

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

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| 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:

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| 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:

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| 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:

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| 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 |
| Cash in Hand | 12.58 | S.T.R.I. Dues |
| Balance at Bank | 56.21 | Ties |
| Subscriptions — | | Journal Postages |
| Class A | 66.00 | Entertainments |
| Class B | 15.00 | Hire of Room |
| Class C | 36.87½ | Printing |
| Entrance Fees | 1.14½ | Postage |
| Ties | .55 | Honorariums |
| Entertainments | 188.90 | Wreath |
| Donations | 70.76 | Prizes |
| N. of World Draw | 36.41½ | N. of World Draw |
| Artisan Fees | .30 | Engraving Cup |
| Prizes | 31.70 | Balance 30th April 1973 at Bank ... |
| | £516.43½ | |
| | | £516.43½ |

SUMMARY OF SECTION ASSETS — 30th APRIL 1973

CASH & BANK BALANCES:

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| Balance as per Receipts and Payments earmarked as to | |
| General Section Funds | 100.72 |
| Deposit Account at Bank | 141.87 |
| Total Assets | £242.59 |

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.

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

J. H. Hancox Ltd. of Wood Lane, Earlswood, main distributors for Autobarrow Products in the Midlands, have supplied Stourbridge Parks and Crematorium Department with a specially designed Autobarrow Spray Unit for all-year-round use.

The unit incorporates an 80-gal. tank mounted on a strengthened version of the standard Autobarrow multi-purpose handling unit. The spray attachment has also been redesigned for variable height adjustment which gives an increased spray

An all-season programme is planned for the basic handling unit which is adaptable to any mechanical handling job and built to carry a variety of easily detachable bodies to cope with all maintenance work from spraying to waste collection on parkland areas.