News



from the Sections

SOUTHERN

By F. W. Ford

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January Lecture

Once again we were treated to a very fine lecture by Mr Gooding of Synchemicals, and as in his previous visit to the Section he handed out some very useful leaflets on the two subjects, "The Use, Selection and Application of Chemicals in Turf Maintenance" and "Turf Pests and their Control". There are a few of these reference leaflets left for any member who cares to send a 5d, stamp to me.

Mr Gooding used a projector to add interest, and recommending Simazine for total weedkilling on paths, drives, wasteland, etc., he showed a very impressive picture of a completely weed-free drive which stayed that way throughout the season as a result of a winter treatment of Simazine.

Concluding, the speaker emphasised the importance of carefully reading the instructions before using any chemicals.

March Lecture

This will be held at 6.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 3rd March, and instead of a quiz I am hoping to arrange a lecture or discussion on automatic sprinklers, etc., by a representative from Camerons.

Trip to Ipswich

Arrangements are now under way for a day trip by coach to Fisons Levington Research Station on Wednesday, 21st April.

The coach expenses will be met by the Sections funds and I understand that there will be coffee on arrival followed later on by lunch and tea provided by our hosts for the day.

Please make a special note that the meeting place will be Charing Cross Underground Station, *Embankment side*, and the coach will leave promptly at 8 a.m., returning at approximately 8 p.m. Members wishing to reserve a seat on the coach to contact me as soon as possible.

New Members

A warm welcome to the following new members: J. G. Kendall (West Essex), T. P. Griffiths (Camberley Heath), G. W. Keep (Sunningdale) and I. King (Boyce Hill).

NORTH-WEST

Chairman: T. Brennan (Royal Birkdale) By H. M. Walsh Hon. Secretary: Horrobin Cottage, Old Links Golf Club, Montserrat, Bolton, Lancs.

Lectures

Our thanks to Mr O'Donnell and Mr Young of Chipman Chemical Co. Ltd. for the very interesting talk given to our members on the various herbicides and weed-killers used by the greenkeeping fraternity. Thank you, gentlemen.

The February talk will be given by Flymo Ltd., on the 8th February, and the venue will be Brunswick Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester. Time 7.30 p.m.

The March talk will be given by Supaturf Ltd., on the 15th, and the venue and time the same as previous talks.

Spring Meeting

As stated in last month's journal, our Spring Tournament will be held on the Romily Golf Club course and further details will be given nearer the time.

NORTH-EAST

By G. Jeffries

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

Lecture and Film Show

A lecture and film show was held on 7th January at The Bridge Hotel, Newcastle. It was given by Mr W. Beveridge of Ransomes, Sims & Jefferies; he was assisted by Douglas. Mr Beveridge gave us plenty of good information on maintenance and answered the many questions fired at him by members. In his remarks Mr Beveridge said how he enjoyed his visits to the North-East.

Our chairman, Mr J. Simpson, on behalf

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of the members, thanked Mr Beveridge and said how pleased he was to welcome him to the North-East.

Spring Competition

Our Spring Competition will be held at Durham City Golf Club, with the kind permission of the captain and committee, on Thursday, 22nd April.

This will be an 18-hole medal event, com-

mencing at 12.30 p.m.

NORTHERN

Chairman: A. Robertshaw By J. Parker

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

Christmas Social

The annual Christmas supper and social was held in the club house of the Horsforth Golf Club on Tuesday, 15th December. Thirty-five members sat down for supper, at which we were joined by the captain and green chairman of the club. Once again our thanks are due to Ron and his staff for a most appetising and satisfying meal and attention to liquid refreshment needs.

Grand National Sweep

Members should now have received books of tickets for this draw. It is hoped that every endeavour will be made to make it a success. This is the main source of income for the Benevolent Fund and only by increasing the balance can we give donations in times of need. Closing date for the return of counterfoils and monies is 23rd March 1971.

Subscriptions

As usual there are still many subscriptions outstanding which became due on the 1st May 1970. Anyone not paying by the end of February will be taken off the members list.

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