

Past Season: Lectures

We would like to offer our grateful thanks to the speakers who visited us at Ampfield over the winter months. These were Mr Roffey of Roffey Ltd., Mr Bradbury of Mommersteeg Seed Ltd., and Mr Knight of Ransomes who gave us three very interesting and not to be forgotten evenings.

Spring Golf Tournament

All members should now be aware that this is to be held at the Royal Winchester Golf Club on the 4th April (Wednesday) and those wishing to play should have conveyed to me in writing their intention. If any member wishes to play and has not yet informed me, will he please get in touch without delay.

AGM

This is to be held at the Royal Winchester Golf Club on the 4th April after the completion of the Spring Golf Tournament.

Subscriptions

Please remember that these are now due and prompt payment would save a lot of inconvenience.

NORTH-WEST

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R. VICKERS,
Leigh Golf Club

By H. M. Walsh
Hon. Secretary:
Horrobin Cottage,
OldLinks Golf Club,
Montserrat, Bolton,
Lancs.

Spring Tournament

As stated in previous issues of the Journal, our Spring Tournament will be played over the Leigh Golf Club course at Kenyon Hall, Kenyon, Nr. Warrington, on May 8th 1973. It will be a 27-hole competition, 18 in the morning, 9 in the afternoon. The AGM will take place in the evening. Tee off times from 9 am. A Competition over 18 holes will be run for members' guests. Will all members taking part please inform me of their meal requirements so that I can make the necessary catering arrangements.

Lectures

Our sincere thanks to Glynn Vaughan of Ransomes, Sims & Jeffries for the excellent film show and talk which he gave to the members of the North West Section with the able assistance of Mr Rees and Mr Holt, members of the staff of Burrows Ltd. Salford. Also our thanks for the refreshments pro-

RETIREMENT OF MR. TOM MCNEICE

MR TOM MCNEICE retires from his position as Head Greenkeeper of The Leicestershire Golf Club on March 31st. Mr McNeice will then have completed 22 years as Head Greenkeeper to the Club.

During his years at the Leicestershire course he has built up a considerable reputation and the Leicestershire greens have been the envy of golfers throughout the County. Recently he has been superintending the replanning of several holes and the reconstruction of many of the tees and some greens.

It was only natural that Mr McNeice should follow on in his father's footsteps and become a head greenkeeper. On leaving school he went to work as an apprentice under his father at Banstead Downs and they later went together to the RAC Golf Club, Woodcote Park, Epsom. After 8 years there, then at the age of 22, he left to go on his own as head greenkeeper, which took him to Hearsall, Coventry, Leamington and Stinchcombe hill. During the war he worked as an agricultural engineer and afterwards was appointed head greenkeeper of the Robin Hood Golf Club, Birmingham, where he stayed for five years; he then joined his present club.

He is a former chairman of the British Golf Greenkeepers Association, and of the East Midlands Section. He has also served as secretary of the S.W. Section, Midlands Section and East Midlands Section. He served on the executive committee from 1938-1968.

Mr McNeice has always been interested in

the game of golf and his lowest handicap was four. Now at 67, he still plays in the spring and autumn sectional competitions for greenkeepers and has won several times.

Mr and Mrs McNeice will be spending their retirement in Leamington Spa.

