

News



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NORTH-EAST

Chairman:
MR. J. SIMPSON

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

Autumn tournament

Our Autumn Tournament was held on Thursday, 23rd September 1971, at the Ponteland Golf Club, by kind permission of their Captain and Committee.

RESULTS

Best Scratch score over 27 holes: D. Cooper (Wickham G.C.) 117—Joseph Miller Salver and Table Lighter. The Ransomes Cup and Watch was won by P. J. Bryne (Dinsdale Spa G.C.) for the best nett 107½.

March 1972

2nd. T. Nutman (Tynemouth G.C.) 112—Blanket and the Jack Wroath Trophy for the over 50 age group.

3rd. C. Maston (Billingham) 116—Travel Alarm.

4th. S. Graham (Newbiggin) 116—Flannel Sheets.

5th. G. Gainford (City Newcastle) 118—Bed Spread.

6th S. Pope (Tyneside G.C.) 118—Blanket.

7th. G. Thompson (Goswick G.C.) 118—Pocket Watch.

8th. S. Farrington (Warkworth G.C.) 119—Table Lamp.

9th. C. Baxter (Whitburn G.C.) 120½—Lighter.

10th. T. Oliver (Gosforth G.C.) 123—Shopping Bag.

11th. J. Richardson (Tyneside G.C.) 123—Alarm Clock.

12th. W. Arrowsmith (Gosforth G.C.) 124—Bed Rug.

13th. T. Robson (Ravensworth G.C.) 124—Towels.

14th. A. Lowes (Chester-le-Street G.C.) 126—Knives and Forks.

15th. J. Carss (Dunstanburgh Castle G.C.) 128—Casserole.

The Association Prize went to R. Hinson (Tynemouth G.C.) 108—Casserole.

Our Chairman J. Simpson thanked the Captain and Committee for the courtesy of the course and club house; he then introduced the Captain Mr. Bolton and the Chairman, Mr. Batley of Ponteland Golf Club, who had a few kind words to say to the section. Mr. Bolton then kindly presented the prizes. Our chairman than thanked the Steward and Stewardess, and staff for two most enjoyable meals. Thanks must also be given to J. Simpson and his staff for the splendid condition of the course.

Thanks to our Chairman, Norman Fraser, Jim Taylor, and Graham Forbes, for their work with the score cards, and to Tom Oliver for his work with the raffle tickets. Our thanks are due to the members of the trade, and golf clubs for kindly contributing to our prize fund.

Spring competition

The Spring Competition will take place at the Gosforth Bridle Path Golf Club, on Thursday, 20th April 1972, by kind permission of the Captain and Committee. This will be an 18-hole event, starting at 1 p.m., arrangements can be made for those staying for tea.

New members

We welcome to the section P. J. Bryne, Head Greenkeeper of Dinsdale Spa Golf Club, and P. Dawson, first assistant of Westerhope Golf Club, and hope their association will be a happy one.

NORTH-WEST

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

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

Lecture

Our thanks to Mr. A. R. Woodhouse, B.Sc., of the STRI, Bingley, for the very interesting talk and the excellent slides with which he illustrated his lecture on the various fungal diseases which help to keep the greenkeeper on his toes, in his battle to give his members the best of courses to play on.

Spring tournament

Due to the kindness of the Captain and Council of the Hillside Golf Club, Southport, we have been granted the courtesy of the course, for the playing of our Spring Tournament on Thursday 18th May 1972. Once again I ask you to please let me have your entries as soon as possible to facilitate catering arrangements, etc. Further details if necessary in the next issue of the journal.

MIDLAND

Chairman:
G. HART
(Gay Hill)

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

Annual Spring tournament

The Spring Tournament will be held over 27 holes at the Droitwich Golf and Country Club, Ford Lane, Droitwich, on Wednesday, 24th May 1972, by kind permission of the Captain and Committee.

Please send your entries to me before 12th May so that I can advise Mrs. Robinson, the Stewardess, of our catering arrangements.

Subscriptions

There are still a number of members who have not yet paid their subscriptions for 1971. These should be sent to the Treasurer, Mr. Cashmore, without delay.

EAST MIDLAND

By S. Fretter

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

Chairman:
J. CARRICK

Knock-out competition

You have by now received your forms for this competition. The Cup for this competition has been presented to us by Messrs. Supaturf Limited. Would you please return these forms as soon as possible.

Spring tournament

The Annual Spring Tournament will be held at Charnwood Forest Golf Club, Woodhouse Eaves, on Wednesday 7th June, 1972. Details of this competition will be in the April Journal.

New members

We welcome to this Section a new Vice-President—D. Berry, Esq., Manor Farm House, Medbourne, Leics.

SOUTHERN

By F. W. Ford

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

Chairman:
C. A. MOORE
(Stanmore)

January lecture

Thirty-three members were present at the Ship Tavern on Wednesday, 5th January, and spent a very pleasant and rewarding hour listening to Mr. Robert Morris talk on green-keeping in general. Aided by a small but efficient projector he covered a wide range of subjects, mainly topical, such as FUZZ, WORMS, MOLES, DRAINAGE, etc. Members troubled by moles may be interested to know that a treatment of lead arsenate all around a tee, for instance, will keep the moles out of that area—they will not penetrate the ring.

Question time found its way back to automatic watering again and Mr. Morris agreed that the draining systems of most of our golf greens were not adequate to take the amount of water made available by POP-UPS. Until such times as the greens were lifted and re-drained, problems such as thatch, etc. would occur, and in any case a programme of scarification and aeration would have to be carried out.

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Our thanks to Bob Morris for making the journey from Levington to lay on such an interesting and educating evening for us.

Trip to Ransomes

There will be a coach trip to Ransomes at Ipswich on Wednesday, 12th April and as in previous years the arrangements will be the same.

A coach will leave Charing Cross underground station (EMBANKMENT SIDE) at 8 a.m. sharp, arriving Ipswich 10.30-11 a.m. A tour of the works followed by lunch at 1 p.m. Continued tour of works at 2 p.m. with approximate departure for London at 3 p.m. So that members may obtain as much information as possible on the trip, I have been asked to limit the number to 40. Members wishing to avail themselves of this enjoyable day out let me know as soon as possible. First come first served!

The coach will pick me up at Hendon Golf Club at 7.15 a.m. Members finding this more convenient, will be welcome with the warning that it WILL leave at 7.15 a.m.

I have written to the London Golf Captains Association to let them know of our intended trip and to thank them for their splendid donation to our funds which helps to make these trips possible.

Bereavement

It is my sad duty to report the sudden death of one of our oldest members—A. M. Webster, Head Greenkeeper at Bush Hill Golf Club. He died on Thursday, 30th December. 'Mac', as he was known to all his friends, was greatly respected at the club and indeed by all who knew him. This was evident by the number of people who attended the funeral. In her letter to me, Mrs. Webster said he was 69 and had been with the club for 33 years and that it was even more sad as he had been contemplating retiring shortly and was looking forward to a few years of leisure after a hardworking life. In his earlier years he had led a varied life and had at one time played professional football for Scunthorpe United.

The funeral took place at Enfield Crematorium on Thursday, 6th January, and a sheaf of flowers was sent from all his friends in the Southern Section.

New members

A warm welcome to two new members and an invitation to attend our meetings and meet new friends: Donald J. Tilehurst, Sales representative to Maxwell Hart and Eric D. Williams, of Langley Park Golf Club.

Old friends

The following list are names and addresses of Class F members of this section, i.e. life members, retired head greenkeepers who have done so much for the Association in the past by their attendance at meetings and services on committees, etc. To let them know that they are not forgotten men, our Chairman, Charlie Moore, visited several of them at Christmas taking with him a bottle of their favourite Christmas spirits. Money gifts were sent to the widows of recently deceased members and I understand that all our Class F members will be contacted as soon as our new benevolent fund builds up again.

I am sure they would all like to hear from some of their old friends and if anyone with a car in those areas could make contact and pick them up to bring them to a meeting, Annual Dinner, etc., this would also be much appreciated.

G. T. Atfield, 2 Old World Cottages, Camber, Nr. Rye, Sussex.

C. R. Cooke, 64 Fox Holes, Queen's Road, Weybridge, Surrey.

C. Chamberlain, 38 Talbot Avenue, Stud Hill, Herne Bay, Kent.

H. G. Dixon, 481 Baker Street, Enfield, Mddx.

A. Davidson, 39 Ryecroft Crescent, Barnet, Herts.

W. H. Drewitt, 44 Thistledown, Heresham, Walton-on-Thames, Surrey.

A. E. Dash, 12 Wheatsheaf Close, Ottersham, Nr. Chertsey, Surrey.

H. Hughes, Church Cottage, Burrington, Umberleigh, Devon.

S. Morton, 57 The Homesteads, Waterfall Road, London N.11.

T. E. Mason, 145 Devonshire Road, Mill Hill, London N.W.7.

W. Mason, 18 Albert Road, Hendon, London N.W.4.

J. Marton, 50 Stroud Crescent, Putney Vale, London S.W.15.

J. Ness, The Bungalow, Croham Hurst Golf Club, S. Croydon, Surrey.

E. J. Rossier, The Bungalow, Temple Golf Club, Hurley, Maidenhead, Berks.

J. W. Williams, 23 Horley Close, West Horsley, Leatherhead, Surrey.

P. G. Weston, Florida, 301 Stroud Road, Virginia Water, Surrey.

SOUTH COAST

By Tom Graham

Hon. Secretary:
Waverley, West Lane,
Hayling Island, Hants.

Offer of help

I am very pleased to be able to tell you that I have now been offered help in the running of the Section. This offer comes from Mr. David Green of Huxley Garden Machinery and I am accepting it with open arms.

Spring tournament

The Spring Tournament will be held at the Rowlands Castle Golf Club on Tuesday, 18th April 1972. I am awaiting confirmation of the Summer and Autumn Tournaments.

New members

The following new members are welcomed to the Section: John R. Stinson (Burley G.C.), Donald J. Hall (Goodwood G.C.), Joseph C. Newman (Ferndown G.C.), Cyril G. Grubb (Ferndown G.C.), Harry W. Care (Ferndown G.C.), Ian P. Rickman (Ferndown G.C.), John Farmer (Goodwood G.C.), Percy Farmer (Goodwood G.C.), Nicholas Devonshire (Sherborne G.C.), Raymond Howlett (Ferndown G.C.) and a welcome to J. Moore, transferring from Langland Bay Golf Club, Swansea in the Welsh Section to take over as Head Greenkeeper at Lee-on-Solent G.C.

News of Paul Voykin

Extracts from *The Golf Superintendent*

"Indefatigable Paul Voykin, superintendent at the Briarwood Country Club, Deerfield, Ill., informs us that he is running unopposed for a park board commissionership in Lake Bluff, Ill. He also has begun work on his second book, which is designed to tell the new homeowner how to landscape his property without going bankrupt. You may recall that his first book is titled *A Perfect Lawn the Easy Way.*"