

## News



## from the Sections

### Special occasions

- APRIL 12th Southern Section Trip to Ransomes.  
18th South Coast Section Spring Tournament.  
18th Welsh Section Spring Tournament.  
20th North East Section Spring Tournament.
- MAY 3rd Southern Section Spring Tournament.  
18th North West Section Spring Tournament & A.G.M.  
23rd Midland Section Spring Tournament.
- JUNE 7th East Midland Section Spring Tournament.  
21st Southern Section A.G.M.—Hendon Golf Club.

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## NORTH-EAST

*Chairman:*  
MR. J. SIMPSON

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

### Spring tournament

The starting time for the Spring Tournament which takes place on Thursday, 20th April 1972, at the Gosforth Golf Club, will now be 12.30 p.m., and not 1 p.m. as stated in the last issue of the journal.

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## 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.

### Lectures

Our sincere thanks to Mr. G. K. Smyth of May & Baker Ltd., for the very interesting talk he gave to our members on the various fungicides used in the maintenance of fine turf, and on selective weedkillers and when and how to use same. Our thanks also to Mr. P. Wyatt of H. Patissons & Co., for showing us some of the latest equipment used on the modern golf course, with some very useful equipment which is still in the trial period, but which bodes very well for the future. Thank you once again, gentlemen.

### Spring tournament

As stated in the last issue of the journal our Spring Tournament will be held over the Hillside Golf Club course, Hastings Road, Southport, on Thursday, 18th May, and will as usual be a 27 hole competition, but due to a Club Rule the competition this year will be 18 in the morning and 9 in the afternoon. An 18 hole competition for Honorary Members and visitors will be held in the afternoon. The A.G.M. will be held in the evening following the prize giving. So once again, gentlemen, will you please arrive as soon as possible for a 9 a.m. tee off, and, also again please let me have your entries as soon as you can so that arrangements for the catering can be put in hand.

### New Members

We extend a very warm welcome to D. S. Duggan of the Woolton Golf Club, Liverpool, and hope his association with the Section will be a happy one.

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## NORTHERN

*President:*  
W. MOUNTAIN

*By Walter Heeles*  
*Hon. Secretary:*  
7 Terntergate Close,  
Knaresborough,  
York, HG5 9BJ  
Tel: Knaresborough 3851

### Annual social

The Annual Social of the Section was held at the Horsforth Golf Club on 15th December, 1971. Our thanks are due to the Committee of the Golf Club for the use of the Club for the evening. Our principal guests were the Hon. Secretary and the Captain of the Club.

Many thanks to Ron and his wife for the excellent meal.

#### Lectures

In January we had a lecture on Pop Up Sprinklers by Farrods of Ripon. This was put to the members very ably by Jeff Wilkins. In February a lecture on Soil and Drainage was given by Mr. Fred Roberts of the Ministry of Agriculture.

#### Annual spring tournament

The Annual Spring Tournament will be held at the Halifax West End Golf Club in May. Date and times will be forwarded to the members nearer the time.

#### Mr. J. Parker

Mr. J. Parker, who has been presented with a cheque for £50, wishes to express his thanks to all members who contributed to this gift.

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## WELSH

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Chairman:  
M. GEDDES

By J. Rees  
Hon. Secretary:  
Neath Golf Club,  
Cadoxten, Neath, Glamorgan

#### Spring meeting

Our Spring Tournament will be held at Brynhill Golf Club on Tuesday, 18th April, 1972. Members are respectfully reminded that I must have their entries on or before 16th April, so that I can let the Steward know how many to cater for.

#### Subscriptions

There are still subs outstanding and it would be appreciated very much if members who have not paid their dues would do so at their earliest convenience to Mr. M. Geddes, 23 Fenton Place, Porthcawl.

#### In Memoriam

It is with deep regret that I have to announce

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the death of Mr. Bert Jones, Head Greenkeeper at Pyle & Kenfig Golf Club. Bert, who died suddenly on Sunday, 10th January 1972, was a well known and respected member of the Association for a great number of years.

He was a very good committee man who always had the welfare of his fellow members at heart. We will miss him greatly in our future meetings.

On behalf of all members of the Welsh Section I would like to extend our deepest sympathy to Dennis and his sister in their great loss.

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## MIDLAND

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Chairman:  
G. HART  
(Gay Hill)

By R. Goodwin

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

#### Spring tournament

Will members please note that the Spring Tournament will be held at the Droitwich Golf Club on Tuesday, 23rd May and **not** Wednesday, 24th May as originally published. All entries should be directed to me no later than 12th May.

#### January Forum

Despite appalling weather conditions, about 30 people turned up at Walmley Golf Club on the evening of 18th January and a very interesting exchange took place. A panel of greenkeepers answered a number of questions over a very wide range, on the Upkeep and Maintenance of the Golf Course.

The President of Walmley Golf Club, Mr. Jones, did a very fine job as Chairman and managed to keep the peace right up to the last question which was 'What do Greenkeepers think of Green Chairmen?'

Our thanks to the Captain and Committee of the Walmley Golf Club for allowing us to hold the Forum in their very fine Clubhouse.

#### New members

We welcome to the Section the following new members and look forward to seeing them at our future events.

*L. C. Frost*—Assistant Greenkeeper at Sutton Coldfield G.C.

*J. A. Bonner, M. G. Hill, D. James, E. A. Pullen*—Assistant Greenkeepers at the Kings Norton G.C.

*J. B. Tomlinson*, who has recently returned to the Midlands after six years as Golf Course Manager at the Banff Springs Hotel, Alberta, Canada.

# SOUTHERN

Chairman:  
C. A. MOORE  
(Stanmore)

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

## February lecture

It is my pleasure to report another good monthly meeting attendance and to thank Mr. Jennings and his three Flymo experts for entertaining us with a talk, film show and a refreshment conclusion at the bar.

Aided by the projector slides, Mr. Jennings expertly conducted us through the Toro range of machines, commencing with the bread winning 18 in. Flymo. Fondly he referred to the original Flymo as the machine which paid their wages whilst they got on to bigger things, such as the 70 in. and the G.M.3.

The Greensmaster 3 is obviously attracting the most attention at the moment and the question time revealed that despite the £2,000 plus price, over thirty had been sold in this country already, with the expectancy of three times as many in 1972. Regards annual overhaul Mr. Jennings said his estimated £100 compares favourably with the cost of three or four conventional mowers. The Greensmaster 3 mows a golf green in 6-8 minutes and 18 in 3 hours including travelling from green to green time.

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## Spring tournament

The Annual Spring Tournament will take place on Wednesday, 3rd May at the Mayland Golf Club, Harold Wood, Romford, Essex, and will be a 36 hole Medal Competition.

Members must be up to date with their subscriptions to be eligible and should write in to me stating **Name, Club and Lowest Handicap**. CLOSING DATE, MONDAY, 24th APRIL.

New Members will play from Scratch in 1st year competition and must submit three cards duly signed by their club secretary or Artisan section. I would also like to remind last year's cup winners to bring back their trophies with them or to make sure they are at Maylands Golf Club by Wednesday, 3rd May. The Rule (1971 A.G.M.) one prize only, will be strictly adhered to.

## New members

A warm welcome to the following new members: *J. M. Gowan* (Denham), *D. A. Gall and R. Glazier* (Ifield), *H. Morton* and *M. J. Ball* (Eppingham) and *I. Johnstone* of Woodlands Manor.

## Deceased

It is my very sad duty to report the death of Ernie Gowing, Head Greenkeeper to the Eaton Golf Club, Norwich. A member of this Association for over 40 years, he was Head Greenkeeper at Addington Palace for a number of years before going to Eaton Golf Club. In earlier days he served under George Hart with Bert Fordham at Hadley Wood.

I have written to Mrs. Gowing on behalf of the Section expressing our deepest sympathy.

## Retirement

James Johnstone sends his best wishes to all his friends in the Southern Section on his retirement from Leeds Golf Club. I have written wishing him a long and happy retirement in Scotland when he finishes in February.

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