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TEE SHOTS



by the Editor

Not many golf clubs would consider British Waterways to be a serious menace, though early in the fifties the Leeds-Liverpool Canal broke its banks where it passes above the Keighley Golf Club and a few million gallons of water gouged out some notable chasms as they passed across the course to the River Aire.

But in the Low Countries, canals have not been relegated to pleasure craft and new ones are not uncommon. Even so, the Royal Antwerp Golf Club was alarmed to find that a new waterway 80 ft. deep and 400 ft. wide was likely to cut through the middle of the layout. The Club was founded in 1888 by a local group of Englishmen and, after the attentions of Tom Simpson in the twenties and thirties, is a golf course of great distinction. The main course measures some 6,700 yards on a generally level sandy site with strong local undulations worked into the approaches. Most fairways are lined with pine, birch and heather and one additional stroke on the Standard Scratch Score for course difficulty is not over-generous.

British Golf Clubs threatened by roads sometimes find a certain sympathy in the officials with whom they have to deal, since many are themselves golfers. The Antwerp Committee, after several trips to Brussels, found no such understanding but at least managed to get the canal shifted to the boundary. It still cut off most of two holes but this concession seemed to satisfy the men at the Ministry. "What's the matter with that?", they asked. "You are only losing two holes. You have still got sixteen".

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18 HOLES WITH HAWTREE

No. 18 — Climax or Anti-climax

By F. W. HAWTREE

The last hole, more than all others, is likely to suffer from the fact that it has to be there. But it gains immensely from the memories of hard fought matches which it has decided. A great 18th will be doubly successful. A poor one may still pass muster.

If there is any choice, should we aim for a par 5 or a par 4? On championship courses, great occasions suggest greater length. On the other hand, the shortness of the last hole on the Old Course at St Andrews actually heightened the drama at the close of the 1970 Open Championship. For the rest of us a par 5 may be daunting at this stage especially if it is uphill. And clubhouses situated on high ground for outlook often entail this drawback. But a par 5 should not be uphill in any event so we can eliminate that one. A downhill par 5 where the extra run increases the chance of a birdie would be acceptable and a flat one if local feature is especially interesting.

I took this chance at Pals to the north of the Costa Brava, which was originally designed as a shortish 9-hole course in 1966. Then the golf course seemed to do better than the sale of housing plots round it and members persuaded the owner to extend it to eighteen. Fortunately, the original design enabled this to be done rationally and, in fact, the Spanish Open Championship will be played there next year.

The 18th started from the idea that the green would be enormous. This is generally a good feature of any 18th hole. It seems to continue the interest (or prolong the agony) right up to the last moment.

The fairway had to be cut out of pine trees. Tree clearing is an awkward job for the golf course architect. He has to define the area to be cleared without any absolute certainty as to how it will look when it is finished. He, therefore, tends to underestimate

at the start and touch up the margins later. A splendid group of pines, all good specimens with young ones coming on for the future, were thus preserved. This group became the second feature of the hole, bunkers were fitted into the picture and it eventually looked like the illustration. The pine trees, incidentally, are of a height which can be played over from a sufficient distance and of a density which can be seen through at eye level. They thus do for the second shot what the screens replacing the Black Sheds do for the tee shot at the Road Hole at St Andrews but the comparison ends there, if it is a comparison at all.

I asked some Pals members the other day how it had turned out. "Much better than we expected", they said.

As I hope I said earlier in the round, it is often the exceptions to any rule which we try to make about the form of eighteen holes which turn out to be the most successful. Mr Tom Simpson would deliberately put in a 'bad length' hole if the total layout did not otherwise produce one. It would be safe to make a rule that the 18th should not be a par 3 if avoidable. I am breaking that rule at Lisburn near Belfast. The land to the south of the clubhouse (the proper side for the 18th green, rules or no rules) is flat for sixty yards then rises sharply to a brow some 250 yards away. Too steep to play uphill but an admirable approach downhill. The alternatives were a drive up to the brow and a second shot down to the green or a short hole of about 220 yards from the brow.

As a par 4, there was some possibility of out of bounds on the right—no danger to property now, but if houses appear there in the future, it is no legal argument to say we were there first. There was also the recurrent problem of the difference in performance between golfers good and bad. A drive fifty yards short of the brow left no sight of green or approach though at 200 yards all was perfectly visible. The shorter

player would be tempted to continue with his second shot, unaware of whether players were just over the brow, rather than walk another hundred yards up and back. If, to overcome this snag, the tee were brought forward so that the shorter player reached the brow, the longer player would be well over it involving the same danger or possibly more as the ball kicked forward on the down slope towards the green.

The answer in 1971 was not a bell to be rung when the coast is clear. It was a par 3 hole. Firstly, the long par 3 is a severe test and even frightening at the climax of the round. Even Mr Michael Bonallack said last month "But I am not a good 2-iron player". If he isn't, who is? Secondly, the scenic effect, looking down on the green (a large one again, naturally) with the clubhouse a little higher beyond it, will be agreeable. Lastly, for the spectators in the clubhouse, the view of the players on the tee, the tee-shots and the full play of the hole will be ideal.

The 18th green is very much the link between life indoors and out. It should be seen from all the main rooms and preferably when sitting fairly well back in these rooms. Windows often are not deep enough, balconies or terraces often obstruct the view. There is always need for earnest consultation between the golf architect and the proper architect. Then the pleasures of the course can somehow pervade the building and the two aspects of golf club life are unified. In another sense, this is what the perfect golf club secretary is achieving.

Thanks for the game. At least, it went to the last hole.

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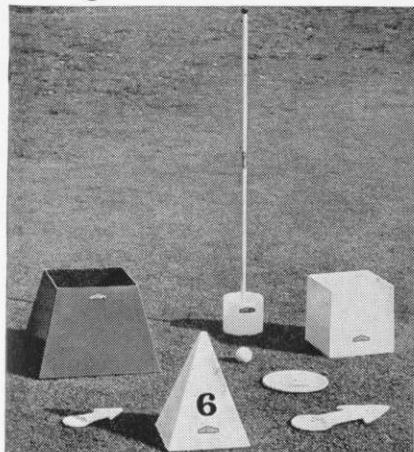
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Minutes of the 54th Annual General Meeting held at Notts. Golf Club, Hollinwell on Monday, 23rd August, 1971 at 3 p.m.

The Association Chairman opened the meeting at which there were approximately 60 members present and invited Mr Carl Bretherton to occupy the Chair. Mr Bretherton thanked the Chairman and expressed his willingness to conduct the meeting.

1. *Minutes of the last A.G.M.*: On the suggestion of the Chairman, the Minutes of the last A.G.M. were taken as read in view of the fact that they were put in the Association Journal.

The Hon. Secretary then read the Minutes of the Extraordinary General Meeting which was held on the 8th May 1971. Arising from the Minutes of the Extraordinary General Meeting, the Hon. Secretary reported that this was called in view of the proposed increase in subscriptions and although the meeting was not fully represented owing to lack of attendance, in view of the fact that the Executive Committee had agreed proposals put forward and there had been no objections raised by any member during the period of notification in the Journal of this meeting, the A.G.M. with this limited attendance had agreed to the proposition which was brought before it. The Hon. Secretary asked this meeting to accept the increases as called for. His request was carried unanimously.

2. *Annual Report*: The Hon. Secretary read the Annual Report and its adoption was proposed by Mr Carrick and seconded by Mr Herrington. At this stage, the Chairman asked the meeting to stand in silence in memory of the deceased members whose names had been submitted in the Report.

3. *Financial Statement*: The Hon. Treasurer then presented the accounts to the meeting and explained that they appeared to be in a reasonably satisfactory position and as no questions were raised by the meeting, their acceptance was proposed by Mr Walsh, seconded by Mr Fry.

4. *Executive Committee Report*: The

Tournament Sub-Committee elected at the Executive Meeting were as follows: Messrs Robertshaw, Carrick, Smith, Walsh and Folkes. Three to form a quorum.

The Hon. Secretary then reported that the North-West Section, who are handling the arrangements for 1972, had nominated Mr Walsh to act as Vice-Chairman and also that the Association had been offered the courtesy of the St Annes Old Links Golf Course for the tournament to take place on the 14th, 15th and 16th August.

5. *Election of Officers*:

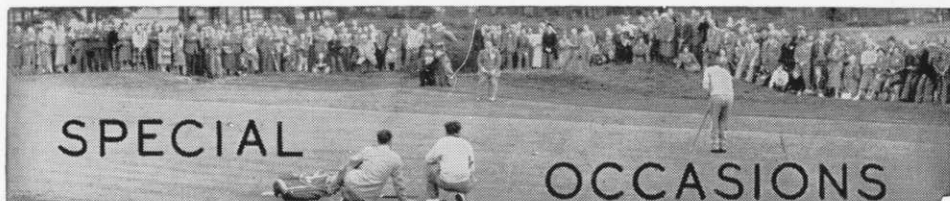
President: At the unanimous request of the meeting Mr Carl Bretherton was re-elected President of the Association. Mr Bretherton thanked the meeting and said he would be very pleased to accept this office for 1971/1972.

Vice-Presidents: Following the proposition of the Northern Section, it was agreed that the name of Mr W. Mountain should be added to the list of existing Vice-Presidents who would be nominated as listed in the Association Journal. This was carried unanimously.

Chairman: It was proposed by Mr Fretter, seconded by Mr Dodds, that Mr J. Carrick, present Vice-Chairman, should be elected Chairman for 1971/1972. This proposition was carried unanimously.

Mr A. Robertshaw, the retiring Chairman, then rose and invited Mr Carrick to occupy the chair and in so doing, expressed a few remarks concerning his own happy association with the chairmanship in the past year. Mr Carrick then thanked the members for the honour bestowed upon him and he sincerely hoped that he would be able to carry out his duties to the satisfaction of the members. He thereupon presented to Mr Robertshaw a tankard in recognition of his services in 1971 to which Mr Robertshaw replied how delighted he was to receive this recognition as he had assured all his associates in the Northern Section that he would not go back without a trophy as he felt sure that somebody would give him a tankard before the end of the meeting.

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| | 18th | North-West Section Lecture. |
| Nov. | 3rd | Southern Section Lecture — The Ship Tavern. |
| | 9th | North-West Section Annual Trip. |
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Vice-Chairman: On the proposition of the North-West Section it was unanimously carried that Mr H. M. Walsh should take over the office of Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year.

Secretary and Treasurer: At the general request Mr C. H. Dix was re-elected Secretary and Treasurer for another year to which Mr Dix responded that he would be willing to continue in office.

Executive Committee: It was unanimously agreed that the Executive Committee should be elected as nominated by Sections.

Hon. Auditors: The Hon. Treasurer reported that the services of Messrs. Smallfield, Rawlins & Co. had been most efficient and at his proposal, it was unanimously agreed that the Hon. Auditors should be re-elected.

Hon. Solicitor: It was unanimously agreed that Mr H. Dowding, who had kindly taken over the duties for the Association, should be re-elected for the ensuing year.

6. *Proposition from Mr Fretter of the East Midlands Section that any groundsman be allowed to become a member of the British Golf Greenkeeper's Association wherever he is employed:* As this proposition came from an individual Member, it was put to the meeting but failed to obtain a seconder whereupon the meeting agreed that this proposition could not be considered.

7. *Proposition from Mr J. Scott, seconded by Mr A. Robertshaw that Mr W. Mountain, President of the Northern Section, be nominated as a Vice-President of the British Golf Greenkeepers' Association:* This proposition was unanimously accepted by the meeting with a note of appreciation of Mr Mountain's services over many years for the Northern Section.

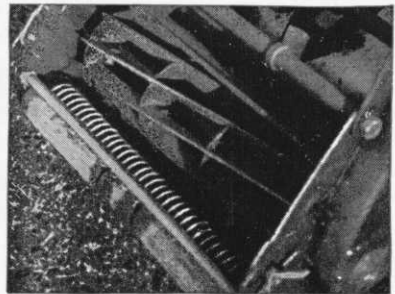
8. *Any other Business:* The question of members' passes was raised as it was felt by several members that these did not entirely meet their requirements and it was agreed that the Hon. Secretary should consider the possibility of making them more attractive.

The question of non-arrivals at the tournament by members who had

forwarded Entry Forms was discussed as it was felt that the efforts put forward by the Secretary and his Committee to arrange the tournament were badly disturbed by members not appearing and not giving previous notification. After some discussion, it was agreed that the Executive Committee should consider this problem with a view to making possible changes to the Form of Entry.

Following the advice of Mr F. W. Hawtree to the Executive Meeting, this meeting was informed that 1972 was the 60th anniversary of the foundation of this Association and it was suggested by the Executive Committee that some form of celebration should be put in hand to mark the occasion. After some discussion, it was thought that a function in Blackpool on the evening following the end of the Tournament would be a good idea and it was finally agreed that Mr Walsh should be asked to make enquiries at this venue to see what was possible in the way of holding possibly a dinner and cabaret or dinner-dance Mr Walsh said he would be most happy

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to see what was possible and he would advise the Secretary when he had any views to offer.

There being nothing further, the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Chair by Mr G. Herrington.

GOLF FOR THE OVER SIXTIES

By George Herrington

At my last Greens Committee meeting I was asked if it would be possible to bring the fairways ten yards nearer to the tees to make it easier for the older players.

I have already done this but have warned my committee that it may take a year before we can call them fairways which are up to the standard of the present fairways.

Whilst I was on holiday, I had the opportunity to re-consider the problem and wondered if this was the answer. I have now decided a much better solution would be to make forward tees, say on holes where one has to walk back twenty yards or more, to give us

old uns a start and the opportunity to reach the fairway. Also on holes of 160 yards or more there are not many elderly golfers who can get up with an iron. Having to take a wood means more often than not a ball dropping on the green will go over giving little chance for a three. Again a forward tee might well provide the answer. This in effect would be like many seaside courses which have forward tees for visitors.

Some may ask why not use the ladies tees? I think this would be the last straw for men who have played golf all their lives. As more and more elderly people now have more time and opportunity to go round other courses I think they should receive some consideration.

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Coming Events

Will members please make notes of the following dates:

October 7th—Autumn Tournament, Childwell Golf Club, important news to be discussed. Please let us have a big tournament.

October 18th—Lecture at the Brunswick Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester, at 7.30 p.m.

November 9th—Coach trip to the International Sports Co., Horbury, Nr. Wakefield. Picking-up point for the coach will be at the Swinton Park Golf Club whose Council have given permission to park our cars on their car park. Time 8 a.m.

December 6th—Lecture, Mr A. R. Woolhouse, B. Sc. of STRI will be the speaker. Same time—same venue.

New Members

We welcome to the Section the following new members and hope their association with us will be a long and happy one:—

D. Darlington, M. D. Manson and A. Borwick, all at Padeswood and Buckley Golf Club, Nr. Chester.

MIDLAND

By R. Goodwin

Chairman:
G. HART
(Gay Hill)

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

Autumn Tournament

The Autumn Tournament was held at the Stowbridge Golf Club on Tuesday, 14th

September. Twenty-eight greenkeepers took part in this event which resulted as follows—

Best Nett, 27 holes — Alan Cutler, 106; Clayton Cup and Cut Glass Tumblers. Best Gross, J. Grealy, 115; Cut Glass Ware. 2nd Nett, G. Smith, 107½; Wine Glasses. 3rd Nett, T. Morris, 108; Wine Glasses. 4th Nett, G. Woodward, 108½; Putter. 5th Nett, R. Smith, 108½; Golf Shoes. 6th Nett, W. Barton, 109½; Pullover. 7th Nett, D. Brazier, 111½; Golf Shirt. 8th Nett, E. Benbow, 112; Golf Shirt. 9th Nett, R. Goodwin, 113; Pullover. 10th Nett, A. Jamieson, 113; Pullover. 11th Nett, W. Boyce, 113; Glasses. 12th Nett, R. Pullen, 114½; Shirt. 13th Nett, A. Kite, 116; Lighter. 14th Nett, G. Hart, 116½; Golf Balls. 15th Nett, H. V. Lewis, 117; Secateurs. 16th Nett, R. Pugh, 117; Bottle of Sherry. 18th Nett, H. Drewitt, 118; Golf Balls.

Over "60" Prize: G. Woodward; Bottle of Whisky. Players with "2s"; W. Boyce, J. Grealy, R. Smith, R. Goodwin, 1 golf ball each.

The "CANNOCK PRIZE" for the Best Aggregate Score over the Spring, Summer, and Autumn Tournaments was won by Alan Cutler with a 72-hole total of 279. For this he received a Table Cigarette Lighter.

The Prizes were presented by the Captain of the Stowbridge Golf Club, Mr M. H. Smith, who welcomed the greenkeepers to Stowbridge and also paid tribute to Ray Smith for his work on the course.

George Hart replied on behalf of the greenkeepers by thanking Mr Smith, and the members of Stowbridge for allowing us the courtesies of the club and clubhouse and the excellent donation by the members of £26. Our Chairman also thanked Mr A. V. P. Rowlands, Secretary, for the organising of the Competition, Mr and Mrs Nichols, the Steward and Stewardess for the excellent meals and service, and Bill Ferkins, the Professional for the use of the caddy-carts. Finally a vote of thanks to Ray Smith and his green staff for the marvellous condition of the course. Our thanks go to the Prize donors who made the Tournament a complete success:—Stowbridge Golf Club, Thomas Clayton Ltd., ATCO Ltd., Cannock Agricultural Co., Ltd., May & Baker Ltd., Accles & Pollock Ltd., Rigby Taylor & Co., Ltd., Parker & Ballinger Ltd., En-Tous-Cas Ltd., Patisson Ltd., J. P. Harvey Ltd., Wright Rain Irrigation Ltd., Mr Carl Bretherton, Mr Lou Hatton, Mr J. W. R. Robinson, Mr C. F. N. Boulton, Mr W. R. Ferkins.

Greenkeepers v. Secretaries

Once again the greenkeepers had the pleasure of playing against the Midlands Secretaries, at the Sutton Coldfield Golf Club, on Wednesday, 15th September. The Match ended in a win by 3 games to 2 in favour of the Greenkeepers:—

B. Matthews and F. W. King beat E. Benbow and R. Smith, 2 and 1; P. V. Hope and F. G. Armstrong lost to W. Barton and A.

Kite 2 and 1; S. Allen and G. A. Greetham lost to R. Goodwin and A. Hastilow, 4 and 2; R. Wright and A. D. Brackston halved with G. Hart and R. Pullen; F. B. Lock and A. Webster lost to T. Morris and G. Smith, 7 and 6; G. Dring and N. H. Russell beat A. Boraston and G. Bunting, 2 and 1;

I would like to thank Mr N. H. Russell and Mr F. B. Lock for making the arrangements for the match held at the Sutton Coldfield Golf Club, and also the Captain and Committee for allowing us the courtesy of the course and the clubhouse.

Finally, we are most grateful to the Secretaries, for providing the greenkeepers with an excellent meal and liquid refreshment throughout the evening.

EAST MIDLAND

By S. Fretter

Hon. Secretary:
4 Queens Drive,
Leicester Forest East,
Leicester.

Chairman:
J. CARRICK

President's Letter

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking all members of the Greenkeepers' Association for putting their trust in me and nominating me for President, a position I am happy to accept.

I am looking forward to having a happy association with the Committee and all members.

I regret to find that Mr Cook has had to resign his position as President, but am happy that he will be able to continue as Vice-President of the Association.

New Member

I would like to take this opportunity of welcoming to this section Mr Ian Charles Pick, 77 St Martin's Drive, Desford, Leics. (Kirby Muxloe Golf Club).

Congratulations

I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of all the members of this section on congratulating the following:—

Mr Ivan Toone (Kirby Muxloe) for winning the News of The World Trophy.

Mr Ivan Toone, Mr C. Darby and Mr W. Woods for winning the Team Cup.

Mr Kevin James for winning a prize.

Well done at the Annual Tournament at Hollinwell Golf Club.

SOUTHERN

By F. W. Ford

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

Chairman:
C. A. MOORE
(Stanmore)

Autumn Tournament

A good entry of 100 plus enjoyed a good day's golf at Walton Heath Old and New Courses magnificently kept by Fred Dulake and his staff. The weather could not have

been better and as was to be expected in such ideal conditions the scores were very good. In the 4-ball better-ball Stableford in the morning 32 cards were handed in with 40 points and over and in the afternoon greensome, eight of 40 and over.

The Prizes were allocated as follows:—

Best a.m. Old Course, H. Brown and Major Nicol (Home Park), 49 points; Best a.m. New Course, G. Brown and Mr Jones (Mannings Heath), 47 points. Best p.m. Old Course, A. Chappell and W. Freeman (Kingswood) 39 points; Best p.m. New Course, E. Hall and Mr Devitt (Ealing) 43 points; 36 Aggregate, 1st, R. Tempest and Mr Pickford (Hartsbourne) 89 points; 2nd, J. Kirkpatrick and G. Glass (Dulwich) 88 points; 3rd, C. A. Moore and J. Craker (Stanmore) 86 points.

After presenting the prizes, Col. Badham kindly offered to auction a bottle of whisky and sherry in aid of Section Benevolent Fund. Very expertly he managed to extract £7.50 for the whisky from Mr Overand-Lisle, Captain of Porters Park; our thanks to you, Sir. £3.25 was obtained from our friend G. Glass of Dulwich. Many thanks to these two gentlemen for joining in this worthwhile bit of fun.

Coupled with the £19.50 made from the ball sweep by John Field, I think you will agree that the Southern Section Benevolent Fund has got off to a very good start. The whisky was given by Bonzo Ryan of Boyce Hill and the sherry by John Rogers of Effingham.

Again we are greatly indebted to the following gentlemen who kindly give us their time and patience to run our tournament each year. How they managed to sort things out this time I do not think even David Craig knows. However, our thanks to David, Phillip Marshall, John Field and Maurice Emm with the cards etc., and Bill Holloway for keeping everyone to time on the tees.

A special vote of thanks to Col. Badham, Fred Dulake and staff, Steward and staff and everyone who helped to make this such a memorable occasion.

December Lecture

On Wednesday, 1st December at 6.30 p.m. Mr F. W. Hawtree will be visiting the Section for the first time for many years. Let us have a full house for our Editor and for what should be a very interesting talk with colour slides. It will take place at the Ship Tavern, 27 Lime Street, E.C. 3. Nearest station—Monument and Bank.

New Members

A warm welcome is extended to the new members whose names are listed below:— E. S. Osborn (South Herts), J. Thornton (Hendon), J. A. Tarrant (Ellesborough), M. Thompson (Class 'E' member).

Revised list of Handicaps:—

P. Ainsworth 4; H. Aston 17; S. Battams 20; E. Brown 15; H. Brown 10; A. Chappell 14; M. Claydon 16; R. E. Claydon 10; A. Collis

16; R. Cooke 6; F. W. Corner 6; L. Coyte 13; A. E. Creese 9; W. Cutts 24; F. Dulake 10; K. Eastwood 2; H. Emery 6; F. W. Ford 15; B. V. Fordham 6; T. Foster 24; E. W. Fulkes 11; J. K. Glass 11; D. S. Gould 14; E. Hall 10; R. Hargreaves 12; F. Hayter 9; J. Helsey 24; G. Hitchcock 10; S. Kilby 11; S. A. Kiltys 6; W. Kingston 17; D. Kirkland 6; D. Kirkpatrick 15; J. Kirkpatrick 2; M. Lathrode 22; A. Lomax 16; W. Machin 10; C. Maidment 12; D. H. Major 5; D. Manning 24; A. Martin 20; D. Mason 24; C. Mitchell 24; J. Monk 24; C. A. Moore 14; P. Moore 22; S. Morton 16; J. Ness 11; D. Neville 9; J. Noakes 6; C. Osgood 4; D. Page 15; B. Payne 3; G. S. Payne 9; B. Piggott 14; G. Piggott 11; P. Piggott 17; R. Plain 7; T. Price 18; S. Rennie 13; B. Richardson 22; W. J. Rogers 8; C. E. Ryan 16; I. Smith 7; P. Staines 9; A. E. Watson 9; M. White 4; P. Whitehead 14; W. Wilkinson 12; A. Winter 22.

WELSH

Chairman:

M. GEDDES,
23 Fenton Place,
Porthcawl, Glamorgan.

By J. Rees

Hon. Secretary:
Neath Golf Club,
Cadoxton, Neath,
Glamorgan.

Autumn Tournament

Our Autumn Tournament was held on Wednesday, 8th September 1971 at Swansea Bay Golf Club, by kind permission of the Captain and Committee. The weather was fine bar a little wind.

Results—27 Holes Medal Competition Senior Division

1st, J. Rees—107 net: Presidents Shield and holdall given by Mr J. C. Clay; 2nd M. Clissett—114 net: 1 dozen golf balls given by Flymo; 3rd D. H. Jones—116 net: 1 set of fruit dishes; 4th, M. Jones—120 net: ½ dozen golf balls given by Mr R. S. Bird.

18-24 Handicap

W. Jones—131 net: 1 bottle of whisky given by S.I.S.I.S.; M. Jones won the season aggregate—305 net: prize by Cannock.

Thanks to our chairman Mr Geddes, Mr C. Murphy, president and Mr Payne of Ransomes for looking after us so well. May I also thank the steward and stewardess for the excellent meals provided. We also thank all those who kindly donated the prizes.

Mr A. S. Tucker

I am sorry to announce the death of our secretary, Mr A. S. Tucker who has worked so hard for the Welsh Section. We of the older members who knew him so well will miss him very much. I also report the death of one of our junior members Mr G. R. Bowden, who was on the ground staff of Radyr Golf Club, through tragic circumstances. We send our deepest sympathy to their families in their bereavement.

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**THE BRITISH GOLF GREENKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION
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Dunlop Masters Tournament — Sept. 29th-Oct. 2nd 1971

PLAYER	TICKET No.	PLAYER	TICKET No.
Gregson, M. E.	15675	Large, W.	12615
Wilcock, P. H.	11532	Small, D.	21179
Ridley, D. J.	08509	Onsham, S.	10155
Oosterhuis, P. A.	14145	Graham, D.	21855
Hood, V.B.,	06924	Clark, C. A.	09139
Cook, J.	10135	McClelland, D. W.	14959
Hunt, B. J.	08960	Brown, E. C.	12598
Skerritt, P.	14912	Jacklin, A.	06393
Player, G. J.	12523	Huish, D.	22113
Jackson, H.	01474	Wood, N. D.	07069
Brown, S. D.	07180	Horton, T. A.	20456
Dabson, K.	11170	Rees, D. J.	11661
Garner, J. R.	14902	DeFoy, C. B.	11083
Polland, E.	10254	Barnes, B. W.	24980
Fidler, R. S.	02982	Butler, P. J.	11933
Platts, L.	10268	Thomson, P. W.	10667
Townsend, P. M. P.	07116	Will, G.	11346
Brooks, A.	12943	Hayes, D.	12103
Shade, R. D.	13032	Coles, N. C.	24733
Boobyer, F. S.	12014	Huggett, B. G. C.	05484
Lu Liang Huan	08549	Hunt, G. L.	18645
Gallacher, B.	24618	Bembridge, M.	19159
Kinsella, J. J.	21938	Boyle, H. F. I.	18871
Muscroft, H. W.	18997	Talbot, D.	06450
Vaughan, D. I.	17607	Charles, R. J.	11417
Vicenzo, R. de	21450	Bannerman, H.	05303
Jones, E. T.	02986	Leonard, P.	17910
Cunningham, W. G.	10527	Winner Wills Open*	18121

*If winner of starred entry is already in list, substitute player will be taken from P.G.A. Merit List.

NEW APPOINTMENT

Thirty-three year old Roy Hubbard has been appointed Market Development Supervisor of the Agricultural Division of BASF United Kingdom Limited at Ipswich. He will be responsible for the development of new markets for existing products, not already handled by the sales force, and for developing markets for chemical products not yet available in this country.

Mr Hubbard has been a sales representative for BASF in Suffolk since the establishment of the Agricultural Division two years ago. He comes from a Suffolk farming background, has had experience in general agricultural merchanting and banking and is a

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