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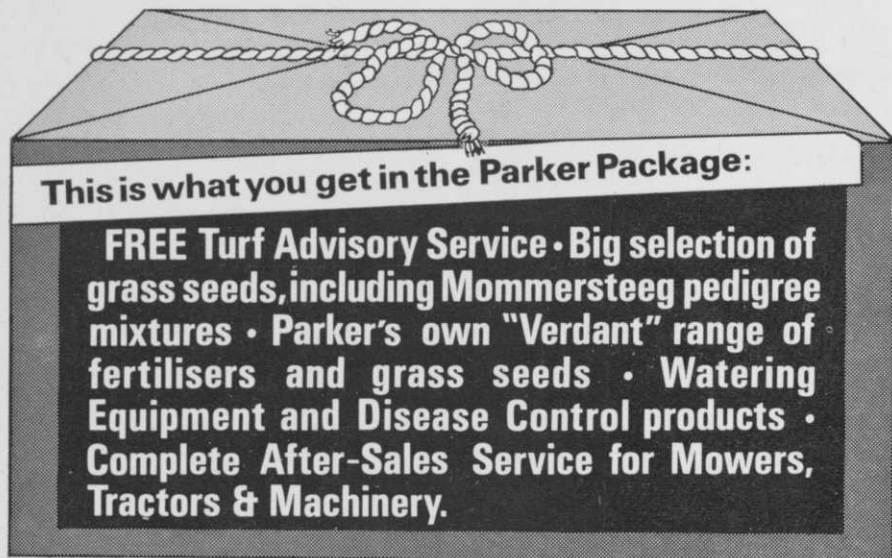
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Last month a significant step forward in the history of the Association was made. The Golf Development Council had invited the British Golf Greenkeepers' Association to become a Member Organisation of the Council, your Executive Committee accepted the proposal and with the G.D.C. Executive Meeting held in London on Tuesday 9th April, the election was confirmed.

This is the first time that the working side of the industry has been represented in a national golfing organisation and the Association will be grateful for this opportunity to make its voice heard in the nationwide development of the game.

The other bodies represented on the Council are:—

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The Editor has represented the Artisan Golfers' Association on the Council ever since its inception, so the needs of the Greenkeepers and greenkeeping have not gone unremarked. But now the Association itself will be sending two delegates to

the Council meeting, and when there are matters of interest to Greenkeepers to be discussed at Executive Meetings, the Association will be invited to send a representative.

A unique golf tournament in Belgium was jointly sponsored by Ransomes and their Belgian distributors A. Verbeke and Sons.

The ProAm tournament, at Latem Golf Club, near Ghent, on March 30, was the first in Belgium organized for professionals and players under 21 years of age.

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What was particularly appreciated was the way the professionals helped their young team members with each shot. All agreed that it was a very successful occasion and an outstanding event for Belgian golf and the promotion of junior golf in particular.

Among those taking part were the well known Belgian professional Flory Van Donck and the Belgian ladies champion Mlle. C. Reybrock.

The winners of the Verbeke-Ransomes cup were led by the Keebergen Club professional W. Van Begin.

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QUIRKS

Patrick Smartt

Those who have made a lengthy study of golfers swinging a club, will have noticed a number of quirks peculiar to different individuals.

Quirks that are natural, not gimmicks. The latter which I was once given to understand, not by an editor, were useful for selling purposes. There are times when one is driven to bluntness. Gimmicks are "instant cures". The Aspirin and Enos after a bibulous night out.

People do very odd things. A young lady I know, had a habit of kicking off her shoes before driving her car. That, I suppose a nearly an eccentricity. I recall apprehension that a stockinged foot would lack weight when applied to the brake pedal. On a very hot day she discarded her golf shoes, and completed in golf socks.

Unlike the occasion when Sam Snead did the same thing, in his younger days, there was no dissentient uproar.

Saddled with a compulsive habit of watching, detail catches the eye. It has been made clear, many times, I hold the breaking down of the swing into sections results in confusion. But, there is some searching in the mind over certain habits. Why for instance, do some players after years and years of experience fiddle with their grip before starting the swing? The first class players take the club in their **fingers**, without any fuss. There may be slight adjustments to correct a change that has crept in unbeknownst.

I have read somewhere of a golfer who was worried, for his left hand grip on the club always tightened as he started the backswing. I have seen two others who suffered from this

quirk. If they are told to grasp more firmly with that hand in the first place, they will only tighten up.

It looks wrong, and what looks odd usually is wrong. Any sudden change in the grip must be detrimental. It is much the same as letting go at the top. Not for the first time, I have interrupted writing to find the factual consequence. Using a normal grip, with the club head on the ground, I deliberately squeezed with the left hand. The club face opened, slightly but perceptibly.

Like the batsman in cricket, who quite unconsciously has several tugs at his cap peak, Arnold Palmer gives a hitch to his trousers. In the past, when a youngster asked a notable professional (I am near certain it was the late Archie Compston), what he did when the pressure was on, was told he tightened his shoe laces. One could never be sure how serious that character was being. It seems logical, in the sense that it could give a feeling of bracing up to the task. There may be something in that.

Bobby Locke, when he discarded plus-fours for trousers after his car smash, turned the ends up twice. He still does. I always meant to ask him why? Quirk, or for a good reason? He was not a man who indulged in quirks. Sandy Herd, one of the old-time greats, was noted for the number of waggles he took. A treasured story is of a spectator saying to him: "You take a hell of a lot of waggles, Herd". To be answered: "Yes. But I hit a hell of a lot of good shots."

Fred Daly took an inordinate number of waggles, prior to putting. That may have been incipient 'twitch'. His quirk was to whistle his way round. Many a golfer takes a pull at his glove before gripping the club. This obviously began from a desire to feel the glove fitted closely, an essential. Gloves stretch, but even with a new one, it has developed into a custom with some.

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There is no reason, though, to suppose the angle of the putter face behind the ball was precisely the same as when it was rested in front. Which is probably why it has departed from the ritual of putting.

A few when lining up a putt, dangle the club in a perpendicular position before their eyes. Several times the purpose of this has been explained to me, leaving me none the wiser, and causing a squint.

There are the gestures from players demonstrating their reaction to a shot. Originally they were compulsive, became habits, and are widely copied by lesser golfers. The forward kick of delight as a long one drops in the hole came from America. The clenched fist of Gary Player when he holes a vital one. And for those who remove the glove before putting, it is a **must** that it be put in the hip pocket. Why? Because Arnold Palmer did it.

One quirk, if it can be deemed so, has always puzzled me. It is that of the champion kissing the ball after the winning stroke. It was not responsible for his success, whereas the putter was. Others hurl it into the crowd, which is preferable. So far we have been spared anyone kissing his caddie.

In this glance at peculiarities, superstitions, quirks, or what have you, there is one piece of nostalgia. I should love to see one of the old Artisans (a vanishing mould), spit on his hands before grasping the club.

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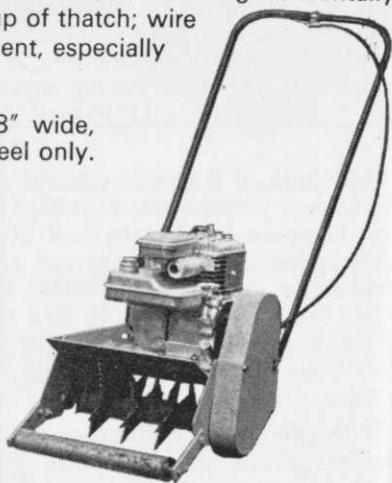


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THE CONTROL OF FUNGAL DISEASES ON TURF

John Tomalin, BSc., Farm Protection

Agricultural and horticultural chemicals which find a use on sports and fine turf are few and far between, notable exceptions are the hormone weed killers and the fungicides based on organic mercury compounds.

The introduction of Benlate*, benomyl fungicide, for the control of fungal diseases on turf, represents a major advance in this small but highly specialised area.

Since 1970 J. R. Escritt and A. R. Woolhouse, at the Sports Turf Research Institute, have been evaluating Benlate on turf diseases. The results have been impressive and recommendations were made in 1973 for the use of Benlate against Fusarium Patch, Red Thread and Dollar Spot, the main diseases affect-

However, the use of fungicides is not the complete answer to disease control problems, whether from an economical or managerial view point, on any crop let alone sports turf.

Diseases require certain conditions for infection and successful development on plants. When these conditions are optimal the growth and spread of disease is rapid. Such conditions are best illustrated by taking the three major diseases of sports turf in the UK as examples.

Fusarium Patch, caused by the fungus *Fusarium Nivale*, is favoured by moist cool conditions in the spring and autumn, although it can develop under such conditions at almost any

time. It is further encouraged when the growth of grass is soft and lush, often associated with high rates or frequent use of nitrogen fertiliser.

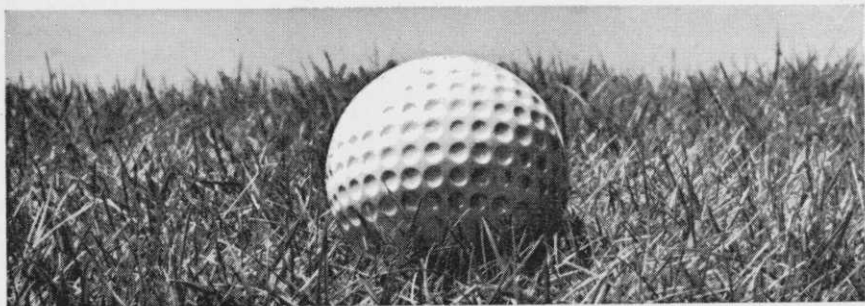
Red Thread, caused by species of *Corticium*, develops best under dry conditions of mid summer particularly in areas of low soil fertility where the grass tends to be starved.

Dollar Spot, caused by *Sclerotinia Homocarpa*, is particularly common on turf of sea marsh origin, and red fescue grasses.

There are other factors which can affect the potential establishment of disease, which to some extent can be controlled by good management. These can be grouped as management factors, and include all the various operations normally carried out by groundsmen in the care and preparation of playing surfaces. Also, knowing the conditions under which disease best develops, good cultural practices can provide conditions much less suitable for disease development. It follows that any disease which may develop will be less of a problem as it will not be growing in optimum conditions and second, the use of another management aid, a fungicide, will be more effective since it will be acting against a less actively growing organism.

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have a considerable bearing on the incidence and development of disease, even under ideal management conditions. For example, Fusarium Patch can spread rapidly if ideal climate conditions persist, and at this stage a fungicide is at a disadvantage as it is not acting in optimum conditions. However, it is usually the only management factor that can be effectively employed, and only then as a curative treatment.

Until the recent introduction of systemic fungicides, the majority were essentially preventive in action, that is to be effective they should be applied before the disease becomes apparent.

When applied in situations which demand curative activity the disease is generally only checked, and certainly only rarely controlled outright. Curative treatments cannot prevent damage, or the killing of grass in the case of Fusarium Patch.

The major advantage of the systemic fungicides such as Benlate is that they possess curative activity since they are capable of penetrating plant tissues and attacking the disease from inside the foliage as well as by contact action on the leaf surface. Therefore when applied under conditions where disease is present and climatic conditions favour the spread of disease, control is obtained. The damage caused to turf grasses by disease under these conditions can therefore be minimised.

The Sports Turf Research Institute results in its trials with Benlate as a preventive and curative treatment have been impressive. Against

Fusarium Patch a rate of 6 oz of Benlate per 1000 sq. ft. (approximately 18 lb/acre) is necessary for control, while for Red Thread and Dollar Spot a lower rate of 4 oz Benlate per 1000 sq. ft. (12 lb/acre) is adequate. The Benlate should be applied in two gallons of water over 1000 sq. ft. (7 gal/acre). This moderately high volume is necessary to ensure adequate coverage and penetration of the spray solution into the sward. Only in this way can Benlate come into intimate contact with the disease in order to ensure good control. Skimping with the volume of water can lead to poor or partial control.

There is a tendency when applying sprays as curative treatments to make spot applications over the infected area. This is a dangerous practice since the very fact the disease is present shows that conditions have favoured infection and it could break out at any time on an adjacent area of the same sward. Fusarium Patch is a good example in this case. It is therefore important when treating diseased turf that the entire area is sprayed, rather than spot applications.

One area of misjudgement, and most important, is the correct timing of applications. As indicated previously, the incidence of disease is difficult to predict under UK conditions, and therefore most applications will tend to be curative in nature. It is therefore essential to apply any fungicide as soon as disease appears; the longer application is delayed the more difficult disease becomes to control. A close watch should be kept during

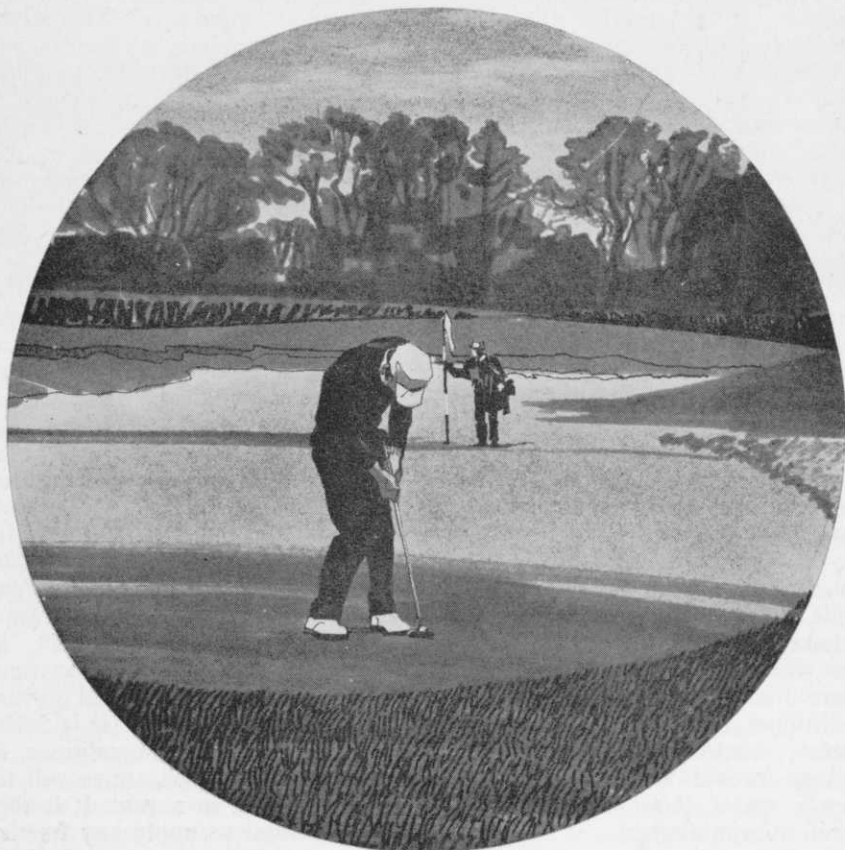
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There are some areas of turf which have a history of disease where it reappears each year. This is true of Fusarium Patch, for example, golf greens which are situated in hollows or overhung by trees, are particularly susceptible, and also bowling green turf of sea marsh origin which tends to be attacked by Dollar Spot. In this type of situation it is well worth applying Benlate as a preventive treatment during high risk periods.

As far as application equipment is concerned, any sprayer will suffice, although conventional boom sprayers are preferred as they give a more even coverage. Hand operated knapsack sprayers are liable to leave areas unsprayed and over or under dosed if used carelessly.

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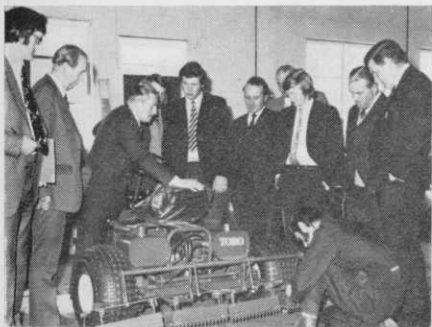
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"My good wishes to all the Greenkeepers of the U.K., although I'm on the other side of the globe, so to speak, I take a keen interest in what is going on in the U.K.

I was very sad to hear of the death of Eddie Mac from Hillside.

I have moved from Kingswood Golf Club Centre. I am looking after the needs of Brighton Municipal Council Course. We have a lovely 18-hole course near the beach; you could call it a links, very busy, the average number of players each day would be about 300, as it is a public course. I have six men on the course—the machinery is quite good; I have just taken on a Greens Master 3, TORO and waiting for a **Super Pro**. Most courses have this type of machine now to cut the cost, because as you may know, we have a shortage of labour, believe it or not. So all you young would-be Greenkeepers in the U.K. who want a new life, there is one right here in Aussie land.

The average weekly wage for a Head Greenkeeper is \$100 which is about £50, plus a house, 4 week annual holiday and lots of other things thrown in. Conditions are much the same as the courses in England. As far as working the courses—weather-wise, well it is **mad**. Could be 90° one minute and

within an hour, could be as low as 60°—that is the way it has been this past six months. We are now in late autumn. Although the summer has not been as hot as last year, I have had the sprays working full time on the course during the hours of darkness. No hope of watering during the day, chiefly because of play and always a risk of burning from the sun, the temperature sometimes reaching the high 90 mark. The only break we have from the growth of grass is during the drought, other than that, it grows and grows.

Most of the Tournaments and Club Competitions are played in autumn and winter, you can imagine why. Just imagine playing a competition in the heat, one would never get around.

My son Peter is the Assistant Greenkeeper at the famous Victoria Golf Club. He started work with me at Formby right from school. He is now 24 years old, recently married and has a good future life in the Greenkeeping world.

We have a number of Poms as Greenkeepers, one outstanding being Bill Hunt from Kingston Heath. A Championship Course, about 2 miles from Brighton. He hails from Bolton, Lancs.

I am a member of the Victorian Golf Curators' Association which is something similar to the British counterpart (B.G.G.A.). We have meetings every two months at various Clubs, but as Victoria is a large State, about the size of the U.K. in fact, you can imagine how far we travel to a meeting, sometimes 50 or 60 miles is just 'round the corner'. We have machine demonstrations and play golf—just a good get-together.

President of the Victorian Golf Curators is Leslie Barlow, c/o Woodlands Golf Club, Mordialac, Victoria, Australia. He is very interested in forming a convention with the U.K., seeking ways of visiting the U.K., and

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of course, a return visit by a limited number from England. The world is not big these days as far as travel is concerned.

We do, in fact, raise funds here on Open Golf days to make this sort of thing possible—to go to New Zealand and Inter State. With Air Travel the job is simple, it is just a matter of finding funds.

Best wishes to the B.G.G.A., and may the 1974 Season be a good one for all my fellow Greenkeepers.

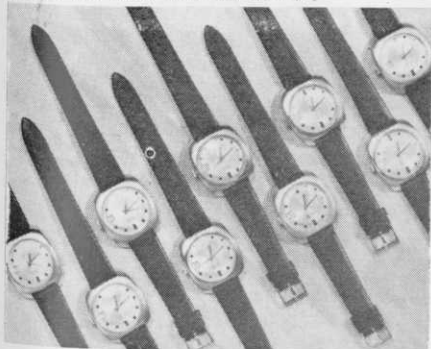
Kind regards,

(signed) LEN PARTRIDGE"

REGIONAL TOURNAMENTS

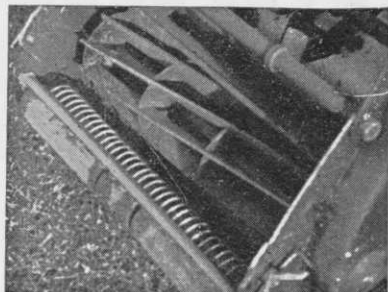
Once again our regional tournaments are under way and our members will be competing in all parts of the country for numerous prizes, perhaps none more coveted than winning one of the Ransomes Watch.

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GOVERNMENT SUPPORT FOR RESEARCH

During 1973 there were several satisfactory developments from the campaign mounted in 1972 to obtain Government support for turfgrass research. In July 1973 the Department of the Environment commissioned the Natural Environment Research Council to form an Amenity Grass Committee to undertake a review of all research needs for turfgrass for sport and amenity use. The Chairman of the Committee is Professor A. D. Bradshaw of Liverpool University and the Director is one of the members. The Committee is being served by a Scientific Officer to assemble information and draft the report. The work is likely to take two years, but at its first meeting the Committee recognized the specially urgent need for extension trials of cultivars and mixtures. As a result of its recommendations, the Institute was informed, at the end of 1973, that funds would be available from the N.E.R.C.—for a period of two years initially—to appoint technical officers and make arrangements for such trials. At the time of preparing this report (March 1974), appointments are being made and arrangements are in hand for the first extension cultivar trials to be sown in 1974.

ACTIVITIES

(i) Research

A high proportion of the Experiment Ground was given to cultivar testing and mixture trials. A report on ryegrass and timothy trials was prepared for the 1973 Journal, although a great deal of data from recent cultivar and mixture trials still remains to be written up. Extensive new trials of bent, covering 40 cultivars, were sown in 1973 in a range of trials giving four levels of treatment—from the closest mowing to uncut row plots. A trial of crested dogstail was also sown. For two main areas of sowing, the soil was sterilized to eliminate annual meadow-grass, and this gave such an improvement in the cleanliness of plots that it seems important to make it a regular treatment in future, in spite of the cost.

Three trials with a slow release nitrogen fertilizer were undertaken by the Biologist, with some student help, and these are reported in the 1973 Journal. The manufacturer has asked for the trials to continue for another year and has given a substantial grant to help with this work.

Testing of fungicides has continued and has been reported in the Journal. This routine testing depends on the weather and other uncontrollable factors providing sufficient natural infection on the Experiment Ground for trials to be made.

Herbicide work has been limited to a practical field test, supported by a small trade grant, of the use of dazomet for preparing seedbeds free of annual meadow-grass, and a trial to assess the long-term effect of bensulide on fine turf when applied to prevent germination of seeds of annual meadow-grass.

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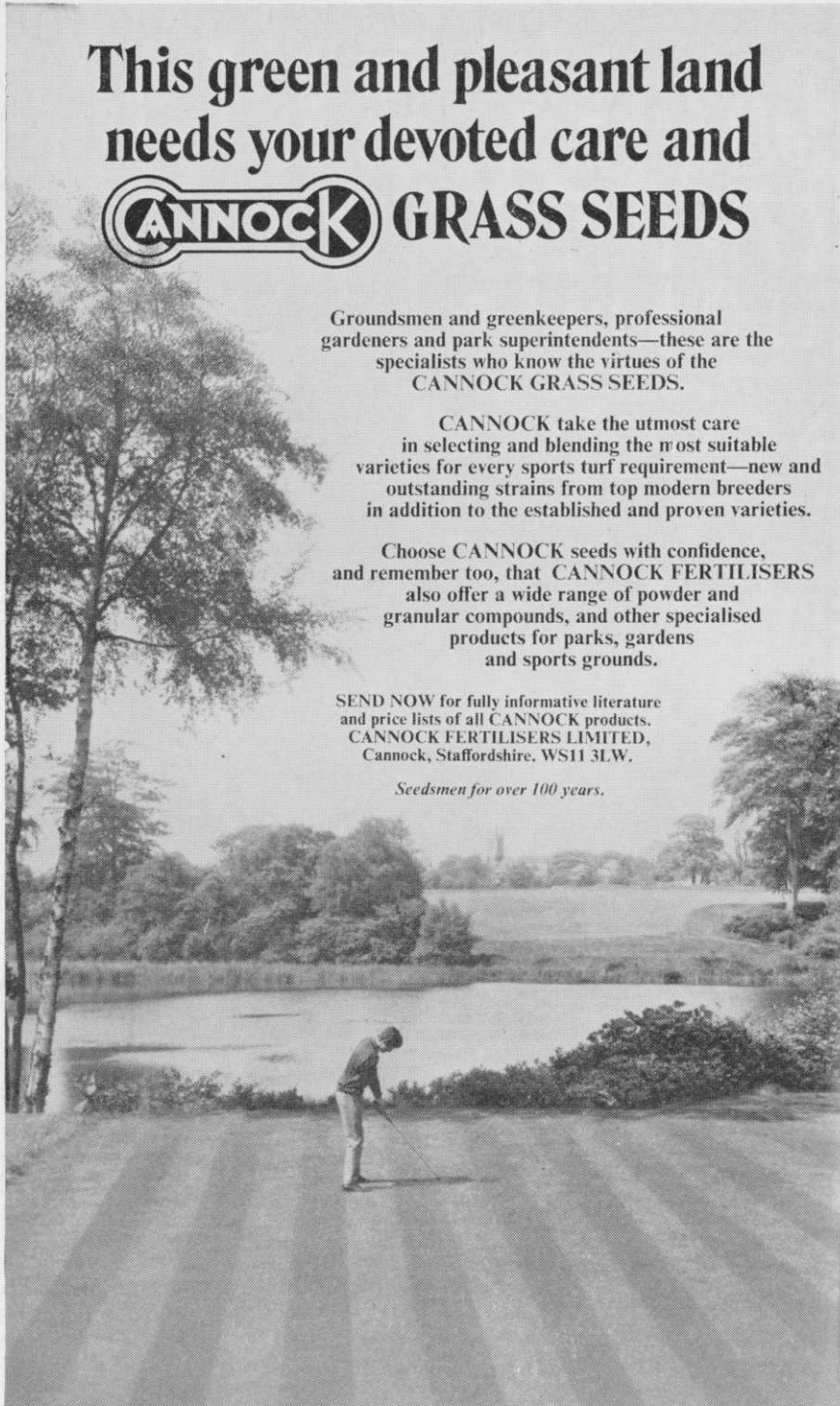
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The trial of permeable soil mixes, mentioned in the previous Report has continued and results have been written up by a member of the Soil Science Unit of the University of Wales at Aberystwyth for the 1973 Journal.

(ii) **Advisory**

The outstanding problem on the maintenance side was undoubtedly that associated with excess of fibre (mat or thatch) at the surface of fine turf areas such as golf greens and bowling greens. An associated problem was the rather frequent occurrence of a fungal condition in which certain basidiomycetes attacked the fibre in patches and caused uneven surfaces.

(iii) **Education and Publications**

We have held six one-week courses of instruction for groundsmen and greenkeepers (three in the spring and three in the autumn) and in addition, in co-operation with the Institute of Corn and Agricultural Merchants, we held in November a special 2½ day course for seedsmen connected with the amenity grass seed trade.

Outside engagements included a number of evening lectures for branches of the Institute of Groundsmanship and sections of the British and Scottish Golf Greenkeepers' Association, and also the annual short lecture.

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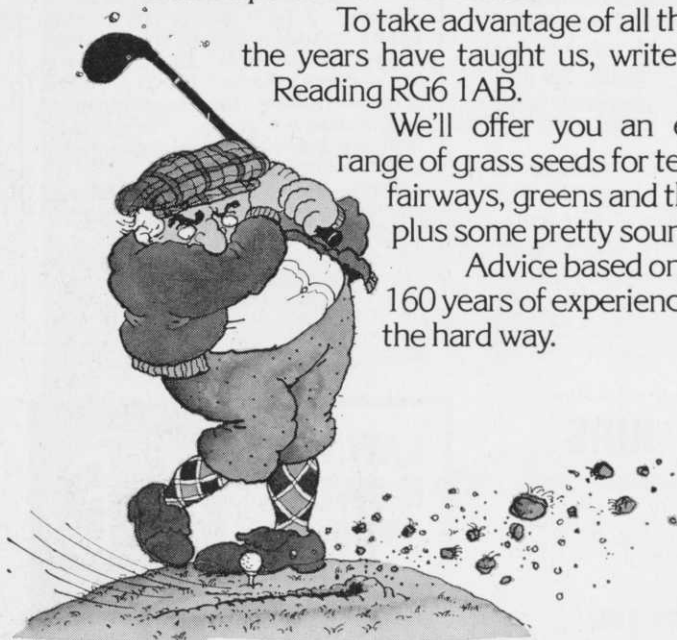
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„ Registration Fees	109	00
Transfer From Deposit Account	50	00
	£179	33
Transfer To Current Account	50	00
Balance in Hand	121	36
	£171	36

DEPOSIT

To Balance in Hand	166	52
„ Interest	51	
„ Interest	95	
„ Interest	3	38
	£171	36

PAYMENTS

By Advertising:—		
Golf World.		
Golf Monthly.		
Harmsworth	57	15
Secretary's Honorarium	25	00
Printing	52	35
Petty Cash	15	00
Registration Refund	2	50
Balance at Bank	27	33
	£179	33

PETTY CASH ACCOUNT
YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER 1973

Receipts

Cash in Hand	9	25
March 12th chq	10	00
August 3rd chq	5	00
	£24	25

Expenditure

Postage	13	57
Stationery	6	71½
Stamps in Hand	23½	
Cash in Hand	3	73
	£24	25



Special Occasions

- June 5 Southern—A.G.M. and 18-Hole Medal Dulwich & Sydenham G.C.
- 12 Northern - President's Prize.
- 13 Midland Section—President's Match v Greenkeepers Handsworth—4 p.m.
- 25 Welsh Section—A.G.M.—John Duncan Cup Southerdown G.C.
- July 3 Southern v Midland Match — Crew Hill G.C.
- 15 Midland Summer Tournament 10 a.m. A.G.M. 4 p.m. Habberley Golf Club.
- Sept. 1 CARL BRETHERTON BOWL—Handsworth.
- 6 Southern Section Buffet/Dance — West Essex G.C.
- 11 Welsh Section—President's Shield—Pennard G.C.
- 11 Southern — Autumn Tournament — Burnham Beeches.
- 18 East Midland—Autumn Golf Tournament Chilwell Manor Golf Club.

- 18 Midland Section — Autumn Tournament Handsworth Golf Club.
- 26 North-East Section — Autumn Tournament Tyneside Golf Club 27-Hole — 9 a.m.
- 30 B.G.G.A. 1974 ANNUAL TOURNAMENT and A.G.M. Isle of Purbeck Golf Club, Studland, Swanage, Dorset.
- Oct. 10 Southern Section — Secretary's Match Stoke Poges Golf Club.

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Our Spring Competition was held at the Berwick-upon-Tweed Golf Club on Thursday 18th April, by kind permission of the Captain and Committee.

Results :

The winner over 18 holes was—D. Faulder (Blyth Golf Club) nett 74, Salver and Alarm Clock. 2nd K. Barrs (Ravensworth) 76 and 3rd—C. Baxter (Bolden G.C.) 78. Our Chairman, Mr. J. Simpson thanked the Captain and Committee for the courtesy of the Course and the Clubhouse. He then introduced Mr. Mackay, a vice-president and the oldest playing member of the club who had kindly consented to present the prizes, in place of the Captain who was on holiday. Mr. Mackay said how pleased he was to have the Section play the Course and that he would like to see us return in the future.

Thanks to Tom Marr for handling the raffle, and to the Steward and Stewardess for the splendid meal.

The Autumn Tournament will be held at the Tyneside Golf Club on Thursday 26th September 1974; this being a 27-hole event, teeing off approx. 9 a.m. Lunch and Tea can be ordered. Members wishing to play, please let me know nearer the day, so as to give me some idea of how many meals to order.

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APRIL LECTURE

Not being at the above, I cannot make a report but I understand from Don Major, our Vice Chairman, that Bert Jennings of Flymo Ltd., laid on a very interesting evening with projection slides etc. There was a good attendance and the Benevolent Fund Raffle raised £7.00.

New Members

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

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P. E. CROUCHER (Flackwell Heath)
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the office, to dig into some problem just far enough to get the elements lined up clearly in my mind or on paper. Then I put them out of my conscious thought—shove them back into the subconscious—and forget them while I play golf. As a matter of fact, one cannot think consciously about business problems out on the links (I know, because I've tried). The problem simmers away, sometimes it is all "cooked" into a solution by the time I'm back in my street clothes, sometimes it isn't. But I have noticed that following an afternoon of golf, the solution is nearly always ready by the time I reach my desk the next morning, and I know my afternoon was not wasted. Since I've learned this 'fire-less cooking' technique, I always think of my country club as my eighteen-hole office . . . The trick is focusing on the problem for half an hour or so before you leave the office and cutting it up into small pieces for easier "cooking".

Having got this excerpt on to paper. I'm off to a game of golf for a solution to my problem of how to collect outstanding subscriptions and dinner ticket money, after the dinner has been eaten !!!

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Spring Tournament

Our Spring Tournament was held at Pontypridd Golf Club on Tuesday 23rd April. The weather conditions being sunny with a bit of wind, made the golf a little tricky.

Our Vice Chairman, Mr. Arthur Price thanked the Captain and Committee for allowing us to play over their course. Thanks were also given to the indoor staff for looking after us so well. The Prizes were presented

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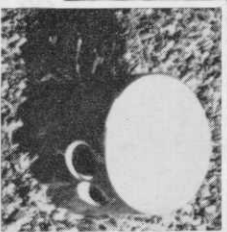
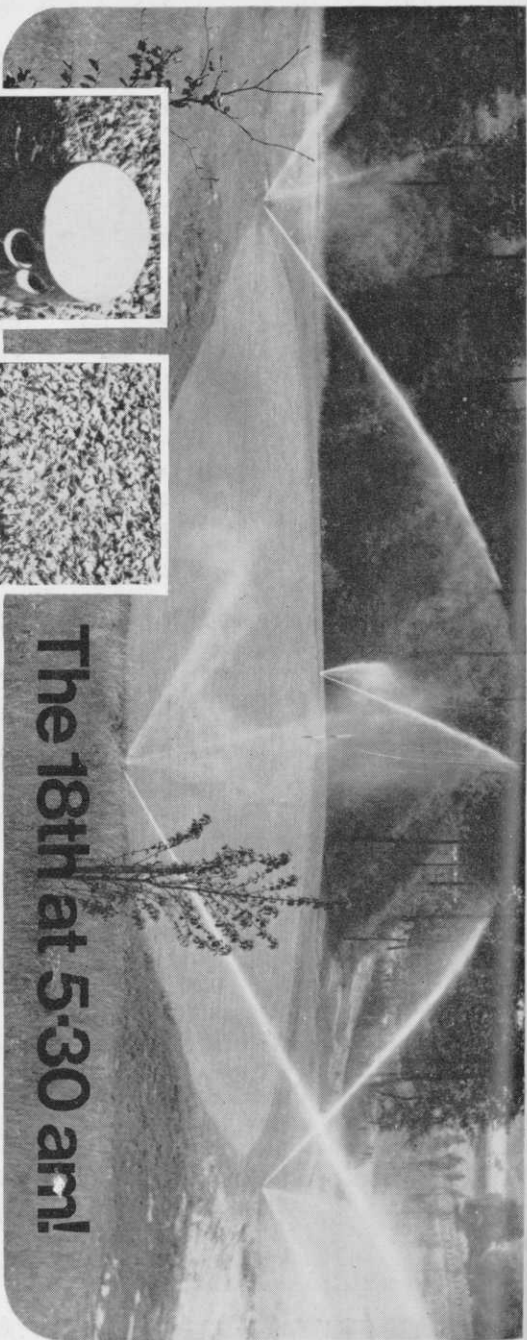
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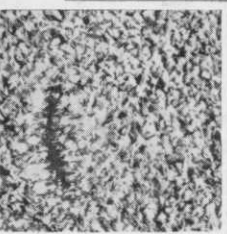
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