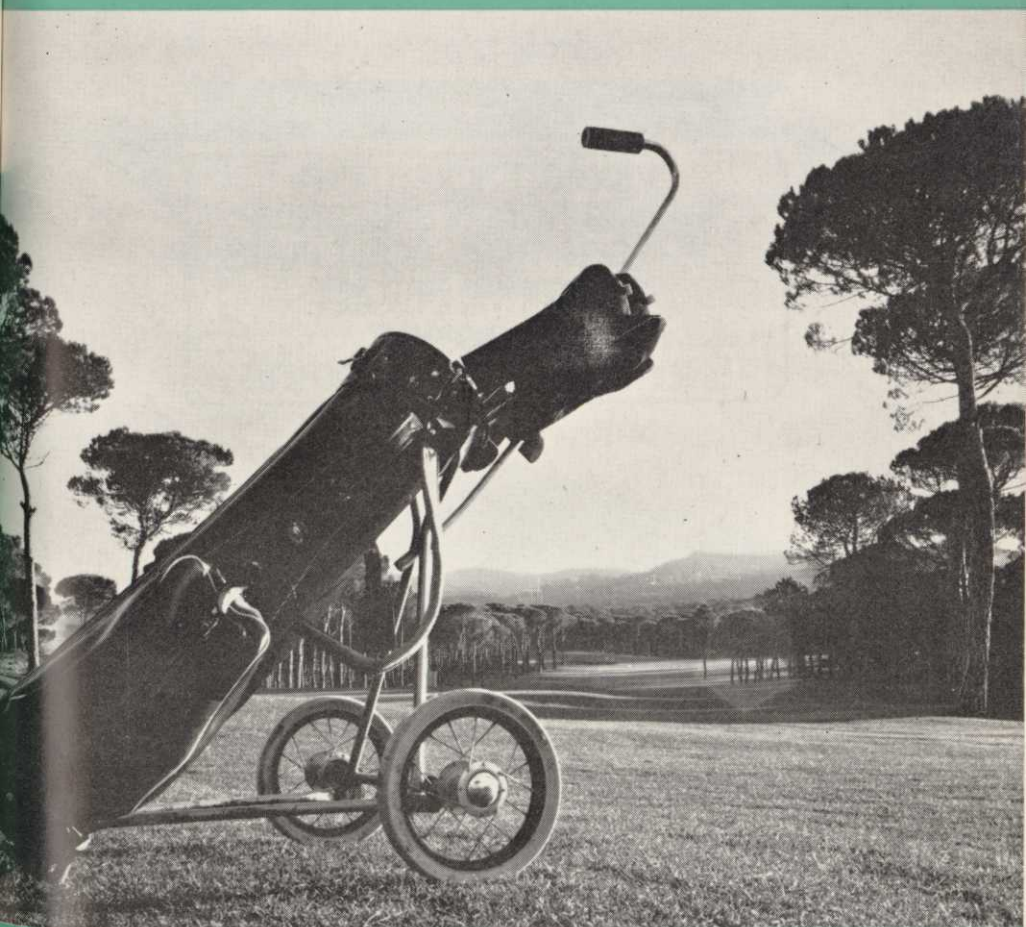


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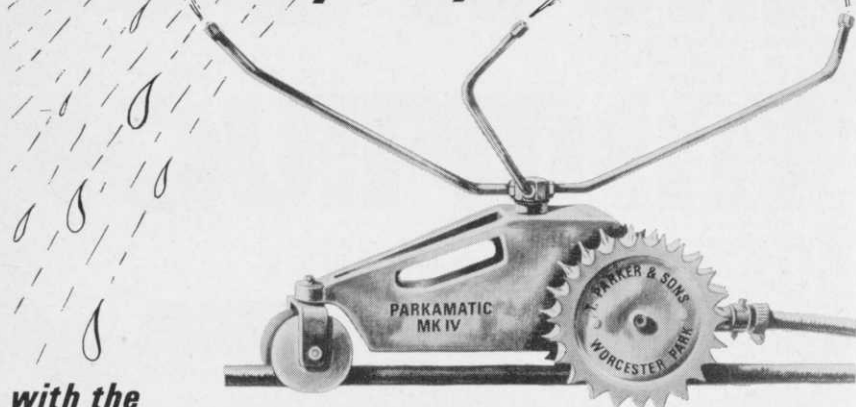
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Further details of the First British Turfgrass Symposium at Ipswich are that the date will be 4th October and speakers will include leading specialists on irrigation, drainage, research, and related topics. Application forms for registration will appear in our next issue: meanwhile, keep this date free.

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Tom Mascaro, whose article on Aeration appeared in our July issue, will be one of the speakers at the Conference in October. He is director of Product and Market Development of Hahn's Westpoint Division. Hahn, as most greenkeepers will know already, is the company with which Ransomes, Sims & Jefferies Ltd., are associated, selling their products on a world-wide basis under the Ransomes-Hahn label.

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We have received details of a proposed training course in Greenkeeping and Groundsmanship to be arranged in Northumberland and Durham. It will provide college-based tuition and practical work, combined with on-the-job training which will be obtained by trainees working under the supervision of experienced greenkeepers and groundsmen at golf clubs and athletic grounds.

Mr E. L. King, Assistant Regional Controller of the Department of Employment in Gallowgate, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, NE1 4TP, is the man behind the scheme and it is to be hoped that greenkeepers and golf clubs will support him to the full when he is able to launch it.

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Clevedon is well sign-posted off the M5 west of Bristol. Hope to see you there in August.

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Efforts to track down the leaks in the mailing list are slowly bringing results. We hope to have a new list and new printers in two months time. Even the Editor missed his copy for a time.



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Annual Tournament

The fifty-sixth Annual Tournament will be held at Clevedon Golf Club on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, 13th, 14th and 15th August 1973. Entry Forms appeared in the June Journal.

Programme

Monday 13th August: Morning – 18 holes Stableford;

Afternoon – Annual General Meeting 2.30 p.m.

Tuesday 14th August – 36 hole Medal; News of the World Cup (Scratch) Senior Division (plus to 11); Junior Division (12 to 24); the Jubilee Cup (Team Prize off Handicap); 'The Coming of Age' Cup.

Wednesday 15th August: Morning – 18 hole Medal;

Afternoon – Prize distribution 3 p.m.

Handicaps

Section secretaries will be asked to verify the handicaps of all competitors from their records before the tournament. All handicaps must be based on the National Golf Union's handicapping system.

Executive Committee

A meeting of the Executive Committee will be held at Clevedon Golf Club on Sunday 12th August, 1973 at approximately 5.30 p.m.

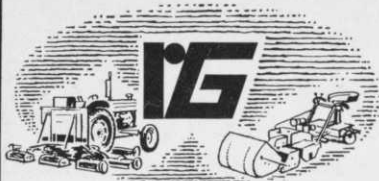
Trophies

May I remind all holders of trophies from last year's tournament who are not taking part this year, to ensure that these are returned to the Clevedon Golf Club, Clevedon, Somerset, before Saturday 11th August, 1973.

Annual Draw

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A TREND IN OUR GOLF COURSE profession is perturbing me; this month I would like to expound on it. I may be mistaken, but I think I see our golf course superintendent's profession turning from its true direction. I am speaking of the recent trend of green superintendents slowly encroaching on the field of managership and away from our true profession of greenkeeping. This situation, I believe, has developed from the managers becoming general managers and taking charge of the whole clubhouse-and-grounds operation. As a result of their yet unproven venture, we have become panicky and think that by acquiring new titles and certificates, by attending bookkeeping and finance seminars, and urgently seeking further clubhouse property responsibilities, the situation will change.

I don't think so. A Golf Course Superintendent is a Golf Course Superintendent, and a Manager is a Manager, and the only way this fact will change is if you wish to change your profession completely. If that's what you want, go ahead, but do it full turn, please. Do not play games – you're only fooling yourself.

In my case there is no conflict. I know what I want to be – a good greenkeeper and nothing else. I'll be happy with that title, because, you see, I know something else – call it a basic managerial premise, if you wish. That is, unless the golf course superintendent is in complete charge of all and total bookkeeping, and unless all money passes through his office, he can never be top dog or in full control at the club: at least not in the eyes of the board members. This fact is as sure and true as the fact that the golf professional will always be the glamour man at the country club no matter how many double knits you own or how well you groom the grass.

Clouding up our true identity by seeking out extra jobs and taking more responsibility for a little more money has nothing to do with our real profession and skill of growing and manicuring grass. This is futile hypocrisy. General managership is not our business. The managers who have taken over completely and are now total general managers have sold down the river their true responsibility to the club. They have taken on too many responsibilities and have gone into fields that they know nothing about. Let's not play their ambitious game. As in the past top clubs will learn that it's not going to work, and there really is no money saved.

Let me be absolutely blunt. Become a manager or stay a golf course superintendent, but whatever, be true to yourself – you can't be superb at both jobs. Declare your hand. Don't get into a mixed-up ball game unless you want to change jobs every few years as some general managers are doing. The wise ones (and we have a few outstanding ones in the Chicago area) work with us, cooperate with us, communicate and coordinate with us, and they are smart enough to keep out of our areas or responsibility – something they know nothing about. That's the way it should be.

I would like to say something else. I am not, nor is anybody else, impressed by greenkeepers calling themselves property managers, golf engineers, turf managers and other nonsensical names. Golf or green superintendents – yes, greenkeepers – lovely, 'grass growers' or 'grass farmers' is fine with me. I know what I am and I make good money at it. I don't need to seek extra 'janitorial' jobs around the clubhouse to tarnish my true professional image. My direct responsibility is the golf course and that load is heavy enough

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for me. And please don't give me that old business about shrinking my duty as a breadwinner, or not being able to take on extra responsibility, or not trying to uplift our profession. I take on more responsibility and I am more involved with exciting things than I know what to do with – for my family and for the image of my profession. And I know many of you are the same. Long ago I could have become manager, but that's not my forte. I am a GREENKEEPER, and in this field of endeavour I strive for perfection.

There is something else I must tell you that is in me (and unless you have a touch of the same, you might as well become a manager or go into something else). I would miss the soft warm rains that fall on the turf that I grow. I would miss the white snow that covers the golf course in late fall for the first time, melts, and then softly comes again. I would truly miss all the challenges of nature that go with my profession. The hot sun of summer heat and the salty sweat of humidity on my brow. I would miss the pleasure of admiring turf manicured and maintained under both good and adverse conditions and knowing that I had a hand in keeping the verdant picture that way. But of course there would be other things, also, soothing the frustrations of working with nature. I would miss her many gifts to us greenkeepers, the trees changing in the seasons and the flowering shrubs in spring. I would miss the daisies and other wild flowers hiding from our mowers next to the majestic elms, and I would miss the pheasants calling to their mates in early morning. I know I would miss the honest faces of commercial friends calling on me and old greenkeepers advising me. But most of all I would miss getting up each early morning and playing the endless chess game of man against nature, or perhaps more truthfully, trying to work with her and relishing the achievement and, oh, the satisfaction and the pleasure that comes once in a while each season when just for a short time I have won the battle.

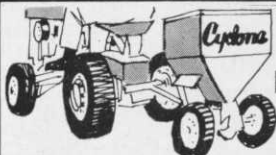
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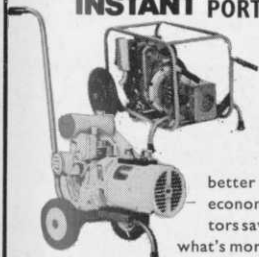
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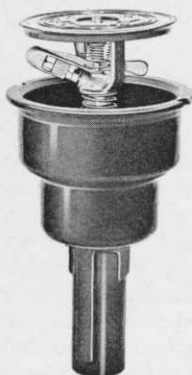
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As I have mentioned, the agricultural pasture ryegrass varieties have several characteristics useful in sports turf, notably a high tillering capacity, dense prostrate growth and good resistance to wear. However, they also show some that are less desirable, as their breeders were not concerned with colour, texture, ease of mowing or turf growth-pattern. These are irrelevant features of a grazing pasture where heavy yields and persistency are the main considerations; therefore no selection was done to incorporate the beneficial features of these characteristics in those varieties.

In formulating our breeding programme we had to ask ourselves just what were the desirable features for perennial ryegrass? Many of these individual characteristics are fairly obvious, such as good colour, fineness of leaf, few seed heads, easily-mown turf and disease resistance. However, on looking more deeply into the practical use of ryegrass in sports turf swards it became clear that there were really two different roles that ryegrass has to perform: the first on Winter games areas like football and hockey pitches, the second on Summer turf areas such as tennis courts. Some turf is in both categories, for example that of general playing fields, but it should be remembered that these dual or multi-purpose areas sustain greatest damage during the Winter months when conditions are at their worst.

We therefore decided that in the first instance a new variety would have to cope with the problems of Winter games areas, notably, heavy wear under cold, wet conditions. To fulfil this requirement a grass was required not only to withstand heavy wear but also to have the ability to recover from turf damage during the Autumn-to-Spring period. To achieve this, the variety had to tiller and grow late into the Autumn and as early in the Spring as possible, simply because a plant that is dormant during this period has no chance of regenerating to recover from turf damage. In addition to this all-important feature, two other characteristics for Winter games areas were considered desirable: firstly, a good colour over the Winter period (unfortunately most agricultural varieties tend to show a degree of leaf brownness then, so this had to be selected out). Secondly, an easily-mown sward was preferable for efficient gang mowing and to produce a tidy finish to the turf – agricultural varieties often tend to show ragged or torn leaf ends after mowing.

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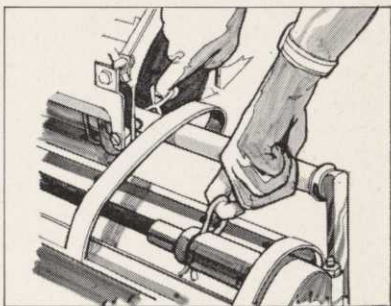


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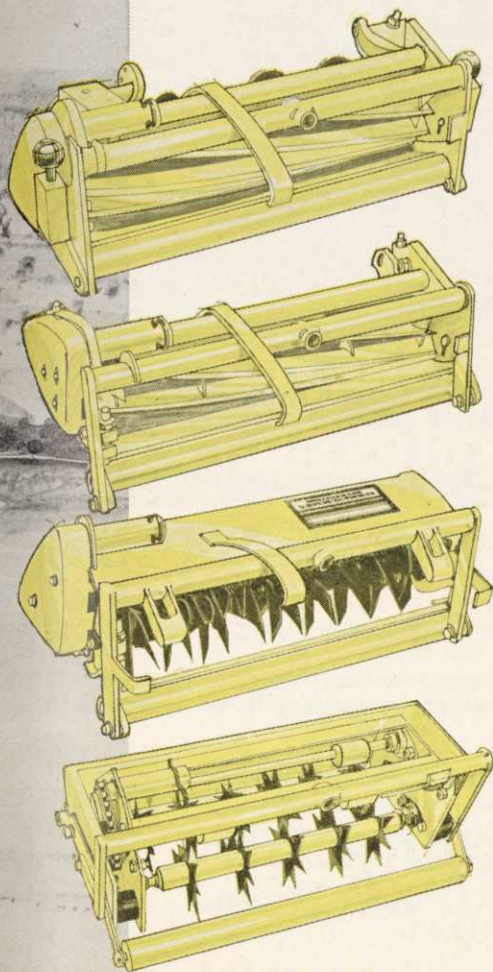
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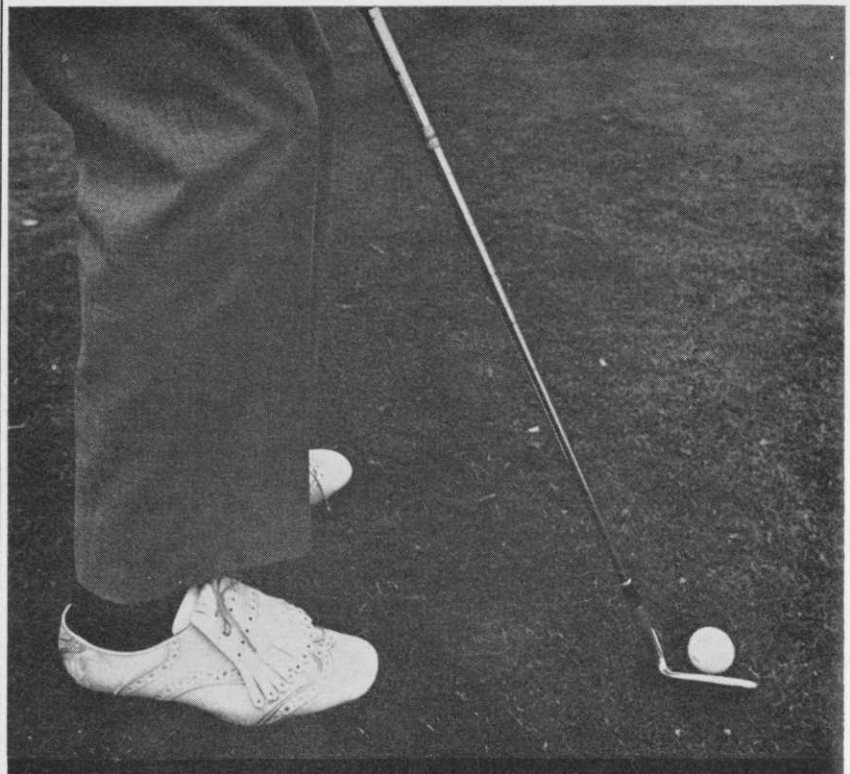
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turf was also required; these different conditions need other characteristics such as drought tolerance and resistance to red thread disease. We already have a breeding programme under way to produce a variety to fulfil these requirements. Furthermore, we are continually collecting, selecting and testing new plant material as a means to produce new varieties which show improvements on those in use today. Thus for many years to come we shall continue to make playing conditions better and turf management easier.

The British Golf Greenkeeper's Association

**MINUTES OF THE
EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING
HELD AT THE ENGLISH SPEAKING UNION**

19th May, 1973

TWELVE MEMBERS were present including the Chairman who took the chair for the meeting.

The Agenda for this meeting was the proposal for increases in subscription rates which had been made at the Executive Meeting held at Birmingham in March, 1973, and which necessitated a change of rules. Views of this proposition were discussed at some length by the representative members of various sections, some of which were in full agreement with the proposals, and others were of the view that they should be modified to some extent, particularly with regard to the proposed increases for Honorary Members, as it was felt this could possibly have a detrimental effect on this form of membership.

Another point which was discussed at some length was the proposed increase in Entrance Fee from 15p. to 50% of the subscription. Here, again, it was thought possible that this large increase could possibly affect membership of the Association and Mr Heeles proposed an amendment to the original proposition that the increased rates, as suggested for Classes A. B. C and D, should be accepted but that there should be no charge in Class E membership. Also that the Entrance Fee should be increased to 50p and not 50% of the subscription. A vote was taken on this amendment which was passed by a majority of seven for and three against, with one abstention.

The Chairman then agreed that the rates should be adjusted according to the amendment and the Hon. Secretary was asked to publish these figures to operate from 1st May, 1973.

There being nothing further to discuss the meeting was closed with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

NOTE

The wage scale recommendations printed in the May issue of the Journal should read *Minimum* per annum.

Editor

Letter to the Editor

Little Whinell
Crowborough Sussex
TN6 3ST
18th May, 1973

Dear Sir,

I am sorry to have upset Mr Wright, Greens Convener at Downfield, G.C. I can only plead that on television it did look artificial. Now that I know, I withdraw that accusation wholly.

If, indeed, it was an accusation. If Mr. Wright will read that article again he will see that I suggested it made a good hole, calling for thought. The sight of that lake led me to think on water bunkers and write a *general* article on that subject. The piece is not entirely devoted to the Downfield G.C.

Mr Wright suggests that the Swilcan Burn, with its concrete banks bears more of man's stamp than his pond. May I, in all humility, suggest that the Swilcan was there many years before concrete was invented.

Were I younger and still active, I would give much to visit Downfield and have to make up my mind whether to go for the carry at the 11th, or play short. The test of a good hole.

By coincidence, the Head Greenkeeper at my home club is named Wright!

Yours truly,
Patrick Smartt



Some of the representatives from 20 golf clubs in the Guildford area watching a ride-on triplex greensmower being put through its paces at Bramley Golf Club.

News



from the Sections

Special occasions

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| July | 18 | Sheffield Section Annual Tournament |
| | 23 | Midland Section A.G.M. and Summer Cup |
| Aug | 13 | } B.G.G.A. Annual Tournament |
| | 14 | |
| | 15 | |
| Sept | 5 | Southern Section Autumn Tournament |
| | 12 | Welsh Section Autumn Tournament |
| | 13 | Midland Section Autumn Tournament |
| | 18 | North East Section Autumn Tournament |
| | 30 | Southern Section Trip to Bingley |
| Oct | 3 | Midland Section Day Trip to Bingley |
| | 10 | Southern Section Secretaries Match |

MIDLAND

Chairman:
G. HART
(Gay Hill)

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

Autumn Tournament

The Autumn Tournament will be held over 27 Holes at the Gayhill Golf Club on Thursday 13th September.

All entries should be sent direct to me by Saturday 1st September.

Autumn Day Trip

A coach trip has been arranged for Wednesday 3rd October, to the Sports Turf Research Institute, Bingley, followed by a visit to the new Moorallerton Golf Course, Leeds, for a conducted tour of the Course by Mr. Colin Geddes, Head-Greenkeeper.

Arrangements are as follows:

Coach to pick up at Bingley Hall, Birmingham at 7.0 a.m. prompt (good Car Park)

Arrive at Bingley, St. Ives, 10.30 a.m. (Coffee and biscuits)

Lunch at Research Institute at 1.0 p.m.

(Soup, steak pie, potatoes, 2 veg, choice of sweet, coffee, 75p)

After lunch, visit Moorallerton Golf Club, arrive 2.45 p.m.

Tea will be taken before departure from Leeds.

Will all members wishing to go on this trip, please let me have their names by 13th September.

Winter Programme

Please note the following dates for Winter Lectures:

Dec 3 Lecture to be arranged

1974

Jan 15 Lecture and Film Show at Kidderminster Golf Club at 2.0 p.m. by Flymo Institutional

Feb 19 Lecture on Golf Course Construction; further details in later Journal.

President's Match at Handsworth

The result of the Annual Match against Mr. Bretherton's Team, held at Handsworth Golf Club on Thursday, 14th June, is given overleaf.

A beautiful summer evening made this very good fixture really enjoyable. The course was, as we have come to expect it, in fine condition and all the tributes to Vic Smith and the Green staff were well deserved.

The match was followed by an excellent supper, and it is to Mr. Bretherton that all players were truly grateful. Mr. D. Mansell, Club-Captain, welcomed everyone to Handsworth and proposed the Loyal Toast.

Mr. H. Walsh, Association Chairman, thanked Mr. Bretherton for his services to the Greenkeepers' Association for so many years. Mr. Bretherton announced the result of the match in which his team won by 9 to 6. He said how pleased he was that everyone had enjoyed their evening.

George Hart, Section Chairman, thanked Mr. Bretherton and his players for a grand

game and pointed out the score, suggesting that the Greenkeepers were doing better every year. Mr. Bill Dudley-Evans, speaking for the President's Team, thanked the Greenkeepers for their efforts in work and play, and Mr.

Bretherton and the Handsworth Golf Club for making the fixture possible for so many years.

Finally, a warm 'thank you' to Mr. Bate, Competition Secretary, for making many arrangements for this Match.

President's Team

1	E. Moggs Wright + T. Hodgetts	
2	T. Phillips + D. Mansell	
3	H. J. F. Mitchell + S. Allen (2+1)	
4	R. Ramsden + R. Parker	
5	F. R. Hignell + E. Fiddian (3+2)	
6	R. N. Smith + C. C. Moore	
7	J. Murphy + D. Davies (7+6)	
8	R. Daniel + K. M. Wall	
9	J. W. Jackson + E. Ballinger (2 up)	
10	R. Kirkby + R. Pilsbury (7+6)	
11	R. Whittington + W. Dudley Evans (6+5)	1
12	W. Hartley + W. Heath	0
13	D. J. Moore + T. Podmore (4+3)	1
14	D. McAllister + J. W. Butler (5+4)	1
15	D. McColl + J. T. Shaw (4+2)	1

RESULT 9

Greenkeeper's

0	W. Marnock + A. Kite (4+3)	1
0	R. Goodwin + J. Hughes (3+2)	1
1	V. Smith + H. Lewis	0
0	D. Haynes + T. Morris (2 up)	1
1	E. Benbow + B. Ashby	0
0	J. Bevan + B. Lowe (3+1)	1
1	E. Thomas + F. Ashby	0
0	A. Boraston + G. Bunting (4+2)	1
1	H. Walsh + G. Hart	0
1	M. Bladon + H. Drewitt	0
1	W. Boyce + D. Shortley	0
0	G. Smith + M. Hudson (5+4)	1
1	A. Jamieson + R. Chandler	0
1	W. Trevor + P. Johnson	0
1	T. Jones + J. Boffy	0

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SOUTHERN

Chairman:
C. A. MOORE
(Stanmore)

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

A.G.M. 18-Hole Medal

Details of the 18-Hole Medal played at the Hendon Golf Club on Wednesday, 6th June, are as follows:

1	A. Morton (West Byfleet)
2	R. Lance (Surbiton)
3	W. Wilkinson (Old Fold)
4	S. Kilby (Old Fold)
5	T. Price (Whitewebbs)
6	R. Johnson (Effingham)
7	G. Payne (Maidenhead)
8	R. Peters (Bush Hill Park)
9	C. Mitchell (Maidenhead)
10	M. C. Owen (Roehampton)
11	P. Whitehead (Shooters Hill)
12	M. Claydon (Beaconsfield)

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	70	Coffee Set
	71	Cheese Dish
	71	After Shave
	73	Glass Set

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Class F Members

We were all delighted to have with us on the occasion of our A.G.M. the following Honorary Life Members: Tom Mason, Bill Mason, Jim Rosier, Stan Morton and Jimmy Ness.

A.G.M.

The following are details of the A.G.M. held at the Hendon Golf Club on Wednesday 6th June 1973.

Before asking the Secretary to read the Minutes of the last A.G.M., the President

called for all Members to stand in memory of Bert Dixon, Wally Drewitt and Jock Drummond.

The Minutes were then read and signed as correct. The Secretary and Treasurer reported the Section and Benevolent Fund Accounts in a very healthy state and after the Balance Sheets had been scrutinised by all Members present, they were adopted on the proposal of D. H. Major, seconded by S. Morton.

Election of Officers

President: Jack Wallis-Arthur

Vice-Presidents: D. M. Craig, F. W. Hawtree, G. P. Simpson, S. Field, K. J. Hemingway, F. Brittan, P. A. Marshall, C. Diebel, K. Thomas, V. L. Waeland, J. M. Thomas and J. Varney

Chairman: F. W. Ford

Vice-Chairman: D. H. Major

Committee: D. H. Major, P. Moore, J. Kirkpatrick, C. E. Ryan, D. S. Gould, W. Machin, R. Tempest and J. Sargeant.

Executive Representative: D. H. Major

Hon. Secretary and Treasurer: F. W. Ford

It was decided to change the venue for the 1974 A.G.M., and to make an all-out effort in the search for larger lecture rooms. Philip Marshall informed the meeting that there would be a coach laid on for the International Golf Tournament; details will appear in a later issue of Journal.

The Chairman called for a vote of thanks to the President and the meeting closed.

Autumn Tournament

The Autumn Tournament this year will be played at the Langley Park Golf Club, Barnfield, Wood Road, Beckenham, Kent – nearest Station, West Wickham (½ mile), on Wednesday 5th September 1973.

For the benefit of new members, the competition will be a 36-hole Stableford – 4 Ball better ball A.M. and a Greensome P.M. Partners *must* be a member of their own Club. Members wishing to play should write to me stating NAME, PARTNER'S NAME, CLUB AND HANDICAPS, in Block Letters. Closing date Monday, 20th August.

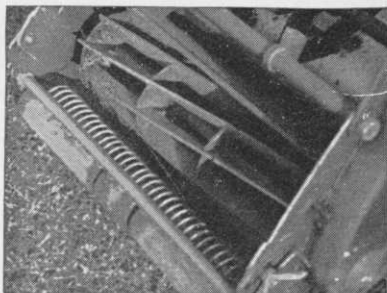
New Members

A warm welcome to the following new Members:

- F. C. Stroud (Herne Bay)
- P. Manning (West Essex)
- J. F. R. Shipp (Thorpeness)
- D. C. Wash (Ipswich)
- V. Gant (Ipswich)
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Lectures

I am in the process of arranging for various speakers for this winter series of lectures and will inform members when list is complete.

Annual Trip

The venue is not decided as yet, date probably in November.

Autumn Tournament

The venue will be published in the next issue of the Journal.

Annual Draw

Please let me have moneys and counterfoils by the date on the tickets and please make cheques and P.O.s out to the B.G.G.A. and not to me.

Subscriptions

Subscriptions are now due, please send to our Treasurer, Mr. R. Janovskis, 303 Moorside Road, Swinton, Manchester, M27 3PN, who will be very pleased to receive them.

NORTHERN

Chairman:
J. SCOTT
Wetherby Golf Club

By Walter Heeles
Hon. Sec.
7 Tentergate Close,
Knaresborough, Yorks
HG5 9BJ

The Annual Spring Tournament of the Section took place at the Bradford Golf Club, Hawksworth, Guiseley, Leeds on the 30th May.

On behalf of the Members of the Northern Section of the B.G.G. Association who took part in the Tournament, I would like to say thank you to the Committee and Members of the Bradford Golf Club for letting us have the courtesy of the Course and Clubhouse for the day, also to Mr. Ralph Smith and his staff for

the excellent condition of the Course and the Steward and Stewardess for the way they looked after us. Also a very big thank you to all the Traders who donated the many Prizes.

Many thanks to the following firms who donated prizes – Bradford Golf Club, Ransomes, Simms & Jefferies, Aspera Motors, Flymo, County Mowers, Cannock Fertilisers, Hayters, Chaplins, Pattisons, Wolf, M. A. Wardman, Farrods, Rigby Taylors, Metcalfs.

Our thanks to Mr. and Mrs. J. Mawson for taking over the organisation of the score cards and issuing the meal tickets. (Thanks Jeff you did a good job).

Winners of the Spring Tournament

		a.m.	p.m.	
Scratch Trophy	D. Ward	79— 5 =74	77—5 =72	Best Gross 156
1st Div. 1st Prize	D. Spurden	81— 9 =72	81— 9 =72	Best Nett 144
1st Div. 2nd Prize	E. Paley	86—12 =74	83—12 =71	Best Nett 145
1st Div. 3rd Prize	D. Roberts	81— 9 =72	84— 9 =75	Best Nett 147
2nd Div. 1st Prize	J. Storey	88—16 =72	87—16 =71	Best Nett 143
2nd Div. 2nd Prize	H. Marshall	97—19 =78	86—19 =67	Best Nett 145
2nd Div. 3rd Prize	G. Brayshaw	97—24 =73	97—24 =73	Best Nett 146
2nd Div. 4th Prize	C. Garnett	94—18 =76	92—18 =74	Best Nett 150
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2nd Div. 5th Prize	J. Redhead	88—17 =71	97—18 =79	Best Nett 150
Vice Presidents' Prize				
1st Prize	E. J. Turner	78— 5 =73	76— 5 =71	Best Nett 144
2nd Prize	R. Dodd	84— 8 =76	80— 8 =72	Best Nett 148

Vice Presidents' 18 Hole Afternoon Competition

Winner: W. Mountain Highest Score of the Day – B. Umpleby

Following the prize giving, the Annual General Meeting of the Section took place, approximately 42 members attended.

The following persons were elected to Office at the General Meeting.

President: W. Mountain

Chairman: J. Scott

V. Chairman: E. Paley

Sec. Treas.: W. Heeles

Executive Rep.: W. Heeles

Hon. Auditors: F. G. Smith, W. H. Bartle

Committee: R. Barnes, D. Roberts, C. Garnett, G. Bennison, D. Storey, H. Marshall, D. Hannam, R. V. Lambert.

Congratulations

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OBITUARY

It is with deep regret that we record the death of Mr. John Parker, our Superintendent of Grounds, on 28th May at the early age of 59. Mr. Parker had suffered a minor heart attack about a fortnight previously, from which he was apparently making a good recovery in hospital, when he had a further, and fatal, attack. John Parker was a native of Bingley and an old boy of its Grammar School. He first joined the ground staff before the last war—in which he was later to serve—and then left to take up greenkeeping; for many years he was Head Greenkeeper of the Nevill Golf Club at Tunbridge Wells in Kent. He re-joined the Institute's staff in 1958 as Assistant-Superintendent of Grounds and upon the retirement of Mr. F. G. Smith at the of 1962 succeeded him as Superintendent. For many years he was Honorary Secretary/Treasurer of the B.G.G.A. Northern Section. He will be sadly missed by all who knew him but most of all by his widow, to whom we extend our deepest sympathy.

From STRI Bulletin.



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