

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 Tournament
- JUNE 7th East Midland Spring Tournament
- 12th Northern Section President's Prize
- 21st Southern Section President's Cup and AGM
- AUG. 14th } ANNUAL TOURNAMENT
- 15th } ANNUAL TOURNAMENT
- 16th } ANNUAL TOURNAMENT
- SEPT. 19th Midland Section Autumn Tournament

NORTH-WEST

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

By H. M. Walsh
Hon. Secretary:
Horrobin Cottage,
Old Links Golf Club,
Montserratt, 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. Pattison 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

By R. Goodwin

Chairman:
G. HART
(Gay Hill)

Hon. Secretary:
4 Burton Old Road,
Streethay, Lichfield,
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 committee.

Charnwood Forest Golf Club, Woodhouse Eaves, Loughborough

Charnwood Forest Golf Club is situated in one of the highest and most picturesque parts of Leicestershire. It is the oldest Club in the County and the course is unique in the fact that all the hazards are natural and that there are no bunkers.

This letter was sent to us by the Head Greenkeeper 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 greenkeepers 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

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

Chairman:
C. A. MOORE
(Stanmore)

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

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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, LOWEST 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
Greenkeeper 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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