

ANNUAL REPORT—1970

Administration

We offer our congratulations to our chairman, Mr A. Robertshaw, for the very efficient and satisfactory way he has carried out his duties during the year, and we trust he has enjoyed a certain amount of pleasure from these duties.

Our vice-chairman, Mr J. Carrick, will be succeeding Mr Robertshaw, and we offer our congratulations to him and wish him a happy and successful year of office.

The annual draw was again held this year to augment the funds of the Association and we are happy to report that the efforts put forward by members was again most encouraging, and we do congratulate them on the final result, which showed an increased income of approximately £30.

The draw for the current year is already under way, and is again being held on the Dunlop Masters Tournament with a similar prize distribution as last year, and we look forward to at least as good, if not a better, result.

Once again the R. & A. very kindly forwarded a dozen passes for the Open Championship at Royal Birkdale, and we express the sincere thanks of our members for this courtesy which is much appreciated by those who are able to take advantage of these passes.

We were again this year invited by the Artisan Association to enter two of our members for the Annual Tournament at Moor Park. Mr J. Kilby represented our Association in the Junior Division and Mr G. Payne in the Senior Division. Unfortunately they were not listed among the winners but we are quite sure they had a most enjoyable day's golf in a very nice setting.

The new South Coast Section which was formed last year is, we understand, making satisfactory progress and according to information to hand their membership is now in the region of 38. It would seem, therefore, that this breakaway from the Southern Section is proving to be a satisfactory development.

The wage scale recommendations were again reviewed by the Executive Committee in March this year and a new set of proposed rates was published in the

Journal. We think it will undoubtedly prove beneficial to our members.

The apprenticeship scheme is still doing good business and the latest figures available show that 248 deeds have been issued, 188 registered and 118 completed. We feel sure that this scheme must be proving a great advantage to golf clubs throughout the country requiring additional labour on their courses.

Membership

According to the latest section returns of membership our present figure stands at 826 against 809 last year.

Annual Tournament

The 53rd Annual Tournament was held last year at the Filey Golf Club, Yorkshire in mid-August with a satisfactory entry of approximately 60 members. This event proved a very pleasant occasion with good weather and some excellent golf was experienced by those taking part. The club and staff were most co-operative in every way and we wish to express our very sincere thanks for all their efforts which made our visit so pleasant. Again we are greatly indebted to those individuals and firms that gave their personal assistance and donated to much in the way of cash and prizes.

Sections

We are again indebted to all the officers who give so much time to sections' activities, which we feel is so much a part of the satisfactory running of the Association. Members must appreciate the local activities as it does undoubtedly enable a great many more to take part in the facilities that can be offered within the section.

“British Golf Greenkeeper”

Once again we must express our sincere thanks to the editor and staff for the publication of the Journal, also to those who have been good enough to furnish articles of interest for publication.

Benevolent Fund

We have this year had a heavier call on our Benevolent Fund through the un-

fortunate passing of several of our members and in all £120 has been paid to dependents.

F. G. Hawtree Memorial Fund

Three members visit Bingley under the auspices of the F. G. Hawtree Memorial Fund during the year and our thanks are due to those clubs who were kind enough to help with some of the expenses incurred by those visits.

Sports Turf Research Institute

We would again like to express our thanks to the Sports Turf Research Institute for all the help they are so willing to give when the occasion demands.

In Memoriam

We record with sorrow the death of the following members announced in the *British Golf Greenkeeper*:—

Cecil Jones, Midland Section; D. Earsman, North-East Section; Bill McKean, Southern Section; P. K.

Carless, North-West Section; J. L. Lowery, North-East Section; P. Campbell, North-West Section; H. Ratcliff, North-West Section; David Whitehead, Welsh Section.

We are indebted to the following who have kindly contributed to our Prize Fund.

C. Bretherton, Esq.; I. G. Nicholls, Esq.; Gordon Wright, Esq.; The "News of the World"; The Sports Turf Research Institute; The Professional Golfers' Association; The Golf Ball Manufacturers' Conference; The British Motor Corporation Ltd.; "Golf Illustrated"; The Cannock Agricultural Co. Ltd.; Messrs R. C. Craig & Co. Ltd.; Messrs Fisons Ltd.; Messrs Flymo Ltd.; Messrs Hayters Ltd.; Messrs Henton & Chattell; Messrs Landscape Maintenance Ltd.; Messrs Maxwell M. Hart Ltd.; Messrs Mays Chemical Manure Co. Ltd.; Messrs May & Baker Ltd.; Messrs T. Parker & Sons; Messrs H. Pattison & Co. Ltd.; Messrs Pressure Jet Makers Ltd.; Messrs Charles H. Pugh Ltd.; Messrs Ransomes, Sims & Jefferies Ltd.; Messrs Stewart & Co., Seedsmen Ltd.; Messrs Sutton & Sons Ltd.; Messrs Allan Taylor (Engineers) Ltd.; Messrs Universal Mat Co. Ltd.; Messrs Machin & Hartnell Ltd.

PRIZE LIST

The S.T.R.I. Cup, 18 holes Stableford:

- 1st Prize (S.T.R.I. Cup and linen), D. Jones, 39 points;
- 2nd Prize (Hargreaves Cup and rug), E. Walsh, 37 points;
- 3rd Prize (casserole), A. Whitehead, 36 points;
- 4th Prize (car lamp), M. Barrett, 35 points.

News of the World Cup, 36 holes Scratch:

- 1st Prize (tea service), I. R. Toon, 153.

Jubilee Cup Inter-Section, 36 holes Medal: (3 tankards), East Midland Section.

"Coming of Age" Cup (60 years or over), 18 holes Medal:

- 1st Prize (table lamp), W. Summer, 75.
- (coffee maker), G. A. Hall, 77.

Senior Division, 36 holes Medal:

- 1st Prize (Ransomes Cup and wrist watch), A. Robertshaw, 147.
- 2nd Prize (*Golf Illustrated* Cup, voucher and wine glasses), D. H. Major, 149.
- 3rd Prize ("Universal" Cup, and golf bag), V. W. Smith, 149.
- 4th Prize (table lighter), D. W. Summerell, 151.
- 5th Prize (½ doz. tea knives), M. Barrett, 153.
- 6th Prize (travelling clock), E. Ainsworth, 153.
- 7th Prize (1 doz. golf balls), F. W. Machin, 153.

8th Prize (bath towel), R. J. Goodwin, 154.

9th Prize (cigarette case and cuff links), J. L. C. Noakes, 155.

10th Prize (snack box), I. P. Smith, 156.

Junior Division (12 to 24):

1st Prize ("Patterson" Trophy and wrist watch), P. Whitehead, 146.

2nd Prize (President's Cup and electric toaster), E. R. James, 147.

3rd Prize ("May's" Cup and golf bag), A. Jamieson, 156.

4th Prize (table lighter), L. F. Carless, 152.

5th Prize (butter dish), K. James, 156.

6th Prize (bath towel), G. Bunting, 157.

7th Prize (½ doz. golf balls), D. S. Gould, 157.

8th Prize (cigarette case and cuff links), J. H. Readhead, 158.

The "Allan Taylor" Cup, 18 holes Medal:

1st Prize (Allan Taylor Cup and cut glass bowl), R. N. Maltby, 69.

2nd Prize (Verdone Cup and clock), W. F. Machin, 70.

3rd Prize (½ doz. tumblers), A. Robertshaw, 71.

4th Prize (torch), V. W. Smith, 72.

Special Prize, 9 hidden holes:

Presented by Machin & Hartwell Ltd.
R. N. Maltby, 33½.