

News



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February Lecture

Our thanks to Frank Smith of Maxwell Hart for being with us on Wednesday 7th February to give us the benefit of his expert knowledge of grass seed.

His talk was followed by an interesting presentation of close up slides of various seeds. Slides were also shown, by Don Ticehurst, of Evengrass artificial grass panels being laid as an experiment on the wicket area of a cricket pitch.

The slides showed the panels being clipped together and laid out to enable the correct area of turf to be marked out for lifting. Turf was lifted and sufficient soil was removed to allow panels to be laid approximately 1 in. below surrounding surface.

After loosening and raking, soil panels were laid and topped up with a dry fine sandy soil. This was then booted in gradually to enable it to penetrate the holes in the artificial grass panels. Finally seed was sown in the usual way. Results have shown that the roots penetrate through the panels to the soil beneath thus ensuring a moisture supply to the issuing turf. This method has been tried out effectively in the goal mouth areas on soccer pitches and on winter tees, in particular where the space is limited.

The Benevolent Fund is £5 better off by the draw and the winning ticket holder this month was Ernie Hall. A private 'Whip Round' resulted in a further £4.

Dave Craig completed the evening by showing a film he took on the Boston trip last month. Thank you, Dave, we all enjoyed your efforts and commentary.

New Members

A warm welcome to the following new members:

C. Chamberlain and A. Janson (Muswell Hill), R. Dove (Royal Eastbourne), B. L. Newcombe (Woodcote Park), S. Ford (South Herts), D. A. Cross (Brookmans Park), and M. Collins (West Kent).

Benevolent Fund

At the 1971 AGM it was decided to form our own fund to enable an extra grant to be made to widows and dependants and to keep in touch with retired members via a Christmas gift each year, etc. So far £150 has been paid out in grants and the fund is now at a low ebb. To keep it going, a draw is run each month on lecture evenings, ball sweeps at golf meetings and several donations have been received from members.

Will any member who feels he would like to make a contribution, please send it to me and I will reply by receipt in each case. Any donation, no matter how small will be gratefully received.

Sad News

Following the death of Bert Dixon last month I have to report that Wally Drewitt aged 82, late of Burhill Golf Club and Jock Drummond aged 64, of the Royal Eastbourne Golf Club also died in January. Flowers and Benevolent Grants, both H.Q. and Section, were sent with messages of sympathy from the Southern Section.