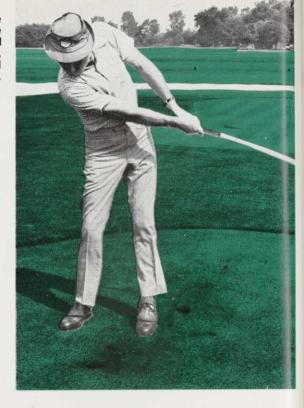
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Quad Greenshield stamps with one of those Ransomes-Hahn green mowers should shift a lot of machines

The Editor



Hon. Secretary's Notes

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Whether it is a certification programme for physicians and lawyers or for other professions and service groups, the person being awarded this "seal of approval" received it from his peers—those who are in the same field and who, from their own experiences know the problems and standards of performance associated with that particular profession.

And so it is with the newly-announced certification programme of the Golf Course Superin-

tendents Association of America which was introduced in June.

A "blue-ribbon" nine-man committee, made up of golf course superintendents, has formulated the programme, in which those superintendents vying for the title of "Certified Golf Course Superintendent" will be judged by their colleagues. The committee has worked with Dr. Paul M. Alexander, Director of Education of GCSAA, in planning and implementing this programme.

What does the GCSAA certification programme entail?

The focus of the programme is a written examination, divided into six parts, with each part dealing with the major areas of the experienced superintendent's job.

The six areas are:

- Knowledge of the Golf Course Superintendent's Association of America, including the history, purpose and ethics of the Association, and the profession of golf course superintendency;
- 2. Knowledge of the game of golf, including the official rules of the game;
- Turf-management procedures (consideration of practical problems in the major areas of irrigation, fertilisation, equipment calibration, soil facts, cost analysis, drainage systems, etc.);
- 4. Pesticides—comprehensive questions on the selection, usage, safety precautions, and limitations of contemporary plant protectant chemicals are included. This will indicate to local, state or federal pest control licensing agencies that the superintendent who passes this examination is fully proficient and capable of handling and supervising the use of such materials;
- 5. Business Administration—techniques of record-keeping and application of such information, budget preparation and presentation, etc.;
- 6. Management: people relationships, recruiting, training, and supervising crews; public relations (officials, members, club department heads, community, etc.).

Members of the GCSAA who have held the Class A classification for three years, and who have been employed as golf course superintendents for that period of time, are eligible to take this examination. In addition, those members who have been employed as golf course superintendents for 20 years or more while enjoying Class A status will be certified without examination if they apply before September 1, 1973.

Applications and examination papers are coded to maintain confidentiality, and these are obtained through the GCSAA headquarters (in the first month following announcement of the Certification Programme, GCSAA received more than 450 requests for applications!). The superintendent may take as much time as he desires to prepare for the examination. When he is ready, a date mutually agreeable to him and to an official monitor in his area is arranged. The examination material, identified only with the code number, is then sent to the monitor in a sealed packet and opened only in the presence of the applicant. When the examination is completed, the material is resealed in the presence of the applicant and mailed back to GCSAA headquarters.

A maximum of six hours, all in the same day, is allowed for the superintendent to complete all parts of the examination. Each of the six parts is graded separately, and a passing grade in every part is required for certification. If the superintendent fails any one or more parts of the examination, he will need to be re-examined only in those parts which were failed. The applicant can repeat the failed portions as many times as he desires, but if the failed parts are not successfully completed within one year of the original examination date, he must repeat the entire examination.

One time is not enough for certification.

The certification programme must keep pace with progress in agronomy, equipment and technology—and so must the golf course superintendent. Therefore, the certified golf course superintendent will be required to take another examination within five years of being certified. He must also maintain his membership in GCSAA and remain actively employed as a golf course superintendent. Other requirements for re-examination are completion of one regional GCSAA workshop or successful completion of a GCSAA-approved correspondence course of study.

Other aspects of the certification programme deal with those superintendents who leave the profession for several years and their mandatory re-examination if they return to golf course

superintendency.

The GCSAA certification programme climaxes 30 years of discussion and planning, and the benefits of certification will undoubtedly show that this careful planning has been well worth the time and effort involved.

Certification should also attract many young people into the profession of golf course superintendency, now that they know that there is some way of measuring their achievements in the profession.

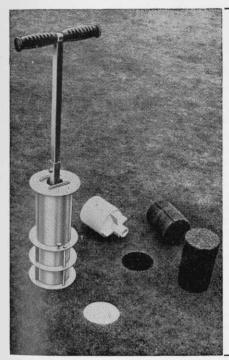
Hopefully, certification will also lead to standardisation of curricula in the schools offering turf

management programmes.

With certification, the role of the superintendent will not only receive greater emphasis through all who are associated with him on the golf course, but it will enhance his stature in the community as well. Because of today's great stress on ecology, the expertise that the golf course superintendent has attained in turf management and plant protectant chemicals should make him a recognised authority on these environmental factors within the community.

To summarise then, the GCSAA Certification programme is not only beneficial to the superintendent. This programme has inherent and potential benefits to club owners, club officials and members, golfers, other agencies concerned with golfing, and the public at large through the certified superintendent's involvement with the community.

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A Question of Fertilisers

By W. N. S. Bissett

The season will soon arrive when most outdoor maintenance activities on the golf course will be in full swing. The bills for fertiliser will be coming in and almost invariably will show some increase on the previous year. This usually gives rise to queries by Committee men on the necessity for the various materials, and ways to keep expenditure to a minimum are examined. Why Fertiliser?

Of all the factors influencing growth, the nutrient status of the soil is one which can be partially affected by the greenkeeper. However, the extent to which fertilisers improve grass growth is not only dependent on the quantity and quality applied but also on the effects of the other inter-related factors, e.g. light, temperature, moisture and air. Lime is not a fertiliser but is sometimes required to correct over-acidity which restricts growth and fertiliser availability.

To obtain the optimum grass growth, providing that all other factors are favourable, a wide range of mineral elements are required. Most soils, however, naturally contain sufficient minor elements to grow satisfactorily and in general only the major nutrients require replacing, i.e. Nitrogen (N), Phosphate (P) and Potash (K).

Different soils have different levels of natural resources which the bacteria, etc. convert to available plant foods.

For plants to take up the N, P and K, these nutrients have to be in a soluble state and, therefore, are liable to leaching by rainwater and loss into the drains. This point is illustrated by a number of reports of stimulated weed growth blocking rivers as a result of leached fertilisers from agricultural land. The naturally produced elements are, of course, subject to the same losses as applied fertilisers. Artificial watering can also increase the losses by this method.

Once the plants absorb the nutrients they are used to build up plant tissue and it can be seen from this that on golf greens and tees where the grass clippings are removed the nutrients are also removed. A further loss is now created.

Fertilisers are, therefore, required to maintain the balance of nutrient levels so that optimum grass growth is obtained. On a golf green higher levels of fertiliser treatment are required because (a) wear is more intensive and quicker recovery is necessary, (b) clippings are usually removed and (c) artificial watering increases leaching.

On a golf tee, fertiliser treatment should only be slightly less intensive than on a green as quick recovery from wear damage is necessary to maintain satisfactory playing conditions. Circumstances on a fairway are different as clippings are invariably returned, thus creating a cycle of nutrients. However, occasional fertilising may be necessary to make up losses due to other causes.

What Fertiliser?

Once it has been decided that fertiliser is necessary the type of fertiliser to use is the next consideration. Different materials have been shown in experiments to have different effects on turf. The three major nutrient N, P and K, are required annually by the grass plant. The form in which these elements are applied is important. Experiments have shown that alkaline N fertilisers such as nitrate of soda should be avoided as they lead to a turf which is wormy and weedy. Organic N fertilisers have a similar effect if used alone but have advantages which merit their inclusion in mixtures—they are slower acting and assist drought resistance.

The acidic N fertilisers should, therefore, be used and the most convenient is sulphate of ammonia with dried blood or hoof and horn forming the organic content.

To apply P. superphosphate is prominent as the most suitable, with bone meal providing the organic content. Basic slag provides phosphate but also contains lime and will lead to weed and worm invasion if used regularly.

To apply potash, sulphate of potash is the most suitable material.

What Form of Fertiliser?

To apply fertiliser to the fine turf on greens a powdered formulation is to be preferred as there is no risk of the localised scorch which is often obtained with granular materials. On tees either a powder or granular may be used according to preference. The ease with which granular fertilisers are handled makes these materials most suitable for application to the much larger fairway areas.

Liquid fertilisers are often suggested but they have decided limitations. The kind of fertiliser which can be used is restricted by solubility difficulties and there are problems in application. Because of the quantity of liquid involved there is a risk of scorch when applied by a sprayer and because even distribution is required, application by a sprinkler is not recommended.

How is Fertiliser Applied?

The methods which are used to apply fertilisers are varied involving hand or machine application. The person or persons whose job it is to apply the material should obviously be competent. Damage by uneven fertiliser distribution is not only harmful to the sward itself where excess can cause scorching but also to the general appearance where areas may be missed. When dealing with powdered materials it is, of course, essential to bulk the actual fertiliser with a suitable dry carrier, e.g. screened sandy compost to obtain an even spread. This applied whether the fertilisers are applied by hand or machine.

If a machine is employed it is important to ensure that calibration is carried out prior to each treatment so that no more (or less) than the required amount of fertiliser is applied. It is argued, and justifiably so, that a skilled man spreading fertiliser by hand is still one of the best methods

of applying fertiliser.

When Fertiliser?

In the spring it is important to select the correct time of application and this can be done accurately using local knowledge of weather, etc. Often a "false spring" occurs early in the year only to be followed by a sudden cold spell. To obtain full benefit from fertilisers in the spring the grass should be starting to grow (seen as greening up of rough or hedgerows, etc.) and the fertilisers will then boost the natural growth.

Further fertilisers are generally required during the season and should be applied when growth from the previous dressings is beginning to die down, the object being to maintain even growth throughout the season. The fixture card should be borne in mind so disturbance of play is

minimised.

Still and showery weather is best suited to the application of either powder or granular fertilisers but the lack of wind is not so critical with the granular types. Artificial watering removes some of the doubts regarding when to fertilise but excess water can lead to uneven distribution.

Where Fertiliser?

As stated previously fertilisers are required regularly on greens, surrounds and approaches, tees and, as often as necessary, on fairways. Selective fertilising of weaker areas of finer turf is not generally recommended but on fairways more frequent treatment can be carried out on weaker parts.

In organising the fertiliser treatment on one's particular course, a soil analysis should occasionally be carried out as a check; one of the services provided to member clubs by the Research Station. Poor results can be obtained by using too little fertiliser or the wrong material, just as too much fertiliser can create an amount of top growth far in excess of requirements and in the latter case there is obviously room to prune the budget.

Note: This article first appeared April/May, 1971.





New Flymo Man Has Wide Experience

The latest salesman appointed to the Institutional Division of Flymo Limited of Watford is 31-year-old Mr. Ivan Brown, of Mytchett, Surrey, who has had extensive experience of grass-cutting problems in the United Kingdom, Bermuda, United States and Canada.

He will undertake sales in the Greater London Area.

Ivan Brown was formerly head greenkeeper at the Guildford Golf Club and previously spent three years as a grounds superintendent in Bermuda for the Horizon Hotel Group. In Bermuda he was responsible for four hotels and maintenance of a golf course as well as supervision of trees, shrubs and citrus and vegetable plantations. Sponsored by the Government of Bermuda, he attended courses for horticulture and a special agronomy course for golf course Superintendents at the University of Florida.

He is a member of the Institute of Groundsmanship and the Canadian and Ontario Golf Course

Superintendents' Association.

Before leaving for Bermuda, Mr. Brown received extensive training in the United Kingdom. After four years as an horticultural apprentice in the Parks Department at Surbiton, he studied horticulture at the Surrey Agricultural College and was employed with nurseries, private estates and the National Coal Board.

At Guildford he was given responsibility to recommend a three-year plan to improve the course. A number of Toro machines to increase mowing efficiency to allow fuller course maintenance to be undertaken with the limited available staff were purchased for the project.

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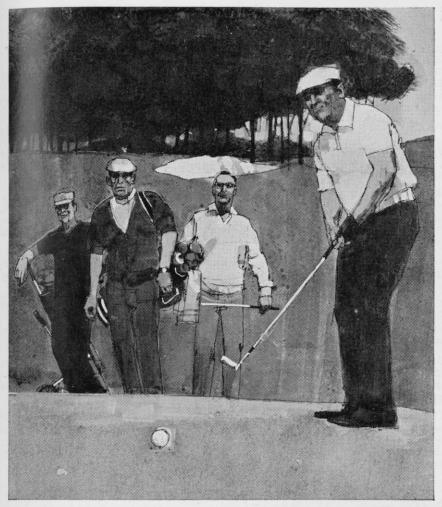
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Reminiscings 53 Years Ago

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The course was lucky to be mown full over in one week and grass grew up to one's ears. Greens were full of weeds of every description, weeding was a hands and knees job with daisy diggers when we had the time. A good job players didn't grumble so much. No water for the greens. A gloriously easy time for the staff in hot weather. Greens turned brown and mowing stopped.

We wormed the greens twice a year in February and November, a dirty job having to cart water from the nearest ditch, stream or stand pipe, mixing up various potent liquids, applying with watering can and sweeping up worms of all colours. The situation became as bad again the following year or even within a few weeks if the weather suited them as far as breeding was concerned.

Every greenkeeper was supposed to have his own wonderful fertiliser mixture. There was no one to guide him but if he grew grass he was a wonder. Then if he had time, out on the course with a scythe, trying to cope with the rough and making a few perks from lost golf balls.

Sometimes there were sheep on the course fouling the greens, perhaps up to 200 sleeping at night on one green leaving it covered with droppings which all had to be cleaned off. We accepted this as part of our job (wages thirty bob or less for Head Greenkeeper) and we were moderately happy.

We had our own little golf on Sundays, with our little old bag with Brassy or Baffy, Mid Iron, Mashie, Nibblick and putter and what wonders we did with them, more than we can do with clubs today. The guttie ball was just passing on and "Challengers", "Whynots", etc. were just coming in. What a difference they made!!

I could go on reminiscing but I'm afraid the young Head Greenkeepers of today would get weary if I said any more to prove how fortunate they are to be doing their apprenticeship or being in charge today with the modern machinery, artificial watering, selective weed killing, advice on diseases, the best chemical manures and removal of worms. So I had better stop. But think about it lads.

C.R.C.

Nice to hear from Clarie Cooke again.-Editor.

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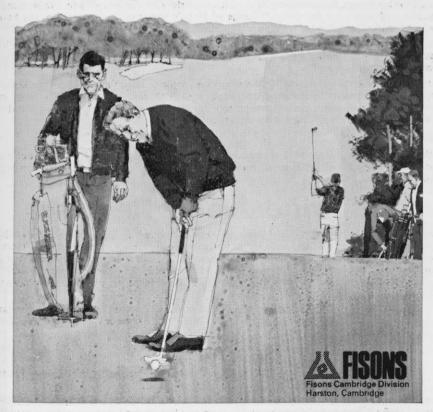
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Editorial Information

The Construction and Maintenance of Ornamental and Sports Turf 3-day Conference/Course at Cornwall Technical College, Poole, Redruth

The first day of this 3-day course was January 27th.

The first lecture was given by Mr. J. R. Escritt, of the Sports Turf Research Institute and was entitled "The Construction/Renovation of Ornamental and Sports Turf Areas". The second lecture of the day on "Aeration" was by Mr. D. A. Tait of SISIS Equipment (Macclesfield) Limited and was illustrated with colour slides.

After lunch Mr. Tait presented a demonstration of variety of SISIS equipment including the Duo-Rotorake, Auto-Turfman, Auto-Outfield Spiker and many hand operated implements. Finally, Mr. Escritt spoke on "Up-to-date approaches to Turf Maintenance and Improvements".

World Leaders in Grass Machinery Make Reciprocal Marketing Arrangement

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Managing Director of Ransomes, Mr. Geoffrey Bone, explained that this agreement marked an important development in the marketing strength of both companies. The wide range of specialised grass cutting and turf maintenance machinery now available will considerably strengthen the position of distributors throughout the world.

Editor's Note

Hahn of Evansville, Indiana, U.S.A. manufacture lawn and turf equipment for the professional and domestic user and agricultural machinery. Their annual turnover is approximately \$4,000,000.

Pennfine News Release

Once again a major turfgrass introduction has been announced by the Penn State University team led by Dr. Joseph Duich, professor of turfgrass science. Only two years after the block-buster introduction of Pennstar Kentucky Bluegrass, Dr. Duich has announced the release of a new fine-leafed ryegrass that promises great things. Called Pennfine Perennial Ryegrass (Lolium perenne), its field tests reveal a number of qualities that ryegrasses have never before exhibited, among them:

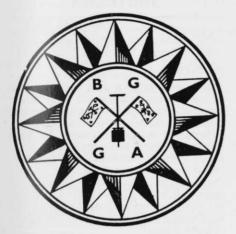
It cuts more cleanly than any other fine-leafed perennial ryegrass on the market. Cutting doesn't produce the fibrous "paintbrush" top that quickly turns brown. Instead, Pennfine takes a smooth, attractive cut.

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Turf superintendents are closely following reports of this new variety's performance, since it seems to offer a means of adding new early-season and late-season beauty to turfgrass stands. As it comes up earlier and persists later than the bluegrasses and fine fescues, Pennfine can lengthen the "good looks" season of any turf.

News



from the Sections

Special Occasions

APRIL 20th North East Section Spring Tournament

May 2nd Sheffield Section President's Trophy & AGM

3rd Southern Section Spring Tournament

18th North West Section Spring Tournament

24th Midland Section Spring Tourna-

June 7th East Midland Spring Tournament

12th Northern Section President's Prize

21st Southern Section President's Cup and AGM

Aug. 14th

15th ANNUAL TOURNAMENT

SEPT. 19th Midland Section Autumn Tournament

NORTH-WEST

Chairman: J. GILLETT, (St Anne's Old Links) By H. M. Walsh

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

Spring Tournament

As stated in previous issues of the journal, our Spring Tournament will be played over the Hillside Golf Club course at Hastings May 1972

Road, Southport, on Thursday, 18th May. This year, due to a local rule of the club, the competition will be over 27 holes, but 18 will be played in the morning and 9 in the afternoon. The A.G.M. will take place in the evening, after the prize presentation so, gentlemen, please let us have an early start—9 a.m.—and we all will have a comfortable round before lunch

Lectures

Our thanks to Mr. Wyatt of H. Pattisson Ltd., for the wide range of equipment he showed to us and the discussion that followed, also for the excellent refreshments provided. This brought to an end the lectures for this winter. Thank you for your support, gentlemen.

MIDLAND

Chairman: G. Hart (Gay Hill) By R. Goodwin

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4 Burton Old Road,
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Staffs.

Winter Lecture

A very interesting talk was given by Mr. John Hartstone of E. A. Yates & Sons (SAND-BACH) Limited, Cheshire, on Tuesday, 22nd February, at the Kidderminster Golf Club.

Thirty greenkeepers attended the meeting, and Mr. Hartstone gave a detailed account of the most up to date methods of irrigation on the golf course, with the full range of the latest Pop-ups on display.

Greenkeepers were also interested in the method of liquid fertiliser distribution which was now possible with the introduction of a new adapter which could be connected to the Pop-up system.

A most interesting afternoon, thanks to Mr. Hartstone, and the Captain and Committee of the Kidderminster Golf Club for allowing greenkeepers the courtesy of the clubhouse. Further lectures are being planned for next winter and it is hoped that more greenkeepers will take advantage of these future meetings.

Autumn Tournament

The Autumn Tournament will take place over 27 holes at the Stratford on Avon Golf Club, on Tuesday, 19th September, by kind permission of the Captain and Committee.

Subscriptions

I am surprised to hear from Mr. Cashmore, the Treasurer, that there are still a few subscriptions for 1971 that have not been paid. Please send direct to Mr. Cashmore, 76 Four Oaks Common Road, Sutton Coldfield.

EAST MIDLAND

Chairman: J. Carrick By S. Fretter

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

Annual Spring Golf Tournament

The annual Spring Golf Tournament will be held at Charnwood Forest Golf Club on Wednesday, 7th June, 1972. The first tee is reserved from 11.0 a.m., as this is a 9 hole course, we shall have to alternate as the early starters reach the 9th green. Would you please let me know by the 1st June, 1972, who will be playing, and also require a meal.

It was agreed at our committee meeting that as each player arrives he will be paired off, this will be done by members of our com-

mittee.

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This letter was sent to us by the Head Green-keeper of Charnwood, Mr. J. L. Tuckwood.

Fisons Lecture

I would like to thank Mr. Lord and Mr. Bowen from Fisons Ltd., for giving us a most interesting lecture and film show, this was held at the Cricket Ground Hotel, Leicester. Also I would like to thank all the green-keepers and groundsmen that attended that night, as it was about the worst we have had this winter.

Congratulations

I would like to congratulate our Chairman, Mr. J. Carrick, on the presentation he received from the Northampton County Golf Club, for recognition of being Chairman of this Association and also for 17 years' service to the club as Head Greenkeeper. He was presented with a silver salver and a cheque.

Announcement

The President's versus Captain's match will be held at Rothley Park Golf Club on the 6th July, 1972. Further details to follow.

Congratulations

I would like to wish on behalf of this section, our Secretary Mr. S. Fretter, the best of luck in his new job as Head Greenkeeper of Kibworth Golf Club.

R. Bailey, President.

SOUTHERN

Chairman: C. A. Moore (Stanmore) By F. W. Ford Hon. Secretary: 68 Salcombe Gardens, Mill Hill, N.W.7. Tel: 01-959 2847,

March Quiz

The Quiz got off to a good start with Jack Rennie asking yours truly his stock annual question "how many outstanding subs?". There being only nine I would like to take this opportunity to thank members for their splendid co-operation during 1971-72.

Owing to larger attendance (45 at this meeting) it has been deemed necessary by your Committee to search for larger premises once again. It is hoped that we shall be successful in time for the first meeting in October. I shall be reporting more definitely on this subject

in a later journal.

An Evening News article referring to the appointment of an Advisor to Golf Clubs during championship tournaments was read by Jock Glass. Jock said this would give Head Greenkeepers the title of "Agronomists". After the meeting had simmered down again it was agreed that the matter should be investigated, the Chairman promising to look into it.

Frank Brittain said a few words on a new aerating-cum-mole draining machine for use on golf greens, etc., SUB-AIR, made by Jacobs. Penetration 7 in. and to be hired only at present, £3.50 per hour—£120.00 per 18 greens.

Ransomes answer to the Toro 70, which the lucky 40 on the coach trip to Ipswich will have viewed for themselves by this time, was also talked about by Stewart Blake of Gibbs. A discussion on modern machinery followed. Re employing the fair sex on golf courses, nobody seemed interested!!

R. Tempest wanted to know how many Head Greenkeepers kept a record of their drainage systems—a small percentage said they did.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to our President and to our Quizmaster, Mr. C. A. Moore.

Mid-Summer's Day Medal and AGM

On Wednesday, 21st June, the Annual General Meeting will take place at the Hendon Golf Club, Devonshire Road, Mill Hill, N.W.7.

As a trial to make the event more interesting, arrangements have been made by kind permission of the Committee of the Hendon Golf Club, to stage an 18 holes Medal Competition there in the afternoon. The

President's Cup and prizes will be played for, followed by high tea, A.G.M. and prize

presentation.

To enable me to make the necessary catering arrangements etc. members are invited to write in to me stating NAME, Club, LOW-EST HANDICAP and if requiring lunch. Closing date, WEDNESDAY, 7th JUNE. Approximate programme—12 to 2 p.m. Tee Off, 4.30-6 p.m. High tea, 6.15 p.m. A.G.M. 7 p.m. Prize Presentation. Nearest station Mill Hill East, with short bus ride on No. 125. The Draw will be made on Thursday, 8th June, and will be seeded. Competitors will play in threes.

New Members

A warm welcome to the new members whose names are listed below: B. K. Turner (Wentworth), D. R. Sargent (Thames Ditton & Esher Golf Club), G. G. West (Ifield), S. F. Kemp (West Kent), J. O. Lemon (E.P.), G. K. McKee (Fisons), G. Urquhart (Flymo) and S. Blake (Gibbs).

Retirement

"Yours Aye" and all the best to Jimmy Johnston who has retired from Leeds Castle and has gone back to live in Bonny Scotland. Keep in touch, Jimmy.

Bereavement

Our sincere sympathy to Jim Rosin who lost his wife last November.

SHEFFIELD

Chairman: MR. G. HERRINGTON Grænkeeper Cottage Lindrick Golf Club Lindrick Common near Worksop

by H. Gillespie Hon. Secretary: 63 Langsett Avenue, Sheffield 6.

Lectures

The change to afternoon meetings has been quite popular with attendances above normal. The March lecture by Mr. S. Goodsall, of

Plantagenet Seeds, Ltd., on the new "Tana Grass" was attended by 38 members. The next meeting on 6th April at 3.00 p.m. is by Flymo Limited with a demonstration of Toro equipment at the Abbeydale Golf Club.

Best Wishes

I am pleased to report that our chairman May 1972

George Herrington is well on the way to recovery following his recent operation. We send him our best wishes.

President's Trophy

The President's Trophy will be played for at the Abbeydale Golf Club on Tuesday, 2nd May, teeing off from 1.30 p.m. over 18 holes. Entry forms will be distributed and must be returned to enable meals to be booked.

A.G.M.

The Annual General Meeting will be held in the evening following the President's Trophy on 2nd May at the Abbeydale Golf Club, commencing at approx. 7.30 p.m.

New Member

We welcome to the section Michael Lunn of Silkstone Golf Club, and hope he has a long and happy association with us.

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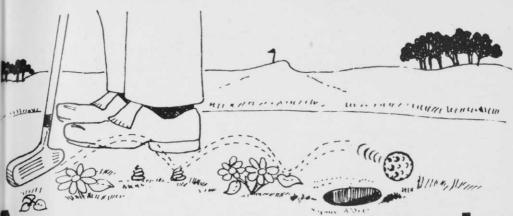
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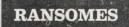
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