



Special Occasions

1974

- Feb. 6 Southern Section Lecture.
 7 Sheffield Section Lecture
 SISIS Abbeydale G.C.
 20 Midland Lecture.
 Mar. 6 Southern Lecture.
 15 Midland Annual Dinner/
 Dance Sutton Park, Sutton
 Coldfield 6.45 — 12.30
 Tickets £2.
 19 East Midland Section Film
 Show.
 22 Southern Section Annual
 Dinner/Dance.
 May 15 East Midland Spring Tour-
 nament — Longcliffe G.C.
 15 Southern Section Spring
 Tournament.

North West Section

Chairman:
 O. P. JONES,
 Bramhall Golf Club

Hon. Secretary:
 H. M. WALSH
 Horrobin Cottage,
 Old Links Golf Club,
 Montserrat, Bolton,
 Lancs.

Congratulations

I am sure all members of the North West Section will be delighted to join me and the majority of members of the B.G.G.A. in wishing our friend and colleague, W. Summer our most

sincere congratulations on his completion of 50 years' service as greenkeeper at the Grange Park Golf Club. Fifty years Walter !! Well, I can only say that's a lifetime and not many people can boast of being at one club for all their working life, and he the tokens of esteem that were expressed by the Captain and Council of Grange Park at the dinner they gave in your honour, and I had the privilege of being a guest, they were truly appreciative and I am sure all the members of the B.G.G.A. who also remember you when you were the Chairman of the B.G.G.A., will be pleased to be associated with this tribute to a Gentlemen Greenkeeper; Well done Walter.

Lecture

Our thanks to Mr. J. Cogan, of Flymo for the very interesting talk and slides which he gave to about 20 members on a very nasty evening weather-wise, also the refreshments provided. Our thanks also to Mr. Mitchell of Cheshire Light Tractors for his assistance to Mr. Cogan. The next talk will be given by a representative of Sisis on the 13th January, and the February talk will be given by Mr. P. Wyatt of Patissons on February 18th. Please make a note of these dates and help to make them successful.

Annual Trip

Our sincere thanks to the directors of "Sisis" Macclesfield for their kindness and courtesy when our members made a tour of their factory recently, also for the refreshments provided. Thank you once again.

Spring Tournament

Due to the kindness of the Captain and Council of Dean Wood Golf Club, we will be playing our Spring Tournament over their course on May 16th 1974, details nearer the time.

New Members

We welcome to the Section the following new members:—

N. G. A. Gray, Heald Green, Cheshire. Hon. Member.

L. Basger, Ringley Road, Whitefield, Lancs. Hon. Member.

and hope their association with the Section will be a happy one.

Midland Section

Chairman:
G. HART
(Gay Hill)

Hon. Secretary:
R. GOODWIN
2 Greenkeepers Cottage,
Ashridge Golf Club,
Ashridge Park,
Berkhampstead, Herts.

December Lecture

The December Lecture at Handsworth Golf Club was well supported and it is to Ransomes that we say "thank you" for a most interesting afternoon.

Their film "This Ancient Game" was followed by a most interesting experiment with a talk on Tape by Mr. Tom Mascaro and colour slides to illustrate his comments.

We are indebted to Mr. Bill Payne of Ransomes for making the arrangements and also to Handsworth Golf Club for allowing us the Clubhouse for this Lecture.

Annual Dinner

There are still a few tickets left for the Annual Dinner Dance to be held at the Park House Restaurant, Sutton Park, Sutton Coldfield on Friday evening, 15th March. Tickets can be obtained from me or our Treasurer, Mr. Cashmore, at £2 each.

East-Midland Section

Chairman:
J. CARRICK

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

Knock Out Cup

We are again holding the competition for the Knock Out Cup, this will run the same as last year. Would you please forward your entrance fee of 25p as soon as possible as we would like to start this competition earlier than last year. Closing date for this competition will be 31st March 1974.

Film Show

A film show will be held at Birstall Golf Club on March 19th 1974 at 7.30 p.m. This will be given by Ransomes. We would like to see a very good attendance.

Southern Section

Chairman:
F. W. FORD
(South Herts)

Hon. Secretary:
F. W. FORD
68 Salcombe Gardens,
Mill Hill,
London, NW7.

November Lecture

The talk to be given by Synchemicals being cancelled owing to the non-appearance of the speaker, a Quiz took place with yours truly in the chair and a panel of three. Gerald Brooks (Huxleys Garden Machinery), John Field (Maxwell Hart), and to keep with the greenkeeping questions, a very well-known Scotsman, Jock Rennie of the Wanstead Golf Club.

To these three gentlemen I extend my sincere thanks for stepping in at such short notice and also to everyone at the meeting for the way in which the situation was accepted.

The "Derek Gould" monthly raffle in aid of the Section Benevolent Fund resulted in £8.35p., largely due to the donation of 200 cigarettes by Jack Stobbs. Thank you Jack.

This doesn't seem to be my year for lectures and I almost feel reluctant to announce the following meetings at The George. However, with crossed fingers here goes:—

Mr. R. C. Jenning of Chipmans Chemicals Co., has assured me that Mr. Colin Head will present a very interesting paper at 6.30 p.m. on Wednesday 6th February and to conclude the season of lectures, we shall have a visit from Flymo Ltd. Details in later magazine.

Annual Dinner

By this time Members should know if they intend attending the above and how many guests they will be bringing. As stated in previous journals, tickets are £3, each, there is no limit on guests and the bar will remain open after the Dinner. It will help me a great deal if Members will let me know if they intend playing in the afternoon Stableford.

New Members

To the following new Members who have joined our ranks during the past month, let me extend a very warm welcome:—

L. A. ADAMS (Berkhamsted) J. DONALD (transferred from the Scottish and new at Wanstead) and J. HAMILTON STUTT (Golf Architect).

Christmas Gifts

Christmas greetings with money gifts from the Section Benevolent Fund have again been sent to all life members and Widows within the Section.

Northern Section

<i>Chairman:</i>	<i>Hon. Secretary:</i>
J. SCOTT	WALTER HEELES
Wetherby Golf Club	7 Tentergate Close, Knaresborough, Yorks HG5 9BJ

38 Members attended the November Lecture at the Moor Allerton Golf Club on Thursday the 29th. Our thanks are due to Mr. P. Horner of Hayters Ltd., for talking to us and showing us many slides of the various machines, also the many slides he showed us on his visits to the many

foreign Agricultural shows which he attends. Once again Peter, many thanks for the refreshments both liquid and solid.

Once again we are indebted to the Moor Allerton Golf Club for the use of their Club House on these occasions.

The Annual Dinner of the Section was held at the Scarcroft Golf Club on Friday the 7th December and a good time was had by all. The Guests of the evening included the Captain and Vice Captain of Scarcroft Golf Club, Mr. W. Ferguson, Professional Ilkley Golf Club, who replied to the toast of our Guests and gave us a talk on his visit to the U.S.A.

Mr. F. G. Smith proposed the toast to the Association and talked on the Formation of the various Sections of the Association.

Mr. J. Mawson acted as Toast Master for the evening.

Once again the retired Members of the Section were invited as Guests.

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