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### Front Cover Picture:

This month's cover picture highlights the theme of  
the First British Turfgrass Symposium,

'Irrigation and Drainage'. It depicts one of the  
Allen drain laying machines being used by  
John Eaton Ltd. of Oxfordshire, at Foxhills G. C.

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The Speakers and Panel are as follows:

## Chairman:

Geo. McPartlin, O.B.E.

## Speakers:

Dr. A. N. Ede,  
Land & Water Management.

J. R. Escritt, M.Sc.,  
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R. Mitchell, Immediate Past President,  
Golf Course Superintendents Association of America.

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F. W. Hawtree, Vice-President,  
B.G.G.A.

## At Last!

We reproduce a letter from the Royal & Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews which was addressed to: ALL GOLF SHOE MANUFACTURERS.

## Damage by Golf Spikes

For some time now my Committee and many National Unions in this country and overseas have been concerned at the damage being caused to putting greens by golf spikes which have been becoming progressively longer over the years.

My Committee is aware of the fact that there are various types and designs of golf spike and that some cause greater damage than others. Although it is not feasible to legislate for spike specifications in the Rules of Golf, my Committee would like to take this opportunity to appeal to all Golf Shoe Manufacturers to take steps to ensure that they only produce those types of spike which cause the minimum of damage to the putting green.

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## D. G. Reid discusses

# Use of semi-mature trees

These notes are intended to explain the reasons and methods used, the procedure and after-care maintenance of replanted semi-mature trees.

A provision not strictly for the groundsman, but an important cultural aspect in alliance with the work nevertheless, and which at sometime during his charge he may have to accept and cope.

There is a growing awareness of the potential of semi-mature trees to embellish a landscape, and large and small projects do need trees.

New sportsgrounds and clubs are on the increase, which automatically gives rise to a fresh landscape. A variety of projects up and down the country are near completion, or in the making. New housing estates, for example, city centres, shopping precincts, hospitals, universities, schools, airports and motorways.

So at this point in time, there is a great demand for man-made landscapes with particular emphasis on tree planting. This is where the semi-mature tree finds a new home; and it is this different environment for trees that is so vital in re-establishment process.

The British Standard of 1966 specifies two important procedures for successful recovery after transplanting. The first is preparation by root pruning up to three years before moving, to encourage a new fibrous root system within the rootball.

The meaning of this is simple. If you hard-prune any tree or shrub, adventitious buds are induced to break out, and in the ensuing years a much more dense growth of the head results, and this same growth

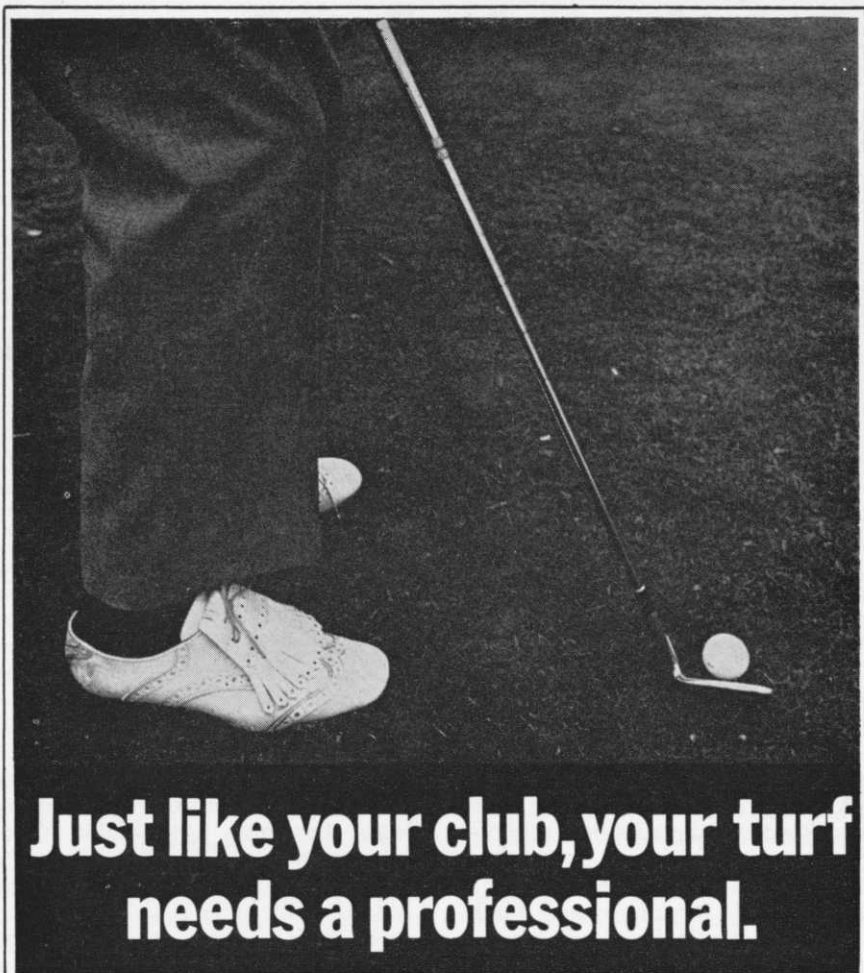
rate is applicable below ground by hard pruning, giving this desirable fibrous root system.

This gradual adaption by the tree before it is delivered is the best guarantee that the tree will make a rapid recovery in its new quarters. Second, the British Standard specifies the wrapping and binding of the rootball before lifting. Most firms wrap the rootball with hessian, and bind it with straps before lifting, so that rupture is prevented. The British Standard advocates very strongly that every care in the preparation and handling of semi-mature trees is paramount.

Providing this treatment is properly executed, the restoration of a tree to normal growth and vigour is within two to three years from transplanting. Many reputable firms claim success rate—measured two years after moving—is almost 100 per cent. Indeed, some offer a service of after-care maintenance, and insurance against failure over one, two or more years.

When public money is involved for large semi-mature tree contracts many firms maintain and guarantee trees. In other words, an insurance against likely failures. Their charges cover maintenance, in particular, watering, mulching, feeding, and attendance to guys. Where conifers and unfavourable site conditions are concerned, no insurance is available.

Smaller headed trees such as might be planted in groups cost less, free standing specimens with heavy heads cost more. The largest trees can be delivered more economically in multiple loads. Size of rootball affects prices



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of course. Tree stations, or pits, should be 24 in. wider and 10 in. deeper than the rootball.

Unless one has the right type of implements (some firms will loan and hire charges are reasonable), the moving of semi-mature trees should be left to experienced operators.

Semi-mature deciduous species include acacia, alder, beech birch, elm, maple, hornbeam, lime, poplar, sycamore, thorn and willow.

Semi-mature coniferous and evergreen species include cedar, cupressus, holly, Scots pine, Douglas fir. For a single delivery a 35 ft. high tree 14 ft. spread, 9 in. trunk, 5 ft. diameter rootball, 36 in. rootball depth, will cost in the region of £100-£160 within a radius of 30 miles from place of origin. This price range applies to any deciduous tree. Conifers are dearer.

With acknowledgments to: *The Groundsman*, December, 1972/January, 1973.

## New Literature

A new catalogue has been published by The Mommersteeg Seed Company. This gives details of mixtures for golf tees, roughs, greens and fairways. Several articles are included, written by turf experts. Golf Greenkeepers may obtain a copy free of charge by writing to Mommersteeg Seed Company Ltd., Station Road, Finedon, Wellingborough, Northants.

## People

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## ANNUAL REPORT, 1973

### Administration

We have been most fortunate in having the services of Mr. H. M. Walsh as our Chairman for our Diamond Jubilee year, and we would like to express our very sincere thanks to him for the time and effort he has given to his office and congratulate him on a job very well done.

In the coming year we are looking forward to the advent of Mr. Ivor Scoones, our present Vice-Chairman, taking over from Mr. Walsh as Chairman, with every confidence.

Once again the Annual Draw was held with the object of assisting, mainly, the Head Office funds. Our thanks are due to all members for their efforts in this respect and although the financial result was disappointing, these efforts were much appreciated.

Our thanks must again be extended to the R. & A. for once again providing free passes for some of our members to attend the Open Championship, a privilege much appreciated by us all.

The Wage Scale recommendations were again reviewed by the Executive Committee and it is hoped that the new suggested figures will prove advantageous to our members.

The latest figures issued by the Joint Council of Apprentices shows that this scheme is still progressing and bringing in more young men to learn the art of Golf Greenkeeping. These latest figures were 356 Deeds issued, 247 registered and 155 completed, and our thanks are due to the Officers of the Council for the continued success of the Scheme.

### Membership

The latest Section returns of membership show a figure of 990 which is just 100 increase on last year. Good work Sections.

### Annual Tournament

The 55th Annual Tournament was held last year at St. Annes Old Links, Lytham, and was well represented by our golfing members. Our thanks are first due to the Officers of the Club for granting us the courtesy of their delightful course for our Tournament, and then to the Staff and Officials who helped to make our visit so enjoyable. We would also extend our warmest thanks to all the Trade associations who contributed so generously to our Prize Table, and the representatives and friends who gave so much practical assistance.

As this year marked the 60th Anniversary of our Association, it was felt by the Officers that something should be done to mark the occasion and it was agreed to hold a Diamond Jubilee Dinner in Blackpool at the close of the Tournament. This was a most successful occasion in every respect and over 100 members, guests and visitors attended.

### Sections

Once again our thanks are due to the Officers who take such an active part within the Sections, and we are particularly pleased that the new South Coast Section has now overcome its teething troubles and is now in full swing, thanks to plenty of hard work by its present officers.

### British Golf Greenkeeper

Our publication is making progress under the new arrangements and our thanks are again due to the Editor for his continual efforts to produce such a satisfactory Journal. Thanks are also due to members who send in articles for publication.

### Benevolent Fund

This year the Benevolent Fund has paid £100 to dependants of deceased members since our last report.

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### F. G. Hawtree Memorial Fund

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### Sports Turf Research Institute

Once again we say thank you to the S.T.R.I. for their continued assistance to members when necessary.

### In memoriam

We record with sorrow the death of the following members announced in the British Golf Greenkeeper.

Tom Auld, One time Chairman, North East Section; H. G. Dixon, Southern Section; Wally Drewitt, Southern Section; Jock Drummond, Southern Section; Harry Fry, Chairman, Welsh Section; John Parker, One time Hon. Sec./Treas. Northern Section; W. Roberts, East Midland Section.

## Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 30th April, 1973

### Income

1972		Head Office	Sections	Total
Total				
136	Entrance Fees	—	143.13	143.13
45	Special Donations and Grants	—	13.80	13.80
1,249	Members' Subscriptions	385.55	1,127.80	1,513.35
	Honorary Members' Contribution	—	42.85	42.85
50				
598	Special Donations for Prizes	20.00	424.28	444.28
	Sweepstakes and Raffles			
220	less Expenses	161.26	86.29	247.55
20	Badges and Ties	11.00	—	11.00
	Advertising Revenue from			
1,080	Magazine	106.27	—	106.27
51	Interest on Investments (Gross)	41.98	3.53	45.51
48	Net Surplus on Entertainment	—	—	—
	Surplus on Tournament			
	Expenses	—	50.78	50.78
	Deficit for year carried to			
702	Balance Sheet	11.82	—	11.82
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### Expenditure

1972		Head Office	Sections	Total
Total				
515	Postages and Telephone	102.62	463.27	565.89
130	Printing and Stationery	73.26	67.36	140.62
1,757	Magazine Production Costs	77.80	—	77.80
209	General Expenses	106.33	152.70	259.03
137	Travelling	88.46	77.29	165.75
3	Artizan Golfers' Fees	—	0.75	0.75
410	Management	175.00	235.15	410.15
	Board of Greenkeeping Research			
188	Journal	—	227.45	227.45
478	Prizes	—	441.72	441.72
143	Tournament Expenses	46.16	—	46.16
—	Net Cost of Entertaining	40.80	94.82	135.62
	Cost of Badges and Ties after			
12	Stock Adjustment	—	6.38	6.38
34	Taxation	27.45	—	27.45
	Surplus for year carried to			
183	Balance Sheet	—	125.57	125.57
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## Prize List

The S.T.R.I. Cup – 18 holes Stableford		
1st Prize, S.T.R.I. Cup and Transistor Radio .....	L. F. Miller	35 pts.
2nd Prize, Hargreaves Cup and Digital Clock .....	L. Croad	35 pts.
3rd Prize, Water Set .....	I. R. Greenfield	35 pts.
4th Prize, Hand Towels .....	D. Roberts	35 pts.
“News of the World” Cup – 36 holes Scratch		
1st Prize, Cassette Recorder and Tapes .....	E. Walsh	144
Jubilee Cup Inter-Section – 36 holes Medal		
3 Tankards and Cuff Links .....	North West Section	435
“Coming of Age” Cup (60 years and over) – 18 holes Medal		
1st Prize, Maxwell Hart Trophy and Clock .....	H. M. Walsh	70
2nd Prize, Bath Towel .....	J. Rees	73
Senior Division – 36 holes Medal		
1st Prize, Ransomes Cup and Wrist Watch .....	F. Ainsworth	140
2nd Prize, “Golf Illustrated” Cup, Voucher and Wedgwood China	W. Woods	141
3rd Prize, “Universal” Cup and Golf Bag .....	D. Summerell	141
4th Prize, Table Lighter .....	W. F. Machin	142
5th Prize, Pocket Flask .....	G. Darby	143
6th Prize, Wine Glasses .....	W. Heeles	143
7th Prize, Wallet .....	D. Roberts	144
8th Prize, Bath Towel .....	F. L. Fletcher	144
9th Prize, Cigarette Case and Compact .....	R. Tempest	144
Junior Division (12 to 24)		
1st Prize, “Pattison” Trophy and Wrist Watch .....	G. Bunting	135
2nd Prize, President’s Cup and Sheets and Pillow Slips	T. M. Holmes	137
3rd Prize, “May’s” Cup and Table Lighter .....	G. Herrington	138
4th Prize, Wedgwood China .....	L. F. Carless	141
5th Prize, Pocket Flask .....	P. Whitehead	142
6th Prize, Fruit Set .....	P. A. Marsh	143
7th Prize, Wine Glasses .....	A. Shaw	146
8th Prize, Wallet .....	T. E. Price	147
9th Prize, Cigarette Case and Compact .....	A. Jamieson	148
The “Allan Taylor” Cup – 18 holes Medal		
1st Prize, Allan Taylor Cup and Tea Set .....	G. S. Payne	67
2nd Prize, Verdone Cup and Blanket Rug .....	T. E. Price	67
3rd Prize, $\frac{1}{2}$ dozen Water Set .....	B. E. Payne	68
4th Prize, Hand Towels .....	D. Summerell	69
Special Prize 1st 9 Holes, Andrews “Cyclone” Tankard .....	T. E. Price	32
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### Tee Signs—A new Service

A new sign-making service for golf clubs is being launched by British Building & Engineering Appliances Ltd. (BB&EA) of Sandy, Bedfordshire.

The move follows the LGU ruling concerning the display of information at ladies' tees on Britain's club golf-courses.

BB&EA has been quick to design a weather-resistant 'Tee-Sign' which meets the LGU recommendations in layout and colours used. The 'Tee-Signs' measure 14 in. across by 8 in. high and have Post Office red characters on a brilliant white background. The message is heavily embossed on to the sign to ensure legibility from as far as possible. At top centre the initials LGU are shown with the hole

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### Thomas Green & Son Ltd - Old and New

Following the acquisition of Thomas Green and Son Limited by the Industrial & Commercial Finance Corporation Limited, a plan was implemented 18 months ago to revitalize Greens Mowing Equipment business. At Motspur Park in September the first evidence of Greens new developments was displayed in the form of a new motor mower.

Greens also exhibited variations on their well established Ranger Gang Mower series, and interesting developments in this field can be seen.

In support of these new exhibits will be their well known Zephyr and Greensmaster range of motor mowers and traditional style trailed and triple mounted Gang Mowers.

### Penncross Creeping Bentgrass

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be sown at 1/5th oz. per sq. yard. The greens of several new golf courses have been sown down with PENNCROSS during the last two years, which are giving excellent results.

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Warren's Turf Nursery will be exhibiting their outstanding A.34 Kentucky Bluegrass in conjunction with their European distributors Hurst Gunson Cooper Taber Ltd., at the Institute of Groundsmanship Exhibition, Motspur Park, this year.

Samples of turf from the first crop of A.34 to be grown in this country will be on show and one of the franchise growers will be in attendance to discuss all matters relating to commercial turf production.

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Runners	Ticket Nos.	Runners	Ticket Nos.
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Balompie	16040	Long Row	17102
Bend a Bow	14563	Old Connell	07043
Buoy	19034	Peleid	11334
Cavo Doro	12470	Projector	16815
Crosland Hill	10266	Pronunciation	08406
Diamare	10786	Proverb	13082
Duke of Ragusa	07078	Ragapan	00339
El Famoso	00619	Tall Noble	04780
Gala King	23365	Valuta	00180
Glenmayne	05186	Veld	00261
Honey Crape	19802	Way Away	21046
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## SANDY LODGE GOLF CLUB

### Course Manager

Owing to the retirement of the present occupant on medical advice, Sandy Lodge Golf Club will have a vacancy for a Course Manager with effect from 1st November, 1973.

Applications will be considered from persons who have experience as Course Managers and/or Head Greenkeepers or from others with comparable practical qualifications.

The remuneration to be offered to the right man will be attractive and will include the benefit of a pension scheme. In addition, a modern three bedroomed semi-detached house on the course will be provided on a service tenancy.

Applications, which will be treated in confidence, should be sent to:

**The Secretary,  
Sandy Lodge Golf Club,  
Northwood,  
Middlesex HA6 2JD**

## NORTH DOWNS GOLF CLUB

### Greenkeeper

Experienced Greenkeeper required. Wages by negotiation.

Apply in writing for interview, stating experience, to:

**The Secretary,  
North Downs Golf Club,  
Northdown Road,  
Woldingham,  
Caterham, Surrey CR3 7AA**

## GALWAY GOLF CLUB IRELAND

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### Greenkeeper

fully conversant with all aspects of golf course work and upkeep of machinery.

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Applications, stating age, experience, etc., to:

**National Manpower Service,  
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The Corporation has promoted the development, to high standards, of a new 18-hole Golf Course which will, after completion, be leased to a commercial operator. Work on the course has already started.

In order that the future operator of the course can inherit the services of a Head Greenkeeper with full knowledge of the course, its construction, materials and drainage, the Corporation seeks to make an appointment to the above position. The successful candidate will initially liaise with the Golf Course Architect and the Contractors, involve himself in all aspects of the construction and fully acquaint himself with the physical characteristics of the course. Upon completion of the course the successful applicant will become fully responsible for its day-to-day maintenance. In order to ensure continuity of employment a condition of the disposal of the course will be that the successful applicant will transfer to the employ of the eventual operator at an equivalent salary.

Application Forms, which should be returned by Monday, 8 October, 1973, can be obtained from:-

**The Secretary,  
Warrington New Town Development Corporation,  
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## SOUTHERN SECTION NOTES

### October Lecture

Owing to the trip to Bingley, International Golf, Turf Grass Conference and Secretaries Match, etc., in early October, the first lecture of the season will be on 17th October – members please note, instead of the first Wednesday in the month.

The lecture will commence at 6.30 p.m. sharp at the GEORGE and we shall have the pleasure of listening again to Mr. Gooding of SYN-CHEMICALS Ltd. A good turn out will be appreciated for our 'first night' and for what promises to be a very educational evening. All following lectures will be as usual on the first Wednesday in the month.

### New Members

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

F. Creek of Hendon G.C. and P. Rozee of the South Herts. G.C.



### Special Occasions

- Sept. 19 Northern Section Invitation Tournament.  
30 Southern Section Trip to Bingley.
- Oct. 3 Midland Section Visit to Bingley.  
10 Southern Section Secretaries Match.  
11 Northern Section Annual Match v. Sheffield.  
15 North West Section Lecture.  
17 Southern Section Lecture.  
23 North West Section Autumn Tournament.  
25 Northern Section Autumn Tournament.
- Nov. 7 North West Section Annual Trip.  
7 Southern Section Lecture.

## NORTH WEST SECTION NOTES

### Autumn Tournament

As stated in last month's issue of the journal our Autumn Tournament will be held at the Bramhall Park Golf Club, Manor Road, Bramhall, Stockport, on Tuesday, 23rd October. Will you please let me have your meal requirements.

### Lecture

The next lecture will be on 15th October at 7.30 p.m. at Swinton Park Golf Club, East Lancs. Road, Swinton. The speaker will be Mr. T. L. Hewitt of Atco Service Branch, Langton.

### Annual Trip

Our Annual Trip this year will be to the 'SISIS' factory at Macclesfield, date 7th November, provisional details in next issue of the journal,

but please inform me if you are interested in going.

### Congratulations

Congratulations and best wishes to our old friend L. Haken, who writes to wish all his greenkeeping friends the best of everything on his 86th birthday. Well done, Len, and here's to many more birthdays.

### New Members

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

D. Beaumont, Esq., Old Links Golf Club, Montserrat, Bolton, Lancs.; P. Boardman, Esq., Old Links Golf Club, Montserrat, Bolton, Lancs.; D. Gardiner Darwen Golf Club, Darwen Lancs.; J. A. Taylor, Bolton Municipal Golf Club, Lostock, Nr. Bolton.

### NORTH EAST SECTION NOTES

#### Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting was held on Thursday, 19th July, 1973, at The Bridge Hotel, Newcastle, the Chairman opened the meeting and thanked the committee and members for their support during the past year, and hoped that he could call upon their help in the coming year. A report of the past year's working was given by the secretary and treasurer, and was considered satisfactory.

Officers' elected for the coming year are as follows: President C. N. Storey; Vice-Presidents returned en bloc. Chairman, J. Simpson; Vice-Chairman, N. Fraser; Secretary and Treasurer, G. Jeffries; Committee, Messrs. T. Robson; J. Taylor; D. Holmes; T. Nutman; T. Oliver; R. Derham; J. Snowdon.

The Chairman on behalf of the members thanked our auditors for their work with the accounts, and hoped that they, Messrs. Chapman, Hilton, Hutchinson and Dunford,

would continue to keep our financial affairs in order.

### New Members

We welcome to the section the following new members: D. Faulder, of Blyth Golf Club, and T. McDonald of Durham City Golf Club, and hope their association with us will be a happy one.

### MIDLANDS SECTION NOTES

#### Annual Summer Tournament

The Summer Tournament was again held at Habberley Golf Club on Monday, 23rd July.

John Grealy had the course in splendid condition while Mrs. Grealy looked after us very well throughout the day with plenty of first-class food.

The Members and Directors of the Habberley Golf Club provided all the prizes which were won by the following:

1st Nett, Habberley Cup and Cut Glasses .....	J. Hughes	65
2nd Nett, Summer Cup and Carpet .....	T. Cutler	66
3rd Nett, Carpet .....	A. Jamieson	67
4th Nett, Carpet .....	A. Boffey	67
5th Nett, Umbrella .....	T. Morris	69
6th Nett, Bottle of Whisky.....	R. Goodwin	70
7th Nett, Bottle of Whisky .....	R. Pugh	71
8th Nett, Deck Chair .....	A. Kite	71
9th Nett, ½ bottle Whisky ...	G. Bunting	71
10th Nett, ½ bottle Whisky G. Woodward		72
11th Nett, ½ bottle Whisky ...	A. Cutler	72
12th Nett, ½ bottle Gin .....	R. Pullen	72
13th Nett, Bottle of Wine .....	J. Bevan	73
14th Nett, ½ bottle of Gin ...	D. Haynes	74
15th Nett, Bottle of Wine ...	B. F. Ashby	75
16th Nett, ½ bottle of Gin .....	G. Hart	76
17th Nett, ½ bottle of Gin ...	D. Shortley	76
18th Nett, 3 Golf Balls .....	A. Boraston	77
19th Nett, Mug (China) ...	R. Chandler	77
20th Nett, Mug (China) .....	W. Boyce	79
21st Nett, Cigarettes .....	G. Smith	79
22nd Nett, Cigarettes .....	W. Barton	80
23rd Nett, Cigarettes .....	A. Parton	81
24th Nett, Cigarettes .....	M. Bladon	85

The prizes were presented by Mr. A. Webber, the Captain of Habberley, who extended a very warm welcome to Greenkeepers and hoped that everyone had enjoyed their day. Mr. Webber then paid tribute to John Grealy for the excellent upkeep of the course, and to Mrs. Grealy, the

Stewardess, for the first-class catering enjoyed by members and visitors to Habberley.

Our Chairman thanked Mr. Webber, and extended the thanks of this Section for all the marvellous prizes given by the Habberley Golf Club for this Tournament and over the past six years.

He also went on to thank Mr. and Mrs. Grealy for their untiring support to this event. We are also most grateful to Mrs. Grealy's lady helpers, and Peter Wyatt, Frank Cashmore and Vic Smith for the paperwork during the day.

### Handicap Revision

The following Handicaps are revised:

J. Hughes	...	14	—	12
T. Cutler	...	13	—	12

### Annual General Meeting

The A.G.M. was held at the Habberley Golf Club, Kidderminster, on Monday, 23rd July, 1973.

The Minutes of the last A.G.M. were read and passed.

The Treasurer's Report and the Secretary's Report were accepted.

Mr. Bretherton was unanimously re-elected President.

The Vice-Presidents for 1972 were re-elected en bloc, and Mr. R. Huntlev, Mr. L. Handley and Mr. D. Morgan were also elected.

The following officers were elected:

Chairman	—	G. Hart.
Vice-Chairman	—	V. Smith.
Secretary	—	R. Goodwin.
Treasurer	—	F. Cashmore.
Representative to Executive Committee	—	V. Smith.

Messrs. Ballinger and Sargeson were re-elected Honorary Auditors, with a vote of appreciation for all their invaluable work in the past.

The following members were elected to form a Committee:

A. Boraston, G. Bunting, A. Cutler, D. Haynes, A. Jamieson, A. Kite, R. Pullen, G. Smith.

Honorarium: The Secretary was to receive an Honorarium of £30.

A Resolution put before the meeting that the Section Committee be formed from six Head Greenkeepers and one Assistant, was narrowly defeated, thus a Committee of eight be elected from any class.

Other Resolutions resulted as follows:

- (i) The position of Vice-Chairman be elected at the A.G.M.
- (ii) Representative to the Executive be elected at the A.G.M.
- (iii) A sheet for Members to propose Section Officers and Committee should be posted in the meeting room on the morning of the A.G.M.
- (iv) The last Committee Meeting before A.G.M. should be no more than 28 days and no less than 14 days.
- (v) The elected Committee should be split into two parts, Competition Committee and Social/Education Committee.

Messrs. Parker and Ballinger had kindly promised to put up a Trophy for Veterans. Those eligible would be Greenkeepers or Retired Greenkeepers over 60 years old. The Trophy would be played for in conjunction with the Autumn Tournament, the afternoon 18 holes to decide the winner.

R. Pugh moved a vote of thanks to the Chairman for conducting the meeting.

G. Hart thanked the Captain and Directors of Habberley for allowing us the courtesy of the Clubhouse for the A.G.M.

## RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th APRIL 1973

RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS
To Balance — 1st May 1972		By H.Q. Section Dues ..... 33.70
Cash in Hand .....	12.58	S.T.R.I. Dues ..... 17.50
Balance at Bank .....	56.21	Ties ..... 2.00
Subscriptions —		Journal Postages ..... 46.90
Class A .....	66.00	Entertainments ..... 192.12
Class B .....	15.00	Hire of Room ..... 1.02½
Class C .....	36.87½	Printing ..... 20.65
Entrance Fees .....	1.14½	Postage ..... 16.48½
Ties .....	.55	Honorariums ..... 20.00
Entertainments .....	188.90	Wreath ..... 2.15
Donations .....	70.76	Prizes ..... 25.32
N. of World Draw .....	36.41½	N. of World Draw ..... 36.41½
Artisan Fees .....	.30	Engraving Cup ..... 1.45
Prizes .....	31.70	Balance 30th April 1973 at Bank ... 100.72
	<u>£516.43½</u>	
		<u>£516.43½</u>

### SUMMARY OF SECTION ASSETS — 30th APRIL 1973

#### CASH & BANK BALANCES:

Balance as per Receipts and Payments earmarked as to	
General Section Funds .....	100.72
Deposit Account at Bank .....	141.87
Total Assets .....	<u>£242.59</u>

The above Statements, which include all Funds in the hands of the Section, have been audited by a qualified Auditor and will be submitted to the Annual General Meeting of the Section held on 23rd July 1973.

G. HART, Section Chairman.

F. CASHMORE, Section Treasurer.

ERIC BALLINGER, K. SARGESON, Auditors.

Membership Statements — Paid up Members 85  
Hon. Life Members 13

### A Nice Way to Putt It

Our Treasurer had a nice surprise in the form of £10.00 from Mr. B. V. James, Captain of Beau Desert Golf Club. A putting competition among the members gathered proceeds to this amount, and the Captain was asked to forward the money to what he considered a worthwhile cause.

Our sincere thanks to Mr. James and the members of Beau Desert, for selecting the Midland Greenkeepers for this most welcome award.

### An Unpleasant Experience

I am sure that all greenkeepers, at some time, have experience of teenage vandals on the golf course. However, we do not want the same experience that involved our Vice-Chairman, Vic Smith.

Vic is now in his 22nd year at the very fine Handsworth Golf Club on the outskirts of Birmingham.

After shouting to three youths to get off the 10th green, and thinking they had left the course, Vic went on to the green to survey the damage. The youths re-appeared from nearby bushes and attacked him violently with sticks and boots. Vic was beaten unconscious and sustained a broken rib, head injuries and injuries to the stomach and legs. As a result of this Vic spent almost a week in hospital and a month off work. One can be wise after the show and say "approach the situation with the rest of the green staff" but please give this some thought — had there not been some schoolboys the other side

of the fence alongside the course who shouted when they saw this incident and so scared off the roughs, it is more than likely that a sadder tale would now be told.

I am more than pleased to say that Vic is all right again now and in full swing.

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## News

### **Lawnmower Manufacturers Federation**

Mr. Brian Edmondson, new Chairman of The British Lawnmower Manufacturers Federation, is Sales Director of Hayters Ltd., Spellbrook, Bishop's Stortford, Hertfordshire. He first became associated with Hayter's in 1950 as the managing director of a firm of tractor distributors based in Bishop's Stortford. His company showed the first Hayter tractor-operated mower to be built, at their stand at the Essex Show in the same year. They were then given the marketing rights for Hayter mowers in the United Kingdom and Eire.

Subsequently Hayter's formed their own distribution organisation, and Mr. Edmondson joined them in 1955 as Sales Manager. Later he was appointed to the Board as Sales Director.

### **Course Management Theme At Open Exhibition**

The contribution of modern, high work-rate grasscutting equipment in total golf course management was emphasised by machines displayed by the Institutional Division of Flymo Ltd. of Watford at the exhibition associated with the Open Golf Championship at Troon (July 9th-13th).

Highlights of the display was the Toro Greensmaster 3 - the first ride-on triplex greensmower introduced to

the United Kingdom and now in use on many championship courses.

The Greensmaster 3 has had widespread acknowledgement of advantages gained in time and labour, as well as superb finish to greens achieved by the most advanced concepts of engineering and design. The machine is used to cut 18 greens in less than four hours. Thatching reels, fitted in about 10 minutes, also enable de-thatching to be undertaken in about four hours to provide a comprehensive turf management programme.

More than 100 golf clubs and local authorities in the United Kingdom have purchased GM3s including three clubs which have two machines.

Another complementary unit in the Toro golf course turf management line-up on display on the stand of Flymo Ltd. was the Toro 70 in. Professional ride-on triplex mower used for bunkers, tees and aprons. With a cutting rate of 1½ acres an hour, the 70 in. Professional has advantages of extreme manoeuvrability and contour-hugging characteristics.

### **J. H. Hancox Special Autobarrow Spray Unit**

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Then he'll recommend the best course of action in your particular case; although, of course, you'll be under no obligation.

Anyway, why don't you get in touch with them yourself? The address to write to is: Fisons Ltd., Recreational and Industrial Dept., Harston, Cambridge, CB2 5HU. Or you may call them at 0223 870312.

Meanwhile, may I suggest a stout padlock?

**The complete fine turf service.**

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# Five-finger exercise

When you look at this mighty piece of grass machinery it is difficult to grasp that it is controlled with finger-tip ease from the driver's seat. In the Ransomes Hydraulic 5/7 all the gang mowing operations are handled by hydraulics.

*Reliably* - Ransomes' long experience at building hydraulics into combine harvesters and forklift trucks makes sure of that.

With hydraulic power at every cutting cylinder the 5/7 is a real weather-beater - no uncompleted grass-cutting schedules with this machine on your payroll!

With a cutting performance of  $7\frac{1}{2}$  acres an hour (at 5 m.p.h.) it earns more than its keep. Naturally, before making an investment of this importance you will want to appraise the 5/7 very carefully. Your distributor will be pleased to give you the opportunity.

## Check these features

Supplied in five-unit form (cutting width 11') or seven-unit (cutting width 15').

The tractor's hydraulic power allows 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2 or 1 units to be used separately or collectively.

4-knife impact-resistant cutting cylinders with hydraulically controlled forward, reverse and neutral drive.

Designed for easy mounting to the Ford 3000 and Massey Ferguson 135 range of tractors.

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