

News



from the Sections

NORTH-WEST

By H. M. Walsh

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

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

Autumn Tournament

Due to the kindness of the Captain and Council of the Childwall Golf Club, Gateacre, Nr. Liverpool, our Autumn Tournament will take place on their course on Thursday, 7th October 1971. Tee off 9.15 a.m. and 1.30 p.m. and will be comprised of 9 holes in the morning and 18 holes in the afternoon. An 18 hole competition will be played in the afternoon for Honorary Members and guests. Each member is allowed one guest only. Please inform me as soon as possible if you wish to enter or will be there for meals only so that I can make the necessary catering arrangements. It was decided at a previous committee meeting that a competition committee of three be appointed to officiate on any matters arising due to the playing of the competition.

Lectures

A series of lectures are now being arranged for this winter. The first one will be given by one of the staff of S.A.I. Fertilisers Ltd. and the provisional date is 18th October—venue The Brunswick Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester, at 7.30 p.m. The second will be on 6th December, same time, same venue, by a member of the Sports Turf Research Institute.

Annual Trip

The annual trip this year will be to the International Sports Company Ltd., Horbury, Nr. Wakefield, on the 9th November. A coach has been engaged and picking up points will be in the next issue of the journal. Anyone wishing

to go on this trip please let me know as soon as possible.

Autumn Tournament

Mr E. Walsh of Childwall Golf Club has let me know the following route to Childwall. Via East Lanes Road, turn off for Knowsley, then right to the end to the A 57, turn left, then right at the traffic lights, up to the roundabout, bear left, then right again at the traffic lights and Childwall Golf Club is on the left-hand side.

New Members

We welcome to the section the following new members and hope their association with us will be a happy one: R. Stapleton, Haydock Park Golf Club, Newton-le-Willows; A. P. Roberts, Padeswood & Buckley Golf Club, Padeswood, Nr. Mold, Flintshire.

MIDLAND

By R. Goodwin

Chairman:
G. HART
(Gay Hill)

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

Annual Summer Tournament

Twenty-five greenkeepers played in this tournament at the Habberley Golf Club, Kidderminster, on Monday, 19th July 1971.

With ideal weather and the course in excellent condition, scores were again very low. Reg Pugh, who plays very rarely these days, set a hot pace with a fine round of 75 gross, -12=63 nett. Vic Smith came with a late run, after playing steady golf throughout the day, but could not manage to get a "2" at the last for victory but was a worthy runner-up with a score of 75-11=64.

Leading scores: 1st R. Pugh, 75-12=63, Habberley A.G.M. Cup and Carpet; 2nd V. Smith, 75-11=64, Summer Cup and carpet; 3rd A. E. Cutler, 82-16=66, carpet; 4th W. Barton, 77-11=66, carpet; 5th R. Smith, 80-13=67, bottle of whisky; 6th A. Boffey, 94-24=70, bottle of sherry; 7th R. Pullen, 88-17=71, bottle of sherry; 8th H. Drewitt, 85-14=71, golf shirt; 9th E. Benbow, 80-5=72, half bottle of whisky; 10th G. Woodward, 78-5=73, half bottle of whisky; 11th T. Jones, 78-5=73, bottle of wine; 12th T. Morris, 84-10=74, bottle of port; 13th A. Stephens, 92-18=74, bottle of sherry; 14th H. Drewitt, 77-3=74, bottle of sherry; 15th A. Boraston, 85-11=74, half bottle of gin; 16th E. Thomas, 91-14=77, half bottle of gin; 17th W. Boyce, 102-24=78, tankard; 18th R. Goodwin, 86-8=78, tankard.

The prizes were presented by Mr W. Robinson, a Director of the Habberley Golf Club, who said how pleased he was to see a good turn out of Greenkeepers and hoped everyone had enjoyed his day at Habberley where a warm welcome was always extended to Greenkeepers.

For the Greenkeepers, George Hart thanked Mr Robinson for making the presentation and expressed gratitude to the Captain, Directors and Members of Habberley who had kindly donated all the prizes for this event.

Our Chairman then went on to thank Mrs Grealy for the first class meals, and her lady helpers, Mrs Robinson, Mrs Higham, Mrs Bennett and Mrs Binns for providing excellent service.

John Grealy had obviously worked very hard on the course to have it in such fine playing condition and a big vote of thanks from all the competitors who had enjoyed their day's golf so much. Finally a word of thanks to junior member, Glenn Binns who had a busy day helping out in the clubhouse and also marking the card of a late arrival.

Annual General Meeting

The A.G.M. took place at the Habberley Golf Club on Monday, 19th July 1971. There were 32 members present. Apologies were received from Mr R. Ramsden and Mr P. Wyatt.

The Minutes of the last A.G.M. were read and passed on the proposition from A. Boraston and seconded by W. Barton.

The Treasurer's report was passed on the proposition by W. Barton and seconded by G. Woodward.

The Secretary's report was passed on the proposition of R. Pugh and seconded by A. Boraston.

Mr Bretherton was unanimously re-elected President, with a vote of thanks for his work for greenkeepers over many years and his continued support and interest in the section activities.

The Vice-Presidents were re-elected en bloc. In addition, the following gentlemen were elected as Vice-Presidents: Messrs. F. D. Brown, W. Heath, E. Jones, F. Williamson and A. Webber.

G. Hart was re-elected Chairman, V. Smith, Vice-Chairman; R. Goodwin, Secretary; G. Smith, Assistant Secretary; F. Cashmore, Treasurer.

The following members were elected to form a Committee: A Boffy, A. Boraston, L. Greenow, R. Smith and A. Stephens.

V. Smith was elected as Representative to the Executive.

Mr K. Sargeson and Mr E. Ballinger were re-elected Honorary Auditors to the section with a unanimous vote of thanks for the invaluable work being done for the Midlands Section.

It was proposed and carried that an Honorary of £20 be divided between the Secretary and the Assistant Secretary.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman for conducting the meeting was proposed by R. Pugh.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed.

Receipts and Payment Account for the year ended 30th April 1971

RECEIPTS

To Balance—1st May 1970

Cash in Hand

Balance at Bank	95.67
Subscriptions Class A	49.57½
Class B	9.02½
Class C	18.16

Entrance Fees	62½
Badges, Ties, etc.	1.05

Entertainment	4.10
Grant from H.Q.	4.50
Donations	39.65
N. of World Draw	34.00
Artisan Fees	50
Prizes	36.95
Sales of Investment	80.00
Transferred from deposit	20.00
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PAYMENTS

By H.Q. Section Dues	22.08
S.T.R.I. Dues	15.25
Badges, Ties, etc.	
Journal Postages	29.00
Entertainment	21.50
Hire of Room	2.35
Printing	13.56½
Postage	8 23
Honorariums	20.00
Travelling Expenses	1.92½
Prizes	34.30
Cheque Book	25
Wreath	3.42½
Presentation	21.49
N. of World Draw	34.00
Purchase of Investment	150.00
Balance 30 April 1971	
Cash in Hand	3.68
Balance at Bank	12.76
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	£393.80
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New Member

A warm welcome to Peter Facey, Apprentice Greenkeeper at the Copt Heath Golf Club, Solihull.

EAST MIDLAND

By S. Fretter

Hon. Secretary:

4 Queens Drive,
Leicester Forest East,
Leicester.

Chairman:
J. CARRICK

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting was held at The Anchor Inn, Hathern on Tuesday, 29th June 1971. The attendance was very good. The Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Committee was re-elected en bloc. A new President was elected, as Mr Cook has now retired as President, the new President is Mr R. Bailey. The new section representative elected is Mr P. McCarron.

I would like to take this opportunity of wishing our retiring President Mr Cook, good health in the future and to thank him for all the work he has done for this section. Also I would like to welcome Mr R. Bailey as the new President, may he have a long and happy stay with us.

Autumn Tournament

Annual Autumn Golf Tournament will be held at Erewash Valley Golf Club on Wednesday, 6th October 1971. 1st tee 12.45 p.m. Will all

greenkeepers etc. please let me know by the 24th September 1971 if they will be playing and also require a meal.

Dance

A dance will be held at the Empire Hotel, Fosse Road, Leicester on Saturday, 16th October 1971.

By the time you receive this notice you will have received your tickets and notices. So will you please check the tickets as we require the tickets returned or the money.

SOUTH-WEST

By A. Cockfield

Hon. Secretary:

10 Clarence Terrace,
Claverton Down, Bath.

Chairman:
L. MILLAR

Annual Tournament

This year the Annual 36 Holes Medal Competition was held at Worlebury Golf Club on the 9th July. To us this is a new venue and under slightly different conditions we would undoubtedly find it very interesting. But with the leading players unable to find their way round and good shots kicking into the rough from iron hard fairways, these were just the conditions for a slow and frustrating round, where scores were soon in accordance with temperature—in the 80s.

But two members, L. Millar and M. Ham, both from Burnham, were able to cope with these conditions, and their gross scores of 69, 69 and 72, 74 respectively, were truly magnificent efforts. Congratulations to both. A word of praise must also go to H. Burge of Long Ashton. Harry must be nearer 80 than 70—a member of the section since it was formed and on that day his nett score was 143. Wonderful. Congratulations to a loyal and uncomplaining member.

The leading scores were as follows:

Greenkeepers: 1st—L. Millar, 136 nett; 2nd—L. Croad, 146 nett; 3rd—A. Cockfield, 147 nett.
Assistants: 1st—F. Fucker, 140 nett (1st for the second year running); 2nd—M. Ham, 142 nett; 3rd—H. Burge, 143 nett.

Silver Tankards

Our President, Mr John Ireland, has very generously presented two silver tankards as a prize for an Annual Foursomes Competition.

It was decided to hold the competition at Clevedon Golf Club on the 18th June. Partners were drawn for on the day, and the winning pair being L. Croad, Enmore Park Golf Club and S. Baber, Knowle Golf Club. Nett score 66.

The Clevedon Course is very pleasantly situated with the first four holes overlooking the Bristol Channel. Despite the local terrain being rather too undulating there are some magnificent views from the tees. Since our previous visit there this course has improved beyond all recognition. It is a great credit to S. West, his colleagues and the Greens Committee.

NORTHERN

Chairman:
J. SCOTT,
(Wetherby G.C.)

By W. Heeles
Hon. Secretary
7 Tentergate Close,
Knaresborough.
Tel. 047 376 3851

Autumn Tournament

The Autumn Tournament will be played at the Oakdale Golf Club, Harrogate, on 23rd September 1971. Tee-off time 1-1.30 p.m. To allow for catering arrangements entries must be in by 16th September.

Illness

We understand that D. Hannam who has been in Hospital is now on the way to recovery and we all wish him well.

New Members

We welcome to the section the following new members and hope their association with the section will be a long and happy one. D. Lawton (West Bowling G.C.), R. Clapham (Cleckheaton G.C.), D. Jack (Woodhall Hills G.C.), G. H. Sanderson (Horsforth G.C.), R. Skelton (I.C.I. Fibres, Harrogate), G. Dunnington (A.C.C. Div. Allbright and Wilson).

G. B. Evans (Alwoodley Golf Club), D. Metcalf (West Bowling Golf Club), Chaplins of Leeds (J. W. Chaplin, K. Lunn, G. B. Huddleston, J. F. Buck).

SOUTHERN

Chairman:
C. A. MOORE
(Stanmore)

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

Raffle Tickets

I would like to thank the members who have taken the trouble to sell the draw books and return the counterfoils and monies to me. Only half the amount has been returned which represents a drop of 100 books on last year. I am hoping that we will all make a greater effort next year to sell them all and if there is any member who has any ideas to further this end I would be pleased to hear from him.

Secretaries Match

There are two or three more needed to complete the team against the Secretaries in October at Walton Heath. I shall be pleased to hear from anyone who wants a game.

Subscriptions

There are still a lot of outstanding subscriptions. Will all members please co-operate by checking to see if they have paid this year. Cheques or Postal Orders, NO CASH by post please and all Postal Orders **must** be crossed.

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November Lecture

This will take place at 6.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 3rd November at the Ship Tavern, 27 Lime Street, E.C.3. William Finch, NDH Horticultural Consultant will be with us again and this means we have an interesting lecture to look forward to. In his letter to me he says that he will be glad to come and talk to us again and give us all the latest information on Seaweed. He also says they have had some very interesting results on turf.

New Member

A warm welcome to R. J. Singleton of North Middlesex Golf Club.

NOTE

We apologise for any inconvenience caused by the insertion of part of the Northern Section Notes which appeared under the East Midland heading.

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