

News



from the Sections

NORTHERN

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

By W. Heeles
Hon. Secretary
7 Tentergate Close,
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Hole-in-One

Herbert (Bert) Lacey, whilst playing a round of golf at Hawley Hall Golf Club, holed his tee shot at the 15th hole (165 yards).

A.G.M.

The A.G.M. of the section was held at the Old Queen's Head Hotel, Bingley, on 22nd June 1971.

Twenty-seven members attended. The committee appointed for the coming year was as follows: *Chairman*, J. Scott; *Vice-Chairman*, C. Geddes; *Hon. Secretary and Treasurer*, W. Heeles; *Committee*, Messrs D. Roberts, J. Doull, C. Garnett, A. Robertshaw, J. Marshall, G. Bennison, D. Hannan, D. Ward.

Subscriptions

Would members please note that subscriptions are now overdue. Cheques and postal orders only by post — please make payable to the British Golf Greenkeepers' Association (Northern Section).

New Members

A warm welcome is extended to all our new members who are as follows: A. C. Mountain, T. L. Hall, D. Anderson, J. P. Mason, A. Gamble, G. Love, D. Gibson, R. Bartle, S. Fairbourne, C. Storr, W. A. Mountain, E. Armitage, H. Lacey.

President's Prize

The President's Prize was played for on 5th July 1971 at Alwoodley Golf Club, Leeds. There was a splendid turnout and a good time was had by all. Many thanks are due to our president, Mr W. Mountain.

Results—1st Division: 1st, Walter Heeles, 78-7=81; 2nd, C. Geddes, 86-15=71. 2nd Division: 1st, A. Burge, 92-12=72; 2nd, J. Storey, 95-22=73.

John Parker

On behalf of the section I would like to take this opportunity of thanking John Parker for all the hard work he has done as section secretary during the past 12 years.

NORTH-EAST

Chairman:
J. SIMPSON

By G. Jeffries
Hon. Secretary:
55 Brackenfield Road,
Framwell Gate Moor, Durham.

Annual General Meeting

Our Annual General Meeting was held on Saturday, June 26th, at the Bridge Hotel, Newcastle, 22 members being present.

Our chairman, Mr J. Simpson, opened the meeting and in his remarks thanked the committee and members for their support during the past year. Report on the year's working was given by the secretary and treasurer and was considered satisfactory.

Officers elected for the ensuing year were as follows: *President*, C. N. Storey, Esq.; *Vice-Presidents* were returned en bloc. *Chairman*, J. Simpson, Esq.; *Vice-Chairman*, N. Fraser, Esq.; *Secretary and Treasurer*, G. Jeffries; *Committee*, Messrs T. Nutman, J. Taylor, D. Holmes, T. Oliver, R. Derham, J. Snowdon, T. Robson and L. Self; *Hon. Auditors*, Messrs Chapman, Hilton, Hutchinson and Dunford.

The chairman, on behalf of the committee and members, thanked our hon. auditors for their work with the accounts, and Tom Oliver for his help at our golf competitions.

Autumn Tournament

This will be a 27-hole event commencing approximately 9 a.m. at the Ponteland Golf Club, by kind permission of their committee.

MIDLAND

Chairman:
G. HART
(Gay Hill)

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

President's Team v. Greenkeepers

This splendid fixture took place at the Handsworth Golf Club on Thursday, 24th June, a beautiful summer evening. With

conditions perfect, the President's team again had the edge on the Greenkeepers and won by 6½ games to 4½.

Results (president's team names first)—1, H. J. Roberts and E. Moggs Wright beat W. Marnock and T. Morris 3 and 2; 2, H. Mitchell and A. Pullar beat V. Smith and A. Robertshaw 1 up; 3, R. Whittington and H. G. Lunt halved E. Benbow and A. Boraston a/s; 4, W. N. Dudley Evans and T. Hodgetts lost to D. Brazier and A. Cutler 2 up; 5, D. Davies and V. Bull beat H. Drewitt and W. Drewitt 5 and 4; 6, C. C. Moore and T. Phillips beat T. Cutler and A. Hastilow 4 and 3; 7, J. Bate and P. Hopkins lost to R. Goodwin and H. V. Lewis 5 and 4; 8, R. J. Baldwin and P. Ricketts lost to T. Boffy and G. Bunting 3 and 1; 9, F. Williamson and C. Alger lost to R. Ramsden and E. Ballinger 2 and 1; 10, R. D. Parker and D. J. Moore beat W. Boyce and D. Shortley 5 and 4; 11, R. Hiatt and partner beat W. Barton and J. Bevan 1 up.

Mr Bretherton again presented everyone with an excellent meal after the match and the gratitude of all present was expressed by Adrian Robershaw, the association chairman, Mr Darbyshire of the Handsworth Golf Club, Mr Bob Yates for the Midland Counties' golfers, and Mr Vic Smith, vice-chairman of the Midlands Section.

In the clubhouse, Mr and Mrs Thistleton put on an excellent meal with first-class service, while Vic Smith and his ground staff had the course in wonderful condition.

All greenkeepers, I am sure, will join me once again in thanking Mr Bretherton for providing a most enjoyable evening.

Autumn Tournament

This event will be held at the Stourbridge Golf Club on Tuesday, 14th September, over 27 holes. Members should submit their entries by 3rd September.

New Members

We welcome to the section the following new members: Alan Parton of the Sutton Coldfield Golf Club and F. McAuley of Leamington.

WELSH

By S. A. Tucker

Chairman:
M. GEDDES,
23 Fenton Place.

Porthcawl, Glamorgan.

Hon. Secretary:
36 Clase Road,
Morriston.

Swansea, Glamorgan.

A.G.M.

Our tournament before the Annual General Meeting was played at Royal Porthcawl Golf Club in conjunction with the Secretaries' Meeting. As in other years we were entertained to supper with the Glamorgan County Union, and we thank them for a very pleasant evening. Our attendance was not what it could have been due mainly to the journal not being delivered

until the 1st July, but perhaps a little of the fault goes to the post office strike as I did not hear of the date until 4th May. I trust this will not happen again. We had a very good meeting and the weather was fine, but I think the scores could have been a little better than some of them were. The John Duncan Cup was won by B. D. Jones—net 72. He receives the gold watch given by Ransomes, Sims & Jefferies. Second was J. Hill. He receives the John O'Gorman Cup with a soup set. Third, H. Fry—kitchen Pyrex set. H. Fry won on last six holes with four cards in at 80 net, J. Hill 76 net. Fourth, D. Jones—Ronson Lighter given by Pattison Ltd. Fifth, D. Cheetham—two pairs of socks. 19/24 Handicap: 1st, A. W. Coluhoun—bottle sherry and Birdie Cup. Second, M. Jones—one dozen golf balls given by Flymo.

Thanks to Peter Wyatt for the help he gave me in taking the chair at our meeting and for helping with the many other jobs we have to do. Thank you, Peter.

Draw Tickets

I hope you have returned the counterfoils and monies or the unsold tickets for the Annual Draw by the time you read these notes. If not, please attend to it right away as I have quite a bit of work to do to get them all checked, packed and sent off to head office in time for the draw. Please try and sell them all, your co-operation will help me a lot. Thank you for your effort.

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Chairman:
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(Stanmore)

By F. W. Ford
Hon. Secretary:
68 Salcombe Gardens
Mill Hill, N.W.7
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October Quiz

The quiz is to be held at 6.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 6th October at our new meeting place, The Ship Tavern, 27 Lime Street, London, E.C.3. Telephone 01-626 2978. Nearest Underground station—The Bank.

The room at our disposal at The Ship is almost rectangular in shape and much more suitable for our lectures, etc. Leaving the Stirling Castle after all these years came as a bit of a wrench but the alterations to the room we used made it inevitable. The proprietors of the Stirling Castle, Mr Young and his wife, said they would miss us on our Wednesday evenings but that if we ever wanted to go back we would be welcome.

Autumn Tournament

The Autumn Tournament will be held at Walton Heath on 8th September. For the benefit of new members this popular tournament made its debut at Crews Hill in 1957. It was decided that members should invite the captain of their respective clubs to partner them in a 36-hole Stableford competition with the proviso that if he were not available, a committee man and so on to any member of the club. Prizes were selected with care and duplicated and, with the voluntary help from the trade, the Crews Hill venue proved such a success that your committee decided it should have a permanent place in our calendar of events.

The closing date is Wednesday, 25th August, and entries should reach me by that date stating, in block letters, name, club and his and partner's handicap and whether late start is required. Partner must be a member of the club.

Appointment

Congratulations and best wishes to J. S. Field who has been appointed head greenkeeper to the Middlesex Golf Club.

Raffle Tickets

My acknowledgement and sincere thanks to all those who have returned the counterfoils and moneys to me.

NORTH-WEST

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

By H. M. Walsh
Hon. Secretary:
Horrobin Cottage,
Old Links Golf Club,
Montserrat, Bolton, Lancs.

Autumn Tournament

The Autumn Tournament will be held at the Childwall Golf Club, Gateacre, near Liverpool, on Thursday, 7th October, due

to the kindness of the captain and council. Details will be given nearer the date, but I would like to have your entries in good time to help with the catering arrangements. A route giving the best points of entry to the club will be in the next issue of the journal.

Draw Tickets

Please let me have monies and counterfoils as soon as possible now.

New Member

We welcome to the section R. Lewis of the Davyhulme Park Golf Club, formerly a member of the Northern Section, and hope his association will be a happy one.

Annual Trip

There will be another trip this autumn to the International Sports Co. Ltd., Horbury, Wakefield, Yorkshire, on Tuesday, 9th November. A coach will be arranged provided sufficient members are interested. Will all those who wish to go on this trip please let me know as soon as possible. It is four years since we visited this company and I think all the members who went found it most interesting as I am sure we will this time. Further details in the next issue of the journal.

EAST MIDLAND

By S. Fretter

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

Chairman:
J. CARRICK

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.

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).

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