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# Tee Shots

The additional nine holes at Burnham and Berrow have so delighted the Club that there is now talk of extending these holes to 18. Work started on nine holes in April and the greens, tees, and fairways have now been sown. The holes, like their ancestors just alongside, have been built out of the sand dunes, in amongst buckthorn and reeds. Huge quantities of clay soil and peat have had to be incorporated with the sand to form a moisture-retaining soil.

It is customary nowadays to get through the construction work on new golf courses in one season, starting in April and sowing in September. The programme frequently becomes rushed and is all too dependent on those dreams of long hot summer days. The lessons of starting early are clear from some of the courses which are nearing completion this Autumn.

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Next month we print the first of a series of talks which were delivered at the First British Turfgrass Symposium last October. In time we hope to produce the whole of the Symposium Proceedings in a single volume.



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*by D. H. Gooding Technical Director Synchemicals*

For many years Synchemicals have marketed a range of products based on Maleic Hydrazide, a compound possessing certain growth inhibitory as well as herbicidal properties and widely used in Amenity Horticulture as a labour saving alternative to many routine maintenance operations.

These materials have many applications in modern golf course management, their main uses being as follows.

(a) To inhibit the growth of grass and thus reduce the frequency of cutting grassland areas where normal mowing is either impractical or undesirable. Steep banks, areas planted up with young trees, verges and areas of rough are all costly in both man hours and expense, requiring to be cut either by hand or with the smaller type mowing machines.

(b) To retard the growth of certain hedge plants such as Privet, Quickthorn and Pyracantha and thereby reduce the amount of trimming normally required.

(c) To reduce the amount of sucker growth on established trees improving the appearance of specimen trees and at the same time avoiding a build-up of low-level vegetation.

(d) A new development whereby Maleic Hydrazide has been found effective in preventing the fruit set on certain ornamental trees. Trials and

commercial sprayings during this last season have shown that Horse Chestnuts, Gingko, Catalpa and Ash when sprayed during the flowering season have been successfully defruited. This has resulted especially with horse chestnuts in a great reduction in damage, no conkers being present in the Autumn.

Modern formulations of these growth regulators especially the introduction of weather-proofed or rainfast preparations have made treatments using Maleic Hydrazide far more reliable but it is important that the recommendations for use are carefully followed if the best results are to be obtained.

## **(1) As a Grass Growth Regulator**

Spring treatment will inhibit the growth of grasses for up to 12 weeks and often longer after application whilst Autumn treatment will delay the start of growth for up to half this time at the beginning of the following season. Grass at the time of spraying should be up to 4-6 inches high and in an active state of growth, maleic hydrazide takes some 10 days to become fully effective and some further growth after spraying will occur. If treatment has been delayed the grass can be cut first and spraying carried out when the grass has recommenced growth.

High volume is recommended using a minimum of 40/50 gallons of water per acre, spraying carried out using cone type nozzles with the spray boom at a height of 15/18in. above the foliage.

In practice best results are obtained from the spring application (mid March/May) shortly after the grass has commenced to grow, and for areas where two applications per year are recommended a second spray 8/10 weeks later will then keep the grass retarded for the rest of the season.

Maleic Hydrazide although retarding some broad-leaved weed species, e.g. Cow Parsley and Hogweed, has little effect upon most broad-leaved weeds and for their effective control the addition of a selective weedkiller is necessary.

Application should always be made when the grass is in an active state of growth and spraying avoided during periods of drought. Rainfall within 24 hours of spraying will reduce the efficiency of treatment although the

Prepared spray although normally applied by tractor-mounted equipment can be applied using a Knapsack Sprayer to treat small areas or plots where tractor access is not possible. Coarse jets should be used and equipment calibrated to spray a minimum of 1 gallon of prepared spray per 100 sq. yds.

When preparing the concentrate for spraying the spray tank should be first half filled with water to which should be added the required amount of concentrate. This should be well mixed and if a selective weedkiller is also being used, this added in the same way. The concentrates added the spray tank should then be filled to the final required level and agitated or stirred thoroughly before spraying is commenced.

#### RATES OF APPLICATION PER ACRE

Size	Time of Application	Mazide	Mazide 36 or Mazide 3600	Mazide Selective
Areas of rough single application per annum, normally with selective weed killer	Mid March/ May	2 galls. Mazide plus, if required, 5 pts. Syford or 4 pts. Forester	1½ galls. Mazide 36 if required 5 pts. Syford or 4 pts. Forester	2½ galls. Mazide Selective
Tree plantings* Grass verges, bankings, etc. First spray normally with selective weed killer combined	Mid March/ May	10 pts. Mazide plus is required 5 pts. Syford or 4 pts. Forester	1 gall. Mazide 36 plus if required 5 pts. Syford or 4 pts. Forester	2 galls. Mazide Selective
Second spray: Grass regulator only	8/10 weeks after first treatment	10 pts. Mazide	1 gall. Mazide 36	1 gall. Mazide 36 or 8/10 pts. Mazide

\* Areas planted with young trees, care should be taken if a selective weedkiller is to be added to the maleic hydrazide.

use of Mazide 3600 to which a special sticker has been added will greatly reduce the effects of adverse weather conditions. Ideally spraying should be carried out when the grass foliage is dry and the applied chemical able to dry before rain is expected.

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### (3) Application to Prevent Sucker Growth

Existing sucker growth should be removed and the prepared spray either brushed on or applied as a coarse spray. All the bark should be thoroughly wetted to the point of

run-off. Treatment is best carried out from March to May and because of the slow absorption of Maleic Hydrazide the use of Mazide 3600 is recommended. The dilute spray is prepared at the rate of 1½ pints Mazide 3600 to 1 gallon of water, a gallon of the prepared spray being sufficient to treat 80 sq. yds. of bark surface.

### (4) Application to Prevent Fruit Set on Ornamental Trees

Here tentative recommendations used successfully during this season involved the use of 4 pts. Mazide or 3 pts. Mazide in 20 gallons of water, the prepared spray being applied as an overall mist spray during the flowering period.

The value of growth regulators in Amenity Horticulture is now generally accepted but as with all chemicals their value in practice depends on them being properly applied at the correct rate, and at the correct time of the year and when the weather conditions are suitable.

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# Blots

Patrick Smartt

Like many an escutcheon, golf score cards have blots on them. There are two columns of respectable figures, spoiled when there stands out like some painful boil an 8 or more.

It is illusory to suppose that the player with a medium or long handicap plays every hole poorly. He will to his pleasure have a good hole here and there. The improbable is part and parcel of golf, so one must assume that some 18 handicap player has scored exactly one stroke over the S.S.S. at every hole in the round. Though I must take leave to doubt it.

There is, however, displayed in the Club House of The Royal Ashdown Golf Club a card showing a total of 72, each hole accomplished in 4. The player was Bobby Locke, then an amateur. No blots, though he may have considered failure to get 3s at the short holes as such. Personal standards differ.

It is interesting to speculate on those disastrous holes that suddenly assail the golfer. In the days when it was my duty to check score cards, I made a point of ringing any outrageous figure at a hole on the card of a young and improving golfer, or an already established one. My purpose being to emphasise to the handicapping committee that it could be disregarded in assessing the player's ability, as being 'one of those things'.

The causes of these sudden reverses are manifold. It is not uncommon to hear a player stating that he hates a certain hole: 'Can't play it.' Many years ago the press (and biographers)

had a splendid time with what they called 'Bobby Jones' ghost hole'. It is a matter of confidence, and that hole can be conquered if instead of grouching about it, the victim went out and played it over and over again. He will master it, and arrive at the stage: 'Fear knocked at the door. Faith opened it . . . and there was no one there'. My goodness me, how that creed can be applied to every stroke in the game—perhaps above all to putting.

Disasters are governed to a large extent by the nature of the course or links. Despite a picture, still vivid in the mind's eye, of Lee Trevino in the scrub on the summit of a sand dune at the 71st hole at Royal Birkdale, I venture to suggest that, in general, recovery strokes offer themselves more frequently on links. They are more open, and there is room to swing the club. Tree-lined courses, provided the ball is not cupped in the roots, pose a problem. The chance of playing through them, or chipping sideways on to the fairway. The latter method will reduce the likelihood of 8s or double figures.

Lush grass rough (barbered nowadays) on park courses, detracts from any chance of a long shot. Finally we come to the heath or common course. Gorse and heather, with which I am only too familiar—not to mention bracken—are the destroyers. It is true that the club can be swung in heather, less easily through the entwining grip of bracken, but in either instance it is difficult to get the club face sharply onto the ball.

Gorse is the ultimate in destruction. Unless golf's guardian angels are with us, it means three off the tee and four for the second if that has gone astray. The only difference between the scratch and the mediocre player being that the former will be nearer the green when playing either stroke.

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golfer because he has not loosened up. Nothing will induce him to arrive five minutes early, and spend them in swinging a club. There is no drudgery in it. If he is one of those who think such action means he is taking the game too seriously, that is his business. But he must not then grumble at a poor start.

That is but one reason why these horrors creep in. There are others. It suddenly dawns upon the competitor in the monthly medal that he is doing well. The immediate reaction is he starts to play cautiously; he tightens up and that is the end. There is the direct opposite, in particular with the better players. Everything is going beautifully, the sky is blue, the larks singing, and in his state of euphoria our golfer feels he could carry the church steeple a couple of miles away. Exuberance is his undoing, he gives the ball an 'unmerciful thrash' and it sails away into the deepest rough.

Fear, as has been suggested earlier, enters into this business. Between the teeing-ground and the green, or fairway, lies a deep ravine which could be carried with a No. 4 iron. The psychological effect upon the striker is to expand the carry by many yards. It makes no matter which club he takes, that ravine is in his mind . . . and that is where the ball finishes. A stream, or expansive bunker will evoke the same tension.

These blots on those infernal, but indisputable records on pieces of card-board are a matter for commiseration. But, in brutal fact, the inflammation can be reduced. In many, many instances after a wild stroke the golfer attempts too much in his recovery measures. A little thought given to the situation, a reasoned assessment of the probabilities, and **not** the dubious possibilities, can make a deal of difference.

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Toro (U.K.) Sales and Service, a new division of Flymo Ltd., will handle national distribution of the now well-established range of Toro institutional and commercial equipment and introduce a number of domestic mowers for the 1974 season. The new domestic mowers will complement the Toro rider mowers which have already had widespread acceptance in the U.K.

Shipment of the new domestic models has already been undertaken to ensure ex-stock delivery through selected retail outlets.

Toro (London) Sales and Service, has been created within Toro (U.K.) Sales and Service, further to develop the valuable contacts the company has built up with golf clubs and local authorities in the Home Counties.

Announcing the new marketing arrangements, Mr. Alan Bradley, General Manager of Flymo Ltd., said they will enable Flymo Ltd. to concentrate on further development of this new division and Mr. Bert Jennings becomes General Manager of Toro (U.K.) Sales and Service.

Mr. Bradley reported that a number of new appointments had been made in establishing the new marketing structure and it was encouraging that a number of other experienced company personnel had transferred to the new division.



The advertisement features a black and white photograph of an ATCO rider mower on a golf course. The mower is the central focus, with the brand name 'ATCO' visible on its fuel tank and the large front roller. In the background, a person is seen walking on the grass. To the left of the mower is a royal warrant logo, which includes the text: 'By Appointment to Her Majesty the Queen Manufacturers of Motor Mowers Charles H. Pugh Ltd. Birmingham'. To the right of the mower, the slogan 'It takes one professional' is written in a large, bold, sans-serif font.

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Peterborough's first public golf course, which is being designed by professionals Peter Alliss and Dave Thomas for Peterborough Development Corporation, will be about 6,289 yards long and have a par of 71.

The course is now taking shape at Thorpe Wood on the west side of Peterborough, as part of the development of a 2,000-acre park.

Thorpe Wood course will have a clubhouse incorporating squash courts, professional's shop, steward's flat, changing room and showers, with a large bar and restaurant overlooking the course. The first and tenth tees will both be next to the clubhouse.

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The Annual General Meeting would be held in London near Victoria Station on Saturday afternoon, 10th August before departing.

Do please apply soon as there are a lot of arrangements to be made.

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### 1974

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Gatwick Station Arr. 20.14

*Flight BR 493*

Gatwick Airport Dep. 20.35

Le Touquet Airport Arr. 21.10

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*Motor coach transfer to Hotel*

#### Sunday, 11th August to

#### Tuesday, 13th August

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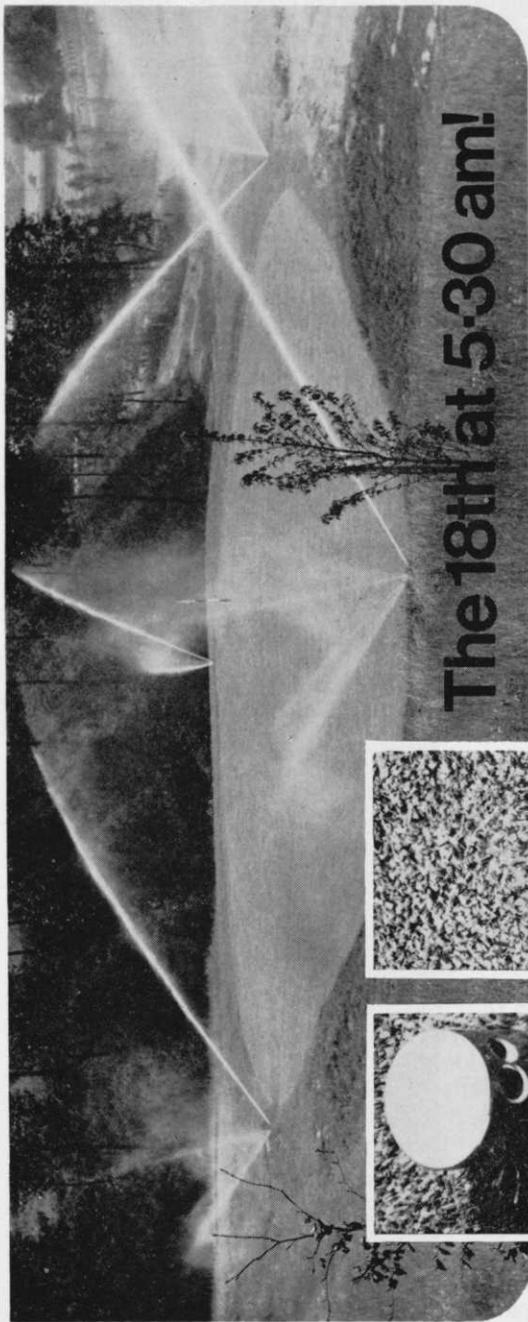
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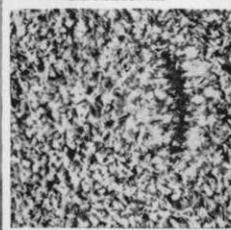
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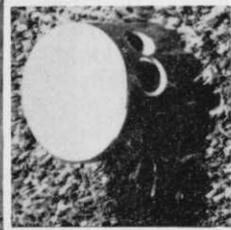
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## 1974

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## North East

*Chairman:*  
 MR. J. SIMPSON

*Hon. Secretary:*  
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 Durham

## Autumn Tournament

Our Autumn Tournament was held on Tuesday, 18th September at the Gosforth Golf Club, by kind permission of their Captain and Committee.

## RESULTS

The best Scratch Score over 27 holes—K. Barrs 110 (Ravenworth). Joseph Miller Salver and Table Lighter.

The Ransomes Cup and Ransomes Watch was won by Mr. G. Thompson (Goswick) for the best nett score of 103.

2nd B. Wilson (Stocksfield G.C.)	106½
Blanket	
3rd G. Grainger (Durham City G.C.)	106½
Pair Sheets	
4th B. Skipper (Eaglescliffe G.C.)	108
Travelling Clock	
5th T. Nutman (Tynemouth G.C.)	109
Bed-spread	
Mr. Nutman also won the Jack Wroath Trophy for the over 55 years of age.	
6th C. Baxter (Whitburn G.C.)	111
Casserole	
7th T. McDonald (Durham City G.C.)	111
Cigarette Lighter	
8th J. Carrs (Dunstanburgh Castle G.C.)	111
Frying Pan	
9th J. Richardson (Stocksfield G.C.)	112½
Alarm Clock	
10th G. Gainford (City Newcastle G.C.)	114
Holdall	
11th T. Oliver (Vice-President)	120
Box Towels	
12th S. Pope (Tyneside G.C.)	121½
Table Lamp	

Our Chairman, J. Simpson, thanked the Committee of Gosforth for the courtesy of the course and clubhouse. He then introduced the Secretary and Vice-Captain of the Club, who kindly consented to present the prizes and say a few words on our behalf. Mr. May the vice-captain who presented the prizes, said how pleased he was to see such a good prize table and hoped that we all had had a good day and invited the Section back to Gosforth any time.

Our Chairman thanked the Steward and Staff for the meals, and Mike Runnacles and his Staff for the very good condition of the course. Our thanks also to the members of the trade and golf clubs who kindly contributed to our prize list.

We welcome to the Section W. F. Holden of Warkworth Golf Club and hope his association will be a happy one.

## Midland

*Hon. Secretary:*  
 R. GOODWIN

*Chairman:* 2, Greenkeepers Cottage,  
 Ashridge Golf Club,  
 Ashridge Park,  
 Berkhamstead, Herts.

## Trip to Bingley

The coach trip to the Sports Turf

Research Institute, Bingley, followed by a visit to the new Moor Allerton Golf Course, Leeds, turned out to be a very successful venture.

The conducted tour of the Research grounds by Mr. Woodhouse and Mr. Bartle we found most interesting as they pointed out various projects on which the Station are now working. One of the many interesting points arising was the attempt to grow grasses which keep their colour throughout the four seasons. The tour was concluded by a short demonstration of a couple of the latest scarifying machines, followed by a most enjoyable lunch at the Mansion.

From there we travelled to Moor Allerton Golf Club where we were met by Mr. Colin Geddes, Course Superintendent who, after showing us the very latest equipment, which included the new bunker raking machine by Toro, took us on a conducted tour of the Course.

Moor Allerton is without a shadow of doubt, a very fine golf course, layout being both bold and imaginative, an outstanding example by the American Architect, Trent Jones.

I would like to thank Colin for showing us over the course and congratulate him on his efforts.

We had light refreshments in a Clubhouse which matched the course in every way. May we thank the Committee of Moor Allerton Golf Club, for granting us the facilities of the Clubhouse and Course, and arriving back in Birmingham at 10 p.m. we all felt it had been a successful outing.

### January Lecture

There will be a Lecture and Film Show on Tuesday, 15th January, 1974 at Kidderminster Golf Club, 2 p.m. This will be given by Flymo Institutional Division, on Toro Equipment and the film will illustrate up-to-date Greenkeeping methods.

### New Address

Will members please note my new

address:—

2 Greenkeepers Cottage,  
Ashridge Golf Club,  
Ashridge Park, Berkhamsted, Herts.  
(R. Goodwin)

## East Midlands

*Chairman:*  
J. CARRICK

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

The Annual Autumn Golf Tournament was held at Kirby Muxloe Golf Club, on Wednesday, 3rd October, 1973. There was a very good entry. Our thanks to the Captain and Committee for the courtesy of the Course, also to the outside staff and inside staff. The Course was in excellent condition. Our thanks to D. Whitehead for obtaining the prizes, also our thanks to the following for prizes:—

H. Patisson & Co. Ltd., Cannock Fertilisers, Tilcon Ltd., and Sutton & Co., Super Turf.

Prize-winners were as follows:—

### GREENKEEPERS

- 1st G. Darby (Birstall)
- 2nd A. Shaw (Radcliffe-on-Trent)
- 3rd G. Arnold (Erewash)
- 4th B. Mott (Kettering)
- 5th R. Spurr (Erewash)
- 6th M. Lake (Northampton County)
- 7th D. Jack (Leicestershire)
- 8th J. Carrick (Northampton County)
- 9th D. Bagshaw (Stanton-on-the-Wolds)
- 10th S. McNeice (non-Member)

## Lecture

A lecture given by Cannock Fertilisers was held at The Three Nuns Hotel, Loughborough, on 15th October, 1973. There was a good attendance.

## Forthcoming Attractions

### Quiz.

Film Show by Ransomes.

Spring Golf Tournament, 1974 will be held at Longcliffe Golf Club, Loughborough on Wednesday, 15th May, 1974.

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### Greenkeepers versus Secretaries at Berkshire

I am happy to report that we had a very fine day for the above match and that the Challenge Trophy is back on my sideboard following a convincing win by the Southern Section team.

The morning foursomes on the Red Course gave us a three-point lead which was maintained by a Half on the Blue Course in the afternoon singles.

Fergus Pearce is to be congratulated on choice of venue; it was a pleasure to play in such beautiful surroundings on such excellent golf courses.

Many thanks to Charles Moore for coming in to make up the team at such short notice.

a.m.		p.m.
	A. Millar (Denham)	0
1	K. Eastwood (Durham Park)	0
	R. Tempest (Darent Valley)	0
1	B. Payne (Burnham Beeches)	1
	G. S. Payne (Maidenhead)	0
½	R. Lance (Surbiton)	1
	D. H. Major (Betchworth Park)	1
1	R. Plain (Beaconsfield)	1
	W. F. Machin (Addington Court)	1
1	D. S. Gould (Langley Park)	0
	F. W. Ford (South Herts)	0
0	C. A. Moore (Stanmore)	1
—		—
4½		6
—		—
a.m.		p.m.
	W. E. McCrea (Walton Heath)	1
0	C. Haworth (I.o.W. G.U.)	1
	J. Crowther (Hallanshire)	1
0	J. R. Marshall (North Hants.)	0
	A. J. Acres (Stoke Poges)	1
½	L. Griffiths (Sandy Lodge)	0
	J. Johnson (Basingstoke)	0
0	A. R. Bird (Basingstoke)	0
	J. C. Willcock (Saltford)	0
0	J. Adair (Unattached)	1
	N. H. Russell (Little Aston)	1
1	F. A. Peace (A.G.G.S.)	0
—		—
1½		6
—		—

RESULT: GREENKEEPERS 10½  
SECRETARIES 7½

### New Members

A warm welcome to the following new members whose names are listed below:—

S. A. Barrett (Hainult Forest)  
R. T. Heaslip (Hainult Forest)

W. A. Moreton (Ashridge)  
K. Moore (Muswell Hill)  
A. M. Turpin (Salisbury)  
V. J. Thatcher (Orsett)

## Northern

Chairman:  
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Hon. Secretary:  
WALTER HEELES  
7 Tentergate Close,  
Knaresborough, Yorks  
HG5 9BJ

### Autumn Tournament

The Autumn Tournament of the Section took place at the Scarborough Golf Club, Northcliff on Thursday, 25th October, 1973. Our thanks are due to the Captain, Committee and Members of the Golf Club for allowing us the courtesy of the course and the Clubhouse for the day. Also many thanks to the inside and outside staff for all the hard work that had been put into making this a successful day. I dare not sign off without saying a big thank you to my wife and Mrs. Jeff Mawson for taking good care of the Score cards and the Entry fees. Thank you, girls.

#### The Prize-winners were:

Scratch Prize—D. Ward (Harrrogate G.C.)  
1st Div. 1st Prize—J. Goddard (Gotts Park G.C.)  
2nd Prize—J. Fairhurst (Lincoln G.C.)  
2nd Div. 1st Prize—R. Lambert (Wetherby G.C.)  
2nd Prize—D. Sellers (Scarborough G.C.)  
Vice-Pres. Prize—G. Vaughan, winner on last 9  
J. Turner

### Winter Lectures

The first of the Winter Lectures was held at the Moor Allerton Golf Club on Thursday, 1st November. It took the form of a General Discussion, the theme was "Anything Goes" and it did. The two main topics were the poor educational facilities, and the status of the Golf Greenkeeper. If any members have anything to say regarding these two subjects, please write and let me know. DON'T FORGET, WE WANT YOUR COMMENTS.

### Future Events

Lecture 29th November by Hayters.  
Annual Dinner, 7th December at the Scarcroft Golf Club.

The President and Committee wish all Members a very Happy Christmas.

## North West

<i>Chairman:</i>	<i>Hon. Secretary:</i>
O. P. JONES, Bramhall Golf Club	H. M. WALSH Horrobin Cottage, Old Links Golf Club, Montserrat, Bolton, Lancs.

### Autumn Tournament

Our thanks are due to the Captain and Council of Bramhall Park Golf Club for their kindness in granting us the courtesy of their course and facilities of the Clubhouse on the occasion of our Autumn Tournament on the 23rd October. Our thanks also to all prize donors both individual, and from our friends in the trade, to Mr. Wilson, the Head-Greenkeeper and his staff for the excellent condition of the course, to Mrs. Birch for the excellent meals, to Messrs. Wyatt and Vaughan for their very valuable help with the score cards and monies. Our special thanks to the President of Bramhall Park for presenting the prizes in the evening and for the very warm welcome he extended to us on behalf of the Captain and members of the Club.

Thank you all once again.

#### Prize-winners (over 27 holes):

Scratch Prize	E. Walsh	106	
1st Nett	E. Walsh	104½	
2nd "	F. Fletcher	106	
3rd "	J. Robinson	106½	
4th "	R. Janovskis	107½	
5th "	R. Lewis	109	
6th "	J. Gillett	109½	
7th "	P. Chapman	110½	
8th "	H. W. Williams	113½	
9th "	H. M. Walsh	114	C.P.O.
10th "	R. Bruckshaw	114	
11th "	T. M. Holmes	114½	
12th "	R. Vickers	117	C.P.O.
13th "	K. M. Greenwood	117	

Visitors' Prize: D. Large over 18 holes, 71 Nett. Over 50's: R. Lewis, 109 for 27 holes. Prize for best aggregate over the last three competitions, total 81 holes = 326½ — E. Walsh. Prize for best aggregate over the Spring and Autumn Competitions 1973 — E. Walsh, 215 over 54 holes.

### Lectures

The first of our current series of winter talks was given by T. L. Hewitt of the Langton Service Branch of Charles H. Pugh (Atco) who gave us a very interesting talk on the Tecumet engine, for which we thank him, and also for the refreshments both liquid and solid provided. Thank you, Les.

Our December talk will be given by Mr. J. Cogan of Flymo on the 10th December, and the January talk by 'SISJ' on the 13th January, 1974.

### New Members

We welcome to the Section the following new members and hope their association with us will be long and happy.

- J. Troughear, Denton Golf Club,  
A. Bosward, Barrow Golf Club,  
C. John, Barrow Golf Club, Barrow,  
J. D. Costain, Peel Golf Club, Peel,  
C. Lunt, Eaton Golf Club, Chester,  
P. T. Jackson, Warrington Golf Club, Appleton, Ches.  
A. H. Wilson, Bramhall Park Golf Club, Bramhall, Ches.

### Season's Greetings

I would like, on behalf of the members of the North West Section, to wish a Very Happy Christmas and really Good New Year, to our President, the Editor, Hon. Secretary, and Greenkeepers everywhere at home and abroad.

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# GREETINGS

## From the President

Best wishes to all members of the Association and I hope that 1974 will be a good year for the B.G.G.A.

Carl Bretherton



## From the Chairman

I wish all our members and their families a most enjoyable Christmas, with the best of luck and good fortune in the New Year.

I. Scoones



## From the Hon. Secretary

To every member of the Association I would like to extend my very best wishes for a Happy Christmas and a Bright and Prosperous New Year.

C. H. Dix



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