

News



from the Sections

NORTH-WEST

By H. M. Walsh

Chairman:
J. GILLET,
(St Anne's Old Links)

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

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.

SITUATIONS VACANT

HEAD GREENKEEPER required for the West Lancashire Golf Club. Must have experience and proven ability. Good staff and well equipped modern machinery. Attractive salary. Apply stating age, experience and present employment to:—The Secretary, West Lancashire Golf Club, Hall Road, West, Liverpool 23.

FULLY QUALIFIED Head Greenkeeper experienced in programming course work and controlling staff. Free house. Salary subject to negotiation. Write at once giving age and experience to The Secretary, West Essex Golf Club, Bury Road, Stewardstonebury, London, E.4.

HEAD GREENKEEPER required for 9-hole course. Free modern flat in clubhouse. Salary subject to negotiation. Preference given to married man whose wife would be willing to assist in clubhouse. Apply stating age and experience to The Hon. Secretary, North Warwickshire Golf Club, Hampton Lane, Meriden, Warwickshire.

HEAD GREENKEEPER REQUIRED for privately owned 9-hole golf course. Course open to the public midweek. Full responsibility, one other full-time employee. Rent free house. Wages by arrangement, pension scheme. Interview expenses paid. Full details and references (which will be returned) to: The Agent, Leeds Castle Estate Office, Maidstone, Kent.

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gearbox. Final drive is by roller chain from the gearbox to the three section roller, with differential.

Maximum speeds are 2.4 mph in 1st gear, 3.6 mph in 2nd gear and 5.3 mph in 3rd gear. Maximum reverse speed is 3.6 mph.

Price of the roller drive Condor with cylinder unit and grass box is £370— with the rotary mower version at £329. A roller seat is available at £29.