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SHEFFIELD SECTION

Chairman:
G. HERRINGTON
(Lindrick)

By H. Gillespie
Hon. Secretary/Treasurer:
63 Langsett Avenue,
Sheffield S6 4AA

Lecture

Without doubt the best attendance we have had for a very long time turned out to welcome

May 1973

Mr. F. W. Hawtree to Abbeydale Golf Club on 1st March.

Mr. Hawtree took for his subject, 'Golf Course Architecture' and some very interesting points were put forward and the question time raised the usual well thought-out problems and Mr. Hawtree dealt with these in his stride.

We were also pleased to see Mr. Dix, who had accompanied Mr. Hawtree, and hope he enjoyed his visit to Sheffield.

Outing

The outing to Cannock Fertilisers Ltd. is on Tuesday 12th June 1973, the coach will leave Harmer Lane (Pond Street Bus Station) at 9.30 am arriving at Cannock at approx. 11.45 am. Following lunch, the party will be split into small groups and tour the works; after light refreshment the coach will leave for the return journey to arrive in Sheffield at approx. 6.00 pm.

New Member

We welcome to the section H. Smith of APCM Bradwell and hope his association will be a happy one.

Cut grass and capital outlay.

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The following members have transferred clubs:

J. Waddoups has moved from Holme Hall, Scunthorpe, to The Wilderness Club, Kent.

K. B. Heaney has moved from Wath G.C. to Wortley G.C.

C. Hawke has joined the staff at Stocksbridge G.C.

NORTHERN

Chairman:
J. SCOTT
Wetherby Golf Club

By Walter Heeles
Hon. Sec.
7 Tentergate Close,
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February Lecture

An interesting slide show was given by one of our own Members, Mr. D. G. Hanman, at the Horsforth Golf Club on Thursday, 22nd February. This was extremely enjoyable and we look forward to seeing more of David's slides.

NORTH EAST

Chairman:
MR. J. SIMPSON

By G. Jeffries
Hon. Secretary:
55 Brackenfield Road,
Framwell Gate Moor
Durham

In Memoriam

It is with deep regret that I inform members of the death of Tom Auld who was once Head Greenkeeper of Ravensworth Golf Club before his retirement some years ago. Tom was also Chairman of this section for a number of years before our present Chairman, Mr. J. Simpson.

On behalf of all members in the section, I would like to extend our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Auld and relatives in their great loss.

Appointments

C. W. Maston, one of our members, formerly Head Greenkeeper of Billingham Sythonia Recreation Club, has taken over as Head Greenkeeper Supervisor, at Lullingstone Park, Swanley. We wish him every success in his new appointment.

SOUTHERN

Chairman:
C. A. MOORE
(Stanmore)

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

March Lecture

Despite the rail strike, a capacity crowd was

present at The George where the subject of Pop-Up Sprinkler Watering Systems was thoroughly discussed and enjoyed by all. Mr. G. Wilkins of Pipecraft Ltd. and Mr. J. Hine of Wright Rain, bringing with them some of their turf irrigation equipment and leaflets, had the answers to all our questions at question time.

Again, it was the usual argument for and against automatic watering but it was evident as the evening progressed that there are a lot of systems being installed on golf course greens, approaches and tees and, according to the speaker, enquiries on fairway irrigation have been received. I think the day is in sight when even Jock Glass will be switching on.

Mr. Wilkins drew out the winning ticket in the benevolent fund draw; the lucky man was W. Machin (Cheers) and the proceeds totalled £4.65.

Twenty minutes of projector slides of the 44th Turf Grass Conference and Show, laid on by Bert Jennings, concluded the evening for a few of us, who were mostly 'Boston Trippers and very nice' it was too! Well done Bert and may I take this opportunity to thank you for all you did on that Boston Trip.

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New Members

Welcome to the following new members and it hoped that they will be able to attend our future lectures and golf meetings. H. Tempest (Class E), H. C. Reeve (Bramley), N. Woolvet (Malden), A. K. Palmer (Reigate Heath), J. P. Morgan (Barnhurst), F. Weaver, F. Highams and D. T. Cutler, Effingham, R. C. Glanfield and G. M. Samme of the Darenth Valley Golf Club.

A.G.M.

The A.G.M. will take place on Wednesday, 6th June, at the Hendon Golf Club and will, as last year, be preceded by an 18 Hole Medal in the afternoon, The President's Cup is to be played for.

Approximate programme - 12 to 2 pm tea off; 4.30 - 6 pm high tea; 6.30 pm A.G.M.; 7.15 pm Prize presentation. Closing Date 21st May and the same rules apply as for the Spring Tournament.

NORTH-WEST

Chairman:
R. VICKERS,
Leigh Golf Club

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

Lectures

The last of this winter's series of lectures was given by Mr. Young of Chipman's Chemicals to whom we extend our thanks for the very good talk he gave our members on the new fertiliser Gold-N. I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all members for the very good support they have given all the speakers during this winter series of talks. Thank you gentlemen for making them a success.

New Members

We welcome to the section the following new members and hope their association with the section will be a happy one:

M. McArdle, Darwin Golf Club.
W. K. Harley, J. Phillips, Disley Golf Club.
S. Couch, Hesketh Golf Club.

MIDLAND

Chairman:
G. HART
(Gay Hill)

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

President's Match at Handsworth

The Annual Match against the President's team will take place at the Handsworth Golf Club on Thursday, 14th June.

I would be very pleased if greenkeepers would come early, say 3.30 pm, so that the match pairings can be arranged. I look forward to a very good evening and trust there will be a good number of greenkeepers turning out for this very fine fixture.

Lecture at Sutton Coldfield

There was a very good turn out of 50 for the February Lecture at Sutton Coldfield Golf Club on Wednesday afternoon, 21st February. Mr. R. L. Lewis, of Fison's Levington Research Station, gave a first class talk, and we are most grateful to Mr. Lewis for coming all the way to the Midlands, and to Malcolm Gee for his help in arranging the lecture. I would also like to thank the Captain and Members of the Sutton Coldfield Golf Club for allowing the greenkeepers the courtesy of the clubhouse and, in particular, Mr. Timson, Chairman of the Green, for making the arrangements.

Day Trip to Fords Tractors

Twenty eight members went on the day trip to Fords at Basildon on Tuesday, 6th March. A most interesting tour of the factory revealed

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the manufacture of tractors of all sizes from the first nut to the finished article. We are indebted to the management of Fords for this interesting excursion and our thanks to Mr. May, Sales representative to Reginald Tyldesley, Ford Agents, who arranged the trip.

New Members

We welcome to the section the following new members and look forward to seeing them at our future events:

- D. Poots, Head Greenkeeper at Maxstoke Park
- R. Jackson, First Assistant at Droitwich Golf and Country Club.
- S. Spence, Assistant at North Warwickshire Golf Club.
- W. L. Pithie, Apprentice Greenkeeper at Rugby Golf Club.
- T. Demosani and R. Morton Assistants at Coventry Golf Club, Finham.

EAST MIDLAND

Chairman:
G. DARBY

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

Autumn Golf Tournament

The Autumn Golf Tournament will be held at Kirby Muxloe Golf Club on Wednesday, 3rd October 1973. Further details to follow.

Quiz

A quiz was held at the Three Nuns Hotel, Loughborough, on Monday, 5th March. There was a very good attendance, with four teams taking part. Quiz Master was our President, Mr. R. Bailey. The result was a tie between two teams captained by Mr. W. Cole and Mr. G. Darby. A few greenkeepers wives were there and helped the greenkeepers out with quite a few answers.

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