reg for the free use of his trollies.

The meal itself was first class thanks to Mr and Mrs Whitfield and staff, and we all enjoyed listening to the captain of Wanstead proposing the Association and Adrian Robertshaw, chairman of the B.G.G.A., replying. The proposal and reply for the guests followed, ably performed by Jock Glass and J. M. Thomas, captain of South Herts.

A special thank you to the chairman for making the journey from Ilkley to be with us on this occasion; we all forgave you for winning, Adrian, when you stepped up to the bar. Thanks to Mr West, secretary of Wanstead, for his splendid co-operation throughout and to John Field for marking cards, etc.

New Members

A warm welcome is extended to our new members whose names are listed below:—

K. Thomas (Boyce Hill);

R. Hargreaves (Effingham).

Subscriptions

A reminder to all members that subscriptions for 1971/72 are due on the 1st May and, to assist me in my secretarial duties, prompt attention to this matter is essential.

Class A (head greenkeepers) £1.62½.

Class B (first assistants) £1.12½.

Class C (assistants and apprentices) 82½p.

Cheques and crossed postal orders only by post, please.

Bereavement

It is my sad duty to report the passing of Stan Dennis, well-known head greenkeeper to the Upminster Golf Club for many years. Stan will be remembered as hard working, knowledgeable and dedicated to his trade of turf upkeep. From all his many friends in the Southern Section I would like to extend our deepest sympathy to Mrs Dennis in her great loss. The section was represented by Peter Moore at the crematorium.

SHEFFIELD

By H. Gillespie

Chairman:
G. HERRINGTON
(Lindrick)

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

The winter lecture season just ended did not draw the attendances like we had the previous year; perhaps the change of rooms did a little to depress interest but arrangements are in hand for another venue next winter that will, I am sure, meet with everyone's approval. More details next month when details are finalised.

Retirement

Jack Baxby, head greenkeeper at Hallowes Golf Club for very many years, has retired from the course and moved indoors as assistant steward due to health reasons. Jack has been a long-serving, active member and has been vice-chairman since 1965.

Best wishes in the future, Jack.

Staff Changes

Tony Smith, who was first assistant at Hillsboro Golf Club, has moved to Hallowes Golf Club to succeed J. Baxby as head.

Ron Whitehead, head greenkeeper at Wheatly Golf Club, has moved to Dore and Totley Golf Club, and Tony Baxby has moved from Hallowes Golf Club to Dore and Totley Golf Club as Ron's first assistant.

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Derek Neve, who was first assistant at Wheatley Golf Club, moves up to head greenkeeper.

The best of luck to you all in your new positions.

SOUTH-WEST

By A. Cockfield

Hon. Secretary:
10 Clarence Terrace,
Claverton Down, Bath.

Chairman:
L. MILLAR

A record number of 27 members attended the A.G.M. held at Saltford Golf Club on the 23rd March.

Last year's Minutes and Balance Sheet were read and approved. The committee appointed for the coming year was as follows: R. Gates, chairman; L. Millar, I. Scoones, W. Light, J. Torrance and S. Baber.

Our president, Mr J. Ireland, has very generously donated two silver tankards to be played for as a foursomes prize. A knock-out competition was first suggested but finally, on account of difficulty in travelling, it was agreed to make the competition an 18-hole greensome/foursome competition and the venue being Clevedon Golf Club on the 19th May.

The Annual Summer Tournament is being held at Worlebury Golf Club on the 8th July. Conditions for the tournament will be the same as those applied last year.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to our president and Saltford Golf Club.

Congratulations to R. Gates on becoming section chairman for the coming year.

It is good to see the new head greenkeepers from Warminster and Weston-Super-Mare golf clubs again members of the Section.

TRADE NEWS

Correction

Elvin Pennants have moved their premises to 34 D'Arcy Way, Tolleshunt D'Arcy, Essex. Tel. No. Tolleshunt D'Arcy 472. Application for their 1971 brochure should be made to this address and not the one published in the previous issue of the journal.

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Cannock Agricultural Co., Ltd., have published a booklet describing the range of Cannock Grass seeds, compounds, etc., which is available to clubs and greenkeepers, free of charge, together with their brochure on Cannock Fusarium Specific.—Address Cannock, Staffs. WS11 3LW.

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