

# News



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### Reminder

Have you paid your Annual Subscription? If not, it is three months overdue. Your Section Secretary will appreciate a prompt renewal.

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## NORTH-WEST

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By H. M. Walsh

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

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

### Spring tournament

Our sincere thanks are due to the Captain and Directors of the Hillside Golf Club, Southport,

for their kindness in granting us the courtesy of their course and the facilities of the clubhouse, and the very warm welcome extended to us by the captain, Mr. Bateson. Our thanks also to Mr. Eshusley, the catering manager, for the excellent meals provided, to Mr. Macavoy and his staff for the very good condition of the course, to those who helped with score cards, meal tickets etc. Our sincere thanks to all prize donors, both individual and of the trade. Thank you once again. Prizes were presented by the Captain Mr. Bateson.

### Prize winners

Best Gross	E. Walsh	112	over 27 holes
Best Nett	J. Leonard	99	over 27 holes
2 Nett	J. Robinson	103½	over 27 holes
3 Nett	A. Leonard	105	over 27 holes
4 Nett	E. Macavoy	106	over 27 holes
5 Nett	J. Gillett	106½	over 27 holes
6 Nett	M. Owen	108½	over 27 holes
7 Nett	E. Walsh	109	over 27 holes
8 Nett	K. Holmes	110½	over 27 holes
9 Nett	M. Sheehan	111	over 27 holes
10 Nett	R. Fielding	112	over 27 holes
11 Nett	D. Pate	113	over 27 holes
12 Nett	R. Lewes	113	over 27 holes
13 Nett	P. Chapman	113½	over 27 holes
14 Nett	J. Ratcliffe	113½	over 27 holes
15 Nett	W. Sumner	113½	over 27 holes
16 Nett	J. Macdonald	114	over 27 holes
17 Nett	G. A. Hall	116	over 27 holes
18 Nett	J. Rhodes	119	over 27 holes
19 Nett	H. M. Walsh	121	over 27 holes
20 Nett	R. Janovskis	121	over 27 holes
21 Nett	C. Whittle	122	over 27 holes

Visitor's Prize J. Forster over 18 holes

Over 50 A. Leonard 105.

### Annual General Meeting

There was a very good attendance for the A.G.M. in the evening.

The election of officers was as follows:-

President – W. Kinsey Esq.

Chairman – R. Vickers Esq., Leigh Golf Club

Vice Chairman – O. P. Jones, Bramhall Golf Club

Secretary – H. M. Walsh – Old Links Golf Club, Bolton

Treasurer – R. Janovskis, 3030 Moorside Road, Swinton, M/C

Vice Presidents were voted en bloc

Committee members – Messrs Rhodes, Walsh, Drage, Owen and J. Gillett (ex officio)

It was decided at the meeting that a further trial of playing 18 holes in the morning and 9 in the afternoon be given at our Autumn Tournament, further details re venue etc. in the next issue of the journal.

### New members

We welcome to the section the following new members and hope their association with us will be a happy one: J. Bennett (Deane G.C., Bolton), W. A. Rodgers, T. M. Holmes, R. A. Graham, (all at Hillside G.C., Southport), M. Mercer (Royal Birkdale, Southport), F. Jackson (Rigby Taylor), A. G. Stewart and M. Sheehan (Childwall G.C.), W. MacDonald (Grange Fell G.C.), J. Stamford (Manchester G.C.).

### In Memoriam

It is with the greatest regret and sorrow that I have to inform members of the sudden passing away of my old friend and colleague of the Section, Ted Macavoy. Ted had been a member of the section for well over twenty years, twenty of these years were spent as a committee man and thirteen of these twenty as Hon. Treasurer of the section. Ted passed away on Monday, 19th June whilst at his work at Hillside Golf Club, where just one month ago he warmly welcomed the members of the section to Hillside to play our Spring Tournament. We can ill afford to lose members of the calibre of Ted Macavoy, and on behalf of all members I would like to extend to his family our deepest sympathy in their loss.

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## MIDLAND

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Chairman:  
G. HART  
(Gay Hill)

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

### Spring tournament

The Spring tournament was held over the Droitwich Golf and Country Club course on Tuesday, 23rd May.

Thirty four greenkeepers took part, and after a pleasant mornings golf over 9 holes, the weather took a turn for the worse, and a steady downpour throughout the afternoon made playing conditions more difficult. The Ransomes Cup and Gold Watch was won by Roger Pullen with a *nett score* of 102½ for 27 holes.

The Sutton Cup for the best *gross score* went to Bill Marnock with a 27 hole total of 117.

Other leading scores:

2 R. Goodwin	106	Nett
3 A. Jamieson	106	Nett
4 A. Cutler	108	Nett
5 A. Kite	108	Nett

6 P. Jones	111	Nett
7 W. Barton	111½	Nett
8 D. Haynes	111½	Nett
9 C. Frost	112	Nett
10 V. Smith	112½	Nett
11 A. Boffy	113	Nett
12 D. Brazier	113½	Nett

The Visitor's Prize went to J. Coldicott, with a score of 68 nett over 18 holes.

The Prizes were presented by the President of the Droitwich Golf and Country Club, Mr. A. D. Brackston.

Mr. Brackston extended a warm welcome to greenkeepers to the Droitwich Club and also paid tribute to Walter Drewitt for the high standard and improvements to the course since he had come to Droitwich as Head Greenkeeper.

Mr. Brackston asked all present to join him in liquid refreshment, and so ended a most enjoyable day.

We send our thanks to the following Trade Firms for once again donating to our Prize Fund: Messrs Ransomes Ltd., Fisons Ltd., Flymo Ltd., Sutton & Sons Ltd., Stewart Seeds Ltd., F. W. Lees & Sons Ltd., and Sparkbrook Golf Ball Co., Ltd.,

### Greenkeepers v. President's Team

The Annual match between Greenkeepers and Mr. Bretherton's team took place at Handsworth Golf Club on Thursday evening, 15th June. Despite dark clouds, play got under way by 5 p.m. but by 6 p.m. heavy rain set in and most players were soon soaked through. Nevertheless, all agreed that the course was in excellent condition, and this seemed to favour Mr. Bretherton's team who ran away with the match by 10½ games to 1½ games.

The match was followed by a first class meal provided by our President.

The Club Captain, Mr. R. Whittington, proposed the loyal Toast, and extended his welcome to all present to the Handsworth Golf Club and said how pleased he was to see such a fine turn out for Mr. Bretherton.

Mr. Bretherton said how grateful he was for the assistance he had received from the Handsworth Committee for helping to make the arrangements for this event, and in particular Mr. John Bate, Chairman of the Competition Committee.

Mr. J. Carrick, the Association Chairman, thanked Mr. Bretherton for his hospitality throughout the day and paid tribute to Vic Smith for the fine condition of the course.

George Hart, on behalf of the Greenkeepers, thanked Mr. Bretherton and his players for making this evening such a success, for the

## MIDLAND SECTION MATCH RESULTS

### President's team

J. L. Whitworth and R. Kirkby won 6 and 4 against  
A. W. Pullar and S. M. Baker lost to  
E. Moggs-Wright and T. Hodgetts won 1 up against  
R. A. Willits and T. Degge won 5 and 4 against  
C. C. Moore and S. Allen won 4 and 3 against  
J. A. Finnian and W. T. Hartley won 1 up against  
F. Hignell and E. Ballinger won 1 up against  
J. T. Shaw and D. McColl won 4 and 3 against  
R. Ramsden and D. J. Moore won 5 and 4 against  
D. F. Mansell and D. Davies won 3 and 2 against  
L. Hatton and J. Murphy all square against  
A. Edwards and M. T. Edwards won 5 and 4 against

### Greenkeepers

W. Marnock and J. Hughes  
W. Drewitt and R. Pullen by 1 up  
E. Benbow and A. Cutler  
V. Smith and T. Morris  
R. Smith and P. Jones  
R. Goodwin and H. V. Lewis  
D. Brazier and M. Hudson  
J. Bevan and A. Jamieson  
A. Kite and E. Thomas  
H. Drewitt and R. Daniel  
J. Boffy and G. Bunting  
A. Boraston and W. Trevor

Result:—President's Team 10½—Greenkeepers 1½

20th year in succession. He also thanked Vic Smith and his ground staff for ensuring the course of its tip top condition.

Mr. Tom Hodgetts, on behalf of the President's team, thanked the greenkeepers for a most enjoyable match, and Mr. Bretherton for giving everyone an excellent evening.

### Autumn tournament

Will members wishing to play at Stratford on Avon Golf Club on September 19th please let me have their entries by Friday 1st September.

### New members

We welcome to the section the following new members: F. J. Ashby, Head Greenkeeper to the Stratford on Avon Golf Club and B. F. Ashby, First Assistant, M. J. Hudson, Head Greenkeeper to the North Warwickshire G.C. G. Scruton who has moved from the Northern Section to take over as Head Greenkeeper at Bloxwich G.C., A. Burman and N. Coldicott, Assistant Greenkeepers at the Kings Norton Golf Club, P. A. Jones, Assistants at Blackwell Golf Club, M. J. Cole, Head Greenkeeper at the Kloof Golf Club, Lapworth, Warwick.

### Sweep tickets

Will members please return money and counterfoils to Mr. Cashmore, 76 Four Oaks Common Road, Sutton Coldfield.

### Annual subscriptions

Subscriptions for 1972 are now overdue, and members who have not yet paid, please send to Mr. Cashmore without delay.

## WELSH

Chairman:  
M. GEDDES

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

### Spring tournament

Our Spring tournament was held at Brynhill Golf Club on Tuesday 18th April 1972. The weather was good and we had a very nice day. The competition played was a 27 hole medal which produced an excellent score by M. Clisset.

The winners were as follows:-

#### Division I 0-18

1 M. Clisset net score 104 - Umbrella  
2 D. Cheetham net score 113 - Wine Glasses  
3 J. Martin net score 113½ - Golf Shoes  
4 J. Rees net score 113½ - Lighter

#### Division II 18-24

1 W. Jones net score 123 - Shirt  
2 O. O'Rourke net score 133 - 6 Golf Balls

### Thanks

We thank the Captain and Committee of Brynhill Golf Club for the courtesy of their course. Thanks, also, to those who contributed to our prize fund this year.

We give thanks to our President, Mr. C. Murphy, and our Vice President, Mr. W. F. Payne, for being so kind in doing all the accounts and cards for the day.

### New members

A warm welcome is extended to the following new members to the Welsh Section:- Messrs D. Gould, N. Partridge, R. M. Salvage, W. Woodham and H. Russel.

## SOUTHERN

Chairman:  
C. A. MOORE  
(Stanmore)

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

### Draw books

Thank you to the members who have sold their raffle tickets for the *Dunlop Masters*, and to those who haven't this is your last chance to be in with a chance.

Get them out, gents, and if you read the small print it says *all counterfoils, unsold tickets and monies must be returned to the Section Secretary by Monday, 21st August*, so you haven't got long.

It is in a good cause, yours and mine, the Association needs the money and the organisers the encouragement, so lets have 'em! and remember, those who intend to be at Blackpool in August, you won't be able to look Mr. Dix in the eyes if you don't!

### New members

I would like to extend a warm welcome to the following new members whose names are listed below: Messrs A. Pickford, H. D. Lumm, N. Stapley, F. McDonald and D. Conroy of the Hartsbourne Country Club, S. Bridges, P. Seymour and P. Watts of South Herts G.C., T. M. Shipp of Stowmarket G.C., C. N. Butler of Thornden Park G.C. and B. Valentine of Reading G.C.

### Autumn tournament

The Autumn tournament has been arranged to take place on Wednesday 6th September at the Maidenhead Golf Club. Monday 21st August will be the closing date and the entries should include the NAMES of yourself and your partner, CLUB and LOWEST HANDICAP.

Nearest Station - Maidenhead (3½ miles) - Bus service from station.

### Mr. A. E. Creese

Mr. A. E. Creese of 43 Ivy Lane, Bognor Regis, who has been a member of the Bognor Regis Golf Club's Artisan Section for 15 years was elected their Captain for the second time at the recent annual meeting. He previously held the Captaincy in 1963.

From 1959 until he retired last April Mr. Creese was Assistant Greenkeeper at the Club He now works part time on the course,

He has been playing golf for 54 years and has a handicap of 9.

## NORTHERN

President:  
W. MOUNTAIN

By Walter Heels  
Hon. Secretary  
7 Teintergate Close,  
Knaresborough,  
Yorkshire, HG5 9BJ

### President's prize

The President's prize was played at the Cleveland Golf Club Redcar on the 12th June.

On behalf of all the members that took part in this event I would like to thank our President Bill Mountain for a very enjoyable day.

Prize winners were as follows.

1st Division	
1 W. Heeles	82- 7-75 nett
2 D. Roberts	86- 9-77 nett
2nd Division	
1 J. H. Readhead	93-17-76 nett
2 H. Marshall	96-19-77 nett Last (9)
3 D. Hannam	101-24-77 nett
Visitors	
1 W. R. Skelton	97-19-78 nett
2 E. Armitage	103-24-79 nett

### Spring tournament

The Annual Spring tournament was held at the West End Golf Club Halifax on the 17th May. On behalf of all the members that took part I would like to say thank you to the Captain, his Committee and the members for their help and courtesy shown to us during the day.

The *Annual General Meeting* of the Section was held before the prize presentation and the following persons were elected as Officers and Committee Members.

President - W. Mountain

Chairman - J. Scott

Vice Chairman - C. Geddes

Hon Sec and Treasurer - W. Heeles

Committee - D. Roberts, A. Robertshaw, D. Hannam, J. Storey, P. Marshall, H. Marshall, C. Garnett, D. Ward.

### Prize winners

Scratch prize	
D. Spurden	155 gross 133 nett
1st prize A. Robertshaw	155 gross 141 nett
2nd prize P. G. Ford	162 gross 144 nett
3rd prize C. Geddes	173 gross 145 nett
4th prize W. Heeles	159 gross 145 nett
5th prize D. Storey	163 gross 147 nett

### 2nd Division

1st prize J. E. Storey	172 gross 128 nett
2nd prize R. J. Johnson	178 gross 130 nett
3rd prize D. Jack	188 gross 140 nett
4th prize A. Burge	178 gross 142 nett
5th prize D. Todd	186 gross 144 nett
6th prize E. Garlick	187 gross 145 nett

### Visitors prize

1st prize	E. Armitage	192 gross 144 nett
2nd prize	R. Carter	176 gross 148 nett
3rd prize	H. T. Lacey	185 gross 153 nett
4th prize	C. Auty	162 gross 154 nett

Many thanks to all those who donated to the prizes.

### Handicap revisions

At a Committee Meeting of the section the following handicaps have been adjusted.

D. Spurden	11 to 9	D. Jack	24 to 20
J. E. Storey	22 to 16	D. Roberts	8 to 9
R. J. Johnson	24 to 18	J. Scott	15 to 17

### Forthcoming events

The Invitation tournament will be held at the West Bowling Golf Club on 14th September. This Competition was started last year so as to give Greenkeepers the opportunity of inviting their Club Captain or some other official of the Golf Club to an afternoon's golf, evening meal and entertainment in the evening. All expenses the responsibility of the Greenkeeper. Entry forms will be sent on application.

### Subscriptions

All subscriptions are now due. Please note new rates were introduced 1st May 1972. The following rates are.

Class 'A'	£2.00	Class 'C'	£1.00
Class 'B'	£1.50	Class 'D'	£2.00
		Class 'E'	£2.50

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## EAST MIDLAND

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*Chairman:*  
J. CARRICK

*By S. Fretter*  
*Hon. Secretary:*  
4 Queens Drive,  
Leicester Forest East,  
Leicester

### Annual Spring golf tournament

Our Annual Spring golf tournament was held at Charnwood Forest Golf Club, Woodhouse Eaves on Wednesday 7th June 1972. The weather was mixed, but despite this everyone had a very good time. Our entry was the biggest we had at a Spring tournament. The course was in very good condition. Our thanks to the Captain, Committee, Mr. and Mrs. Tuckwood, Mr. Bowley, Diane and the professional of Charnwood for helping to make this tournament a success. Also our thanks to Mrs. Mott, Mrs. Carrick, Mrs. Darby, Mrs. Fretter, for helping with the meals. To Mr. Dennis Whitehead for the prizes. Mr. Malin of Radcliffe for the prize for the draw. Mr. Alan Thornton for the starting, and to Mr. Ken Buckledee for the starting and the score cards. Also our thanks to the following for prizes. Leicester Horticultural Engineering Ltd. The Leicester and

Rutland Golf Alliance. Rigby Taylor Ltd., Ransome Sims and Jefferies, H. Pattinson and Co., Ltd., Mr. M. Young, Charnwood Golf Club and Pressure Jets Ltd.

### Greenkeepers First Prize

R. Spurr	nett 70	18 handicap
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Erewash Valley Golf Club

### Scratch Prize

W. Woods	nett 75	3 handicap
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Hollinwell Golf Club

### Greenkeepers 1 - 12 Handicap

1 S. Fretter	nett 74	10 handicap
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Kibworth Golf Club

2 J. Carrick	nett 77	9 handicap
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Northampton County Golf Club

3 D. Bagshaw	nett 79	12 handicap
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Stanton on the Wolds Golf Club

4 B. Mott	nett 81	9 handicap last 9
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Kettering Golf Club

5 G. Darby	nett 81	4 handicap
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Birstall Golf Club

### Greenkeepers 13 - 24 handicap

1 A. Shaw	nett 76	14 handicap
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Radcliffe Golf Club

2 R. Willars	nett 78	14 handicap
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Leicestershire Golf Club

3 R. O'Hara	nett 79	15 handicap
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Stanton on the Wolds Golf Club

4 I. Frost	nett 79	24 handicap
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Wollaton Park Golf Club

5 R. Tuck	nett 80	24 handicap last 9
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Kingsthorpe Golf Club

6 D. Warrington	nett 80	24 handicap
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Birstall Golf Club

### Vice Presidents

1 R.H. Ingram	nett 78	14 handicap
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### Visitors

1 W. Cawthorn	nett 74	11 handicap
2 F. Palmer	nett 75	24 handicap

### Highest Score

L. Bennett	nett 146	24 handicap
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### Annual Autumn golf tournament

The Annual Autumn golf tournament will be held at Wollaton Park Golf Club on Tuesday 3rd October 1972.

### Subscriptions

It was carried unanimously at our committee meeting that all subscriptions for this year, which are now due must be paid before the Annual Autumn golf tournament which is on October 3rd 1972.

### New members

We wish to welcome to this section the following new members:- G. Armson, S.

Scothern (Hollinwell Golf Club), C. Reek (Erewash Valley Golf Club), A. W. Ward (Spalding Golf Club), M. W. Smeeton (Rushcliffe Golf Club), R. J. Holt (Kibworth Golf Club).

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Motspur Park,  
New Malden, Surrey  
on the 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>  
of September



The exhibition will be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on the 12th and 13th of September and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the 14th.

Admission by catalogue at entrance gate. Price 20p. At Motspur Park by kind permission of the University of London. Further details from:

**The Institute of Groundsmanship,**  
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