

The British Golf Greenkeepers' Association

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.

F. G. Hawtree Memorial Fund

Three Greenkeepers attended the Sports Turf Research Institute under the auspices of the F. G. Hawtree Memorial Fund during the year, and our thanks are due to the Clubs for their financial assistance with the expenses of these courses.

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
<u>£4,199</u>		<u>£737.88</u>	<u>1,892.46</u>	<u>2,630.34</u>

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
<u>£4,199</u>		<u>£737.88</u>	<u>1,892.46</u>	<u>2,630.34</u>