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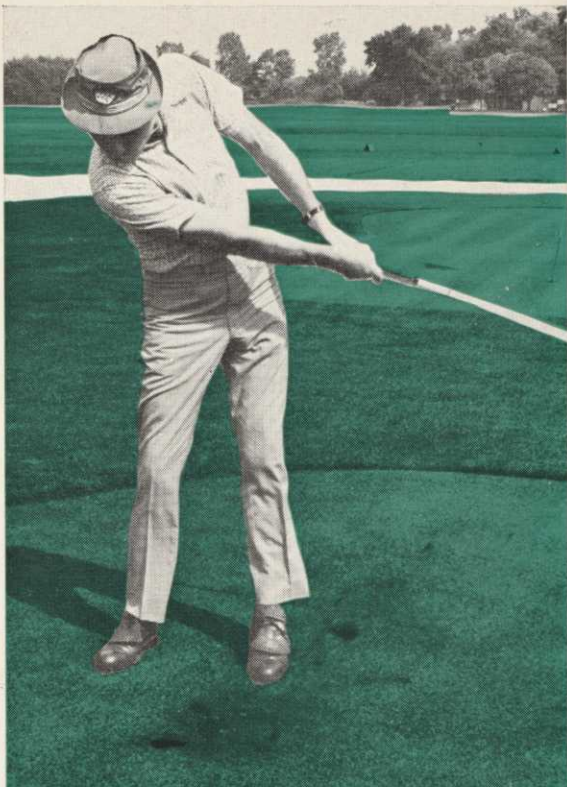


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# Tee Shots

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The City of Birmingham is planning to add a further 27 holes to its unique collection of municipal courses. The land is at Manwoods Farm which lies alongside the Handsworth Golf Course, our President's home club. Mr. Bretherton is, of course, also President of the Handsworth Golf Club where there have also been recent changes providing three new holes on land closer to the clubhouse.

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Work should start in a month or so on the new municipal golf course at Tamworth. This will be on rather different soil and country from our Midland Secretary's home course at nearby Whittington Barracks but will fulfil a great need in this developing town.

**Best wishes to all greenkeepers at this Tournament time in the 60th year of the Association. Long may it prosper!**

*The Editor.*

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## In Memorium

*As we were going to press, we received the following from the Secretary of NORTH WEST SECTION:*

It is with deep regret I have to inform members of the death of Jim Bridges Head Greenkeeper at Malone Golf Club Belfast, Northern Ireland. I have just learned of his passing on, and on behalf of all members of the Section I extend our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Bridges and family in their sad loss.

Jim died on the 24th May after a heart

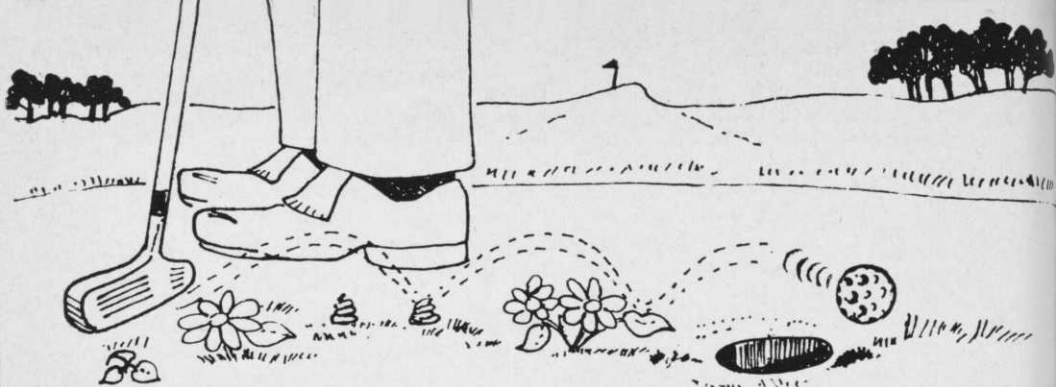
operation, he had been Head Greenkeeper at Malone Golf Club for twenty six years and was made an honorary life member after making the new Malone Course. He was the brother of W. Bridges our friend at Wallasey Golf Club and had been a member of the Association for over thirty years.

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Some common turf fungi depend solely upon living grasses for support, whereas others are able to continue to survive after the host has died, living on the dead plant material. Both can produce thousands of spores capable of infecting a fresh host. In addition some fungi can form a 'resting body' which is able to persist for many years, even in unsuitable conditions and carry over disease from one year to the next. There are therefore many sources of infection, and if allowed to develop and spread these fungi can cause severe damage.

By knowing the conditions which fungi find most desirable it is possible to produce a non-conducive environment by good cultural turf management practices. It is significant that the conditions which discourage fungi and also those which most favour the healthy growth of fine grasses. Worthwhile measures can be summarised as follows:—

## *Aim to reduce surface moisture*

- Improve drainage where necessary.
- Carry out spiking, slitting, raking, mowing regularly and at the optimum time.
- Switch dew from grass.
- Remove any barriers to the flow of air across the turf.
- Reduce shade.
- Avoid leaving grass long in winter.
- Avoid smothering turf with top dressings.

## *Maintain fertility and acidity*

- Use balanced fertilisers at the correct time.
- Avoid the late use of fertilisers high in nitrogen as compared with other elements.

## *Avoid mechanical damage*

- Remember that spores enter through the wounds.

## *Utilize preferred seed mixtures*

- A mixture of different species is less susceptible than a pure sward.

## **Fungicides**

Even when all the necessary cultural precautions are taken disease still frequently develops, making the use of fungicides essential. The ideal fungicide should be able both to kill the disease organisms and to protect from further infection, without of course injuring the grass or building up toxic residues in the soil which may become detrimental to plant growth.

It should be economical in use and easy to apply. 'Verdasan' is a fungicide which answers these requirements, containing 2.5% mercury, organically combined. To control

*Fusarium Patch* 1 oz. is applied to 40 sq. yd., either in 2-8 gallons of water or in 14 lb. of sand or finely sifted soil. Treatment should be made at monthly intervals in September, October and November, or in March and April. The same quantity is adequate for *Dollar Spot* which should be treated as soon as the disease appears, usually in May or June, repeating treatments at monthly intervals until late August. *Ophiobolus Patch* requires 2 oz. 'Verdasan' per 40 sq. yd., mixed as before, applied at the end of August and again at the end of October.

The use of seed treated with a fungicide such as SAIsan (containing drazoxolon) will give protection against seed and soil borne diseases such as seed rot and pre and post emergence 'damping off' to which small seeded grasses are susceptible.

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Intensive methods of turf maintenance are often predisposing factors to fungal attack. High fertiliser usage, liming, irrigation, rolling and frequent mowing can all lead to the rapid spread of fungal diseases.

The commonest and most widespread disease of turf in this country is *Fusarium Patch* (*Fusarium nivale*). The first symptoms are the appearance of small brown or yellow patches about two inches in diameter which may extend up to one foot across and eventually join together to form large irregular patterns. Under mild moist conditions the fungus can be seen on the surface as a fine pink or white cotton-like growth.

*Fusarium* can occur at any time throughout the year but is most common in Spring and Autumn or during mild periods in Winter. Severe infection of *Fusarium* can occur under snow cover.

Corticium Disease or Red Thread (*Corticium fuciforme*) is common in all parts of the country and is characterised by the appearance of pink or red threads on the grass leaves. Ugly brown patches are formed from three to five inches in diameter and the fungus spreads between the grass blades binding them together in a gelatinous matt.

Dollar Spot (*Sclerotinia homoeocarpa*) is confined to greens laid with sea marsh turf. The sward deteriorates rapidly as red fescue is killed out by the fungus in one to two inch diameter spots which enlarge and coalesce to form irregular patches.

Recognition of these diseases in quality turf in the early stages is difficult and delay in identification of the problem can lead to unsightly turf over a long period. It is therefore a wise precaution to treat all top quality turf with a fungicide as a routine precaution.

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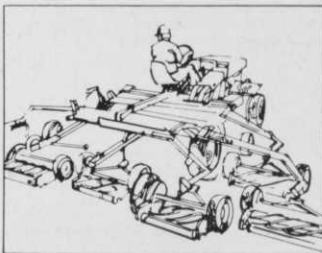
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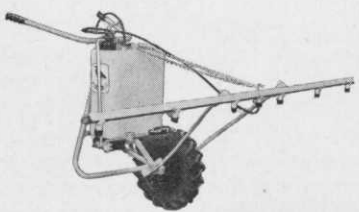
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Disease	Season found	Predisposing conditions	Principal grasses	Cultural control
<i>Fusarium patch</i>	Autumn Winter Spring	Dull, moist weather, often under snow cover	<i>Poa annua</i> , <i>Agrostis</i> and <i>Festuca</i> spp.	Avoid heavy liming and late nitrogen applications. Improve drainage and reduce surface moisture.
<i>Red thread</i>	During growing season, but usually in late summer	High temperatures	<i>Festuca</i> spp. mainly, but other species may be severely attacked	Increase nitrogen applications in summer.
<i>Dollar spot</i>	Any season, but usually in late summer	Cool, wet periods	<i>Festuca rubra</i> spp.	Increase nitrogen applications during summer but avoid late applications.
<i>Ophiobolus patch</i>	Late summer, autumn and winter	Dry weather	<i>Agrostis</i> spp.	Remove patches and re-turf or re-sow with <i>Poa pratensis</i> or <i>Festuca rubra</i> . Use acid nitrogenous fertilizers.
<i>Fairy rings</i> (type 1)	Spring to winter	Dry environment	—	Increase fertilization in summer. Treat turf by pricking and watering.
<i>Fairy rings</i> (type 2)	Summer to early winter	Dry environment	—	Increase fertilization in summer. Irrigation will also be of benefit.
<i>Slime moulds</i>	Autumn and early winter Attacks may occur with less severity during other periods in the year	Wet and humid	—	Improve drainage. In severe cases it may help to clean turf with a stiff broom.

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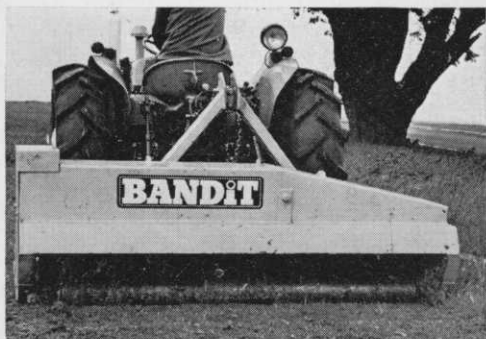
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# Letters to the Editor

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Dear Mr. Hawtree,

I am very interested to read in 'Tee Shots' in the current issue of The British Golf Greenkeeper, your reference to Golf Clubs on Common Land, and in particular, Bulwell Forest (not 'Bitwell') near Nottingham and Sutton Coldfield, Birmingham.

You may be interested to know that I started my golf at the former, and now play at Streetly, Sutton Coldfield, the Sutton Coldfield Club.

What is more interesting, however, is the fact that my Grandfather, Edmund Williamson who was the station master at the Bulwell Forest Railway station, offered the use of his 'parlour' in 1887 to the few gentlemen of Nottingham who decided that Bulwell Common was an ideal place for their game of golf, and his son Tom aged 7 acted as the first caddy, carrying a few clubs (loose) under his arm, and a pocket full of wet sand with which to make the tees.

Son Tom (my own father) eventually became the first Professional of the Notts, Golf Club, at the age of 16, after having learnt the art of Club *and* ball making at North Berwick, Scotland. This was in 1896, he later moved with the Club to its new course at Hollinwell. He remained pro. until his death in 1950, having spent 54 years with one Club, although he had many tempting offers to move elsewhere.

My father was actually appointed on a 3 months' trial basis, and because he never had any further reference to this, he used to joke that he was 'still on trial'.

It is further interesting to note that his first Midland Championship win, one of many, was at the Sutton Coldfield Golf Club in 1897, when he was only 17 years of age.

As leading Midland Professional, on the occasion of the Annual Match with the top Midland Amateurs', he was always drawn to play Carl Bretherton, your President.

Yours sincerely,  
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May I refer to Mr. C. A. Moore's letter in the April issue. I would endorse the opinion of Mr. Adrian Robertshaw (January issue). The automatic pop-up sprinkler system of watering greens only accentuates the development of soft greens, thatch, black slime and fusarium when it and other treatments are abused or neglected.

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Yours faithfully,  
R. J. LANE

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49 Arthur Street  
Blairgowrie

Dear Sir,

I reply to Mr. Moore's letter in the April issue of the British Golf Greenkeeper about the pop-up system.

I have read with interest about pop-ups in the magazine and in my opinion soft greens thatch, black slime and fusarium are caused by mis-use of the pop-up system.

I've had this system for two years at Blairgowrie Golf Club and would recommend it to anyone if used sensibly and properly.

The timing clocks in this system are arranged so that every green can be watered individually and each green treated as an individual. All greens are not alike for there are greens that hold water and some that dry out quickly so this means that the head greenkeeper in charge should know his greens and know that when using the system some greens will need two or three minutes while others might need longer and some greens will not require water every time you use the system.

The system was installed to help the greenkeeper through the dry spells and not to be used to soften the greens as the American golfers like them, and more and more British golfers feel the same way. When this happens the only man to blame is the person in charge of the system as in this climate over watering does more harm than good, but I still think it is a great system if used properly.

Yours faithfully,  
JAMES LOW  
(Head Greenkeeper)

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It was noted that maybe hockey sticks should have been the order of the day during the end of season Bowls Tournament. My sympathies were certainly with the visitors who were clearly bewildered by the fads and fancies of the green.

**City in "quagmire" jibe.**

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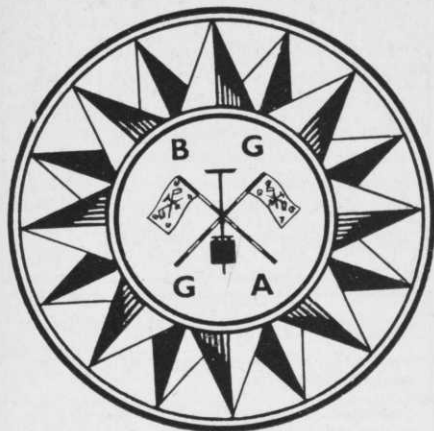
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## EAST MIDLAND

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*Chairman:*  
J. CARRICK

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

### Annual Autumn golf tournament

Will be held at Woolaton Park Golf Club, Nottingham on Tuesday 3rd October 1972. Would you please let me know by 22nd September 1972 if you will be playing and also require a meal.

### Third Annual Dinner/Dance

Will be held at The Empire Hotel, Fosse Road, Leicester on Saturday 14th October 1972 at 7.0 pm for 7.30 pm

### New members

I would like to welcome to this section the following new members: D. McTurk Esq, 94 Melrose Road, Thringstone, Leics. (Lingdale Golf Club), J. C. Stonebridge Esq, 80 Winslow Drive, Wigston, Leicester. (Glen Gorse Golf Club).

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## NORTH-WEST

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*By H. M. Walsh*

*Chairman:*  
R. VICKERS,  
Leigh Golf Club

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

### Autumn tournament

DUE TO THE KINDNESS of the Captain and the Directors of Old Links Golf Club Chorley Old Road, Montserrat, Bolton, our Autumn Tournament will be played over their course Thursday 19th October 1972. The competition will be over 27 holes and, as was decided at the last A.G.M., will consist of 18 holes in the morning and 9 holes in the afternoon. An 18 hole competition will be held for members' guests after the last of the members have driven off in the morning. Please arrive as early as possible. I would also ask members to inform me as soon as possible of their meal requirements so that I can go ahead with catering arrangements. For members without transport the local bus from the bus station, No. 126 to Monserrat Road, will put them off within 100 yards of the clubhouse.

### Annual trip

The Annual trip this year will be to the Dunlop factory of the International Sports Co., Speke Hall Avenue, Liverpool, on a date in November which will be given in the next issue of the journal unless I receive confirmation of the date before this issue goes to press. I shall also want the names of members who intend to go on this outing to help the management to make the necessary arrangements for our visit. One other change from last year – we shall be going by car and not by coach, so will any member with seats to spare offer them to members without transport who would like to go on this trip. I am sure convenient picking up points can be arranged. Please note the address and I will let you have the date and time we are expected, as soon as possible.

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## Ted Macavoy

Mrs. D. Macavoy, the widow of our late friend Ted, has written to me thanking his fellow greenkeepers everywhere for their sympathy and kindness during their sad loss and also for the flowers and the number of greenkeepers who were able to attend his funeral. She also very kindly wishes the Association every success. Thank you Mrs. Macavoy.

## New members

We extend a very warm welcome to the following new members: J. Bee, H. Latham, R. G. Thompson, R. J. Talbot, P. M. Kelly, all of Royal Lytham and St. Annes Golf Club, and M. Holmes of Hesketh Golf Club, Southport. I hope their association with the section will be a happy one.

(See also page 3).

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## WELSH

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### By J. Rees

Chairman:  
H. FRY

Hon. Secretary:  
Neath Golf Club,  
Cadoxten, Neath, Glamorgan

## A.G.M. and Medal competition

Our Annual General Meeting and Medal Competition were both held at Southerndown Golf Club on Tuesday 27th June 1972. This was a joint venture between ourselves and the Welsh Club Secretaries. As in previous years the Glamorgan County Golf Union entertained us with a delightful meal. We thank them for a very pleasant evening.

Results of our Medal were as follows:-

1st A. Price	Net 66	John Duncan Cup and Gold Watch
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We thank Mr. Peter Wyatt for taking the Chair and helping with the competition cards. Also we thank Messrs Ransomes, Sim and Jefferies: Mr. J. C. Clay: Mr. I. G. Nichols and Messrs Flymo Ltd., without whom our prize list would look very shabby.

## New officers

The following are the new officers for the Welsh Section:

President	Mr. R. N. Bird
Chairman	Mr. H. Fry, Heathercroft, Northway, Bishopston, Swansea.
Vice Chairman	Mr. J. Martin, 3 The Glebe, Bishopston, Swansea.

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## NORTHERN

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### By Walter Heels

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## Autumn outing

A visit to Ransomes, Simms and Jefferies, Ipswich, has been arranged for 7th November 1972. Would all members wishing to participate in this visit please contact the Hon. Secretary as soon as possible.

## Buffet Dance

A Buffet Dance has been arranged for Monday 27th November, 8 pm - 1 am at the Knaresborough Town Hall. Tickets may be had on request from the Hon. Secretary at a cost of approx £1.30. Bring as many friends as you can.

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## MIDLAND

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### By R. Goodwin

Chairman:  
G. HART  
(Gay Hill)

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

## Albert Oakley

I regret to inform members that Albert Oakley passed away on Friday 7th July.

Albert was Head Greenkeeper at Moor Hall Golf Club when he retired in 1969, after 30 years service, and was highly respected among the members.

On behalf of Midland Greenkeepers, I wish to extend deepest sympathy to Mrs. Oakley and her daughter in their bereavement.

## New members

A warm welcome to the following new members: J. A. Bayliss and R. Naughton, Assistant Greenkeepers at Coventry Golf Club, Finham Park.

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## SOUTHERN

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### By F. W. Ford

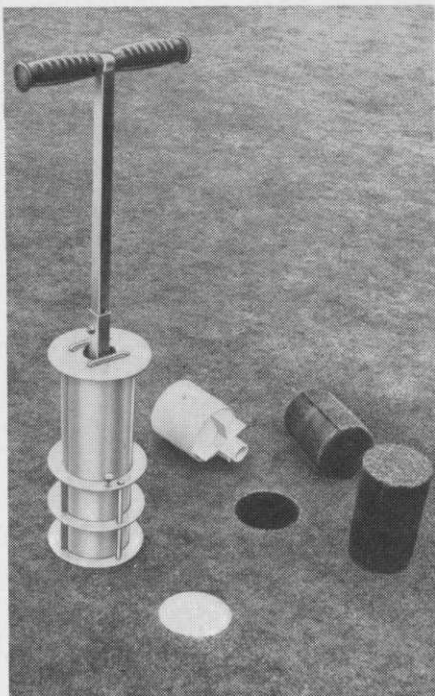
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(Stanmore)

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## A.G.M. and tournament

The A.G.M. and 18 hole Medal made a successful debut at the Hendon Golf Club with 51 players taking part.

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the pleasure of playing with Tom Mason who was head greenkeeper at Hendon for more years than I care to remember. Tom is now an honorary member at the club. He is still knocking them down the middle at 82, his card of 70 off 19, collecting 5th prize, speaks for itself.

I would like to record a vote of thanks to the Captain and Committee for allowing us the courtesy of the course and clubhouse, also to Frank Mace for getting the course ready for us to play on. Frank, incidentally, has only just moved down south. Best wishes from all of us, Frank, and we expect to see you at the meetings.

We are again appreciative of your efforts, Dave, John, Bill and R. Rose. The additional prize of a table lighter was a nice thought from Flymo.

Details of the presentation by Jack Wallis-Arthur are as follows:

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A special prize of a bottle of whisky, donated by Bob Plain, was presented to an unexpected guest, Bill Mason. We were all very delighted to see you again, Bill.

#### New members

A warm welcome to the following new members: Stephen Donnolly (Rochford), C. Choyce and R. Peters (Bush Hill Park), K. Graham (Gillingham), M. L. Labram (Bedford and County), M. Pearce, H. Latter, P. D. Groves, and S. P. Bone (Addington Court).

#### Clubhouse etiquette

Jacket, collar and tie must be worn in the clubhouse at all future golf competitions.

#### Date error

In the July issue of the journal the date for the first lecture at the George should read Wednesday 4th October.

#### A.G.M.

Details of the A.G.M. held at Hendon Golf Club on Wednesday 21st June 1972, with Mr. Jack Wallis-Arthur presiding, are as follows:

The minutes of the last A.G.M. were read and signed as being correct. There being nothing arising from these minutes the Secretary read letters of appreciation and thanks from our Chairman, Mr. C. A. Moore and the following invited guests to the Annual Dinner at the South Herts, B. Williamson, Secretary Essex Golf Captains, John Fisher Captain London Golf Captains, and Joe Carrick Chairman B.G.G.A.

The Section and Benevolent Fund Accounts were adopted on the proposal of F. W. Corner and seconded by R. Plain.

#### Election of Officers

President – Jack Wallis-Arthur

Vice Presidents – D. M. Craig, F. W. Hawtree, G. P. Simpson, J. Field, K. J. Hemmingway, F. Brittan, W. J. Holloway, P. A. Marshall, K. Thomas, C. Diebel, V. L. Waeland, C. J. Fowler and J. M. Thomas.

Chairman – C. A. Moore

Vice Chairman – F. W. Ford

Committee – E. W. Foulkes, J. Kirkpatrick, D. Major, W. Machin, C. E. Ryan, D. S. Gould, P. Moore.

Section Representative on Executive Committee – E. W. Foulkes

Hon. Secretary and Treasurer – F. W. Ford

#### A.O.B.

The Secretary informed the meeting that the final arrangements had been made for the change over from the 'Ship Tavern' to the 'George' for lecture meetings commencing 4th October.

It was decided on the proposal of D. Major that the Hendon Golf Club should be approached re holding the A.G.M. there again next year. (Carried).

The following Dinner and Dance Committee was formed on the proposal of A. Winters: J. Thornton, D. Jones, S. Kilby, R. Tempest, R. Jobson, and A. Winters. Details to be published at a later date in the journal (I hope!)

A proposal to raise members subscriptions was turned down but a voluntary donation to the Section Benevolent Fund was agreed, W. J. Rogers making the first contribution.

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