



Special Occasions

- May 15 East Midland—Spring Tournament — Longcliffe G.C.
 15 Southern — Spring Tournament — Home Park G.C.
 15 Northern — Spring Tournament — Harrogate G.C.
 16 North-West — Spring Tournament, Dean Wood G.C.
- June 5 Southern — Annual General Meeting and 18-Hole Medal Dulwich & Sydenham G.C.
 12 Northern Section — President's Prize.
 13 Midland Section — President's Match v Greenkeepers at Handsworth—4 p.m.
 25 Welsh Section — Annual General Meeting — John Duncan Cup — Southerdown G.C.
- July 3 Southern v Midland Match — Crews Hill G.C.
 15 Midland Summer Tournament 10 a.m.

May

and A.G.M. 4 p.m.
 Habberley G.C.

- Sept. 1 CARL BRETHERTON BOWL—Handsworth.
 6 Southern 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 G.C.
 18 Midland Section — Autumn Tournament — Handsworth G.C.
 30 B.G.G.A. 1974 Annual
- Oct. 1/2 Tournament and A.G.M. — Isle of Purbeck G.C. Studland, Swanage, Dorset.
 10 Southern Section—Secretary's Match — Stoke Poges G.C.

Northern Section

Chairman:
 J. SCOTT
 Wetherby G.C.

Hon. Secretary:
 W. HEELLES

Monthly Meetings

A Slide Show of the many visits to the Highlands was put over to the members at the January meeting by Mr. F. G. Smith. If any Members have never been to Scotland, I feel sure that after seeing these slides, they will make the effort. A very big "thank you" for an entertaining evening.

The February meeting was a Lecture and Slide Show on the many different types of machines in the turf culture field. Our thanks are due to Mr. Burt from Sisis Ltd., also our thanks to Mr. Mountain for supplying 'the eats'.

The March Lecture was on the subject of Trees. Once again we were privileged to have the pleasure of listening to Mr. M. J. Galloway from the Economic Forestry Commission.

Forthcoming Event **SPRING TOURNAMENT**

The Spring Tournament will be held at the Harrogate Golf Club on Wednesday 15th May 1974, by courtesy of the Committee.

President's Prize

The President's Prize will be held on the 12th June 1974.



Northern Section Committee

South Coast Section

Acting Secretary:
N. M. STIMSON
North Wilts. G.C.
Devises.

March Lecture

On Tuesday evening, 5th March 1974, an audience of thirty enjoyed a very interesting lecture by Mr. Ted Riley of Ransomes, on the subject of "Turf Maintenance Machines". Emphasis was placed on the use of aerifiers and verticut machines and the topic was illustrated by slides taken during Mr. Riley's recent visit to America. After question time, all members took advantage of the

opportunity to inspect the many machines on display.

Our very grateful thanks to Mr. Ted Riley for a most successful lecture, and to Mr. Marshall for his invaluable help. We are also indebted to Mr. P. Huxley and staff for the use of their premises at The Dean, New Alresford. We much appreciated the warm welcome we received and the marvellous refreshments which were provided.

Midlands Section

Chairman:
G. HART

Hon. Secretary:
R. GOODWIN
2 Greenkeepers Cottage,
Ashridge G.C.
Ashridge Park,
Berkhamsted, Herts.

Annual Match at Handsworth

The match at Handsworth between the President's team and the Greenkeepers will take place on Thursday evening, 13th June. This match will commence at 4 p.m. and I look forward to seeing a good turn out of Greenkeepers. Please come early so that we can get the game started on time.

A.G.M.

The Annual General Meeting will take place at Habberley Golf Club, Kidderminster on Monday afternoon, 15th July at 4 p.m. The Annual Summer Tournament will take place over 18 holes starting at 10 a.m. The Habberley Golf Club are again kindly giving the Prizes for this event and I would be pleased to receive entries from all members wishing to play in this event by July 3rd.

Annual Dinner

The Annual Dinner took place on Friday evening 15th March at the Park House, Sutton Coldfield and was followed by Dancing to the "Fred Key Trio" until midnight.

Well over 100 attended this function, and we were very pleased to have Mr. Norman Russell preside throughout the evening.

After presenting the Loyal Toast, Mr. Russell extended a warm welcome to all present and wished everyone a pleasant evening. George Hart replied on behalf of the Association, while from the Section, Vic Smith welcomed the visitors and members of the trade. Mr. Mike Edwards, Secretary of the Green Committee at Handsworth Golf Club, replied on behalf of the visitors and paid tribute to Greenkeepers for tending the Course throughout the year.

Mr. Russell thanked the Committee responsible for making the arrangements. We are indebted to the donors of Raffle Prizes, and to all present for the grand support given to the Raffle to raise more than £30.00.

Subscriptions

The Annual Subscriptions are now due for 1974, and should be sent to Mr. Cashmore our Treasurer, at—76, Four Oaks Common Road, Sutton Coldfield, Warwickshire.

There are still a few members who have not yet paid their 1973 subscriptions, and Mr. Cashmore must receive these straight away or the Journal will be cancelled as from now and the unpaid member will not be eligible for any further functions.

New Members

We welcome to the Section, D. Jones, Head Greenkeeper at North Worcestershire Golf Club, C. Gough, Head Greenkeeper at Broadway G.C. who has recently moved from the Welsh Section. D. Hill, Assistant Greenkeeper at Stourbridge Golf Club.

Southern Section

Chairman:
F. W. FORD
(South Herts.)

Hon. Secretary:
F. W. FORD
68 Salcome Gdns.,
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March Lecture

Dr. William Meyer, Ph.D in plant pathology and Director of Research in Warrens Turf Nursery, Inc., paid the Section a visit instead of Ben Warren who was unable to travel owing to illness.

Showing a series of projection slides to emphasise various points, he talked about the A34 and A20 Kentucky Blue Grass. Both of these grasses had received top ratings by every University doing turf grass research.

The collection and sale of grass clippings for poultry and livestock feed has been undergoing tests at the California Nursery for about two years, and recent tests have proven that Blue Grass clippings contain more protein content than ALFALFA HAY. Also a chemical known as ZANTHOPHIL is contained in Blue Grass clippings. Zanthophil is in demand as a colouring agent by the poultry industry.

Tests in 1971 and 1972 indicate recovery of about 15 tons per acre, per year. The current market value of dried pelletized clippings is \$ 120.00 per ton.

Question Time revealed that the A34 was first introduced to the U.K. in 1971 and is ideal for Tees. The recommended height of cut is $\frac{3}{4}$ " and Pat Kirkpatrick who has six tees turfed with A34 has promised to give us a progress report.

The Meeting closed with a vote of thanks to Dr. Meyer, also a very satisfactory Benevolent Fund Draw, largely due to the donation of a bottle of Scotch by Barry Huxley. The Lecture was recorded.

Annual Dinner

In good golfing weather 93 played in the afternoon Stapleford on the Old Course at Walton Heath with the following results:—

- 44 pts C. MITCHELL & T. FOSTER (Maidenhead)—£10.00 each.
42 „ R. HARGREAVES & O. BUCKLAND (West Essex)—£7.50 each.
40 „ W. WILKINSON & PARTNER (Old Fold)—£5.00 each.
40 „ R. CLAYDON & PARTNER (Haywards Heath)— $\frac{1}{2}$ Doz. Balls each.

Our congratulations to Fred Dulake on the first-class condition of the Course and our thanks to Phil Marshall and Bernard Diddams for all the work they put in with the cards.

Among the 140 who sat down to an excellent Dinner in the new extension to the dining room, was the Captain of Walton Heath, John Thornhill, who in proposing the Association, welcomed us all to Walton Heath.

The reply for the Association was made by F. W. Ford on behalf of the B.G.G.A. Chairman who was unable to attend, owing to domestic reasons. Stan Morton proposed the toast to the Guests and Mr. Toope of Flackwell Heath replied.

For the splendid meal we have to thank Mr. Jobson, the Steward, and for organising the raffle which followed, Derek Gould, Bernard Diddams and Andrew Kitch.

A.G.M. and 18-Hole Medal

This will take place on Wednesday 5th June at the Dulwich & Sydenham Golf Club, Grange Lane, College Road, SE21—

Programme: 12-2 p.m. Tee Off; 4-6 p.m. High Tea; 6.30 p.m. A.G.M. and Prize Presentation. Closing date 20th May and same

rules apply as for the Spring Tournament.

A reminder that new members may receive H'caps on 36 holes only.

Diamonds

The Diamond Wedding Anniversary of Bill and Mary Mason was celebrated with family and friends on Saturday 9th March at Cheshire Hall, Hendon, NW4. 60 guests were present on this very happy occasion and greetings telegrams were received from Mr. & Mrs. Hawtree, Mr. Dix and the Southern Section.



New Members

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

J. W. WILSON (St. Augustines) J. SIVESS (Crawley) R. J. HORNEGOLD (Lea Bridge) B. H. MEASUR (Abridge) C. F. G. BORWNING (Downshire) N. GAY (Hugh Page, Sussex Ltd) K. H. AUDSLEY (Hastings) and D. J. KENT (Picketts Lock).

East Midland Section

Chairman:
G. DARBY

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

Film Show

A Film Show given by Ransomes Sims & Jefferies was held at Birstall Golf Club on Tuesday 19th March 1974. There was a very good attendance. The speaker was Mr. K. Riley who gave a very interesting talk with the film show. Our thanks to Ransomes Sims & Jefferies, also to Mr. Lee of Leicester Horticultural for arranging this film show. Also our thanks to the Captain and Committee of Birstall Golf Club for allowing us to hold our meeting there.

Presidents Versus Captains Match

Please do not forget the closing date of 10th June 1974 for all entries for this match.

Subscriptions

All subscriptions for the year commencing 1st May 1974 are now due; it would be appreciated if you would forward these as soon as possible, to avoid unnecessary paper work.

Situations Vacant

EXPERIENCED HEAD GREENKEEPER

required for 18 holes (6,625 Yds) plus 9 holes par 3 Golf Courses forming part of New Luxury Country Club. New centrally heated accommodation available.

ASSISTANT GREENKEEPERS

also required. Must be single. Centrally heated accommodation provided.

All applicants for above positions please write in first instance giving full details of experience and salary required to:—The Administrator, Three Rivers Golf & Country Club Limited, Stow Road, Purleigh, Chelmsford CM3 6RR.

North-West Section

Chairman:
O. P. JONES, Esq.,
Bramhall Golf Club,
Cheshire.

Hon. Secretary:
H. M. WALSH, Esq.,
Horrobin Cottage,
Old Links Golf Club,
Montserrat, Bolton.
Tel: 40050

Spring Tournament

Dean Wood Golf Club, Upholland, Nr. Skelmesdale, Thursday 16th May, 1974.

Lectures

Our sincere thanks to Mr. Fairhurst for the very interesting slides and talk on "Fungi Species" which he gave to a very attentive audience. This completes this winter's series of talks.

New Members

We welcome to the section the following new members:—

- D. Goodridge, Charters Golf Club, Chester.
- H. Smith, Great Lever & Farnworth Golf Club, Bolton.
- B. Buckle, Fairfield Golf & Sailing Club, Audenshaw, Manchester.
- K. P. Whyte, Didsbury Golf Club, Northenden, nr. Manchester.
- A. Higgins, Formby Golf Club, Formby, Lancs.
- N. R. Cheetham, Dunham Forest Golf & Country Club, Altrincham, Cheshire.