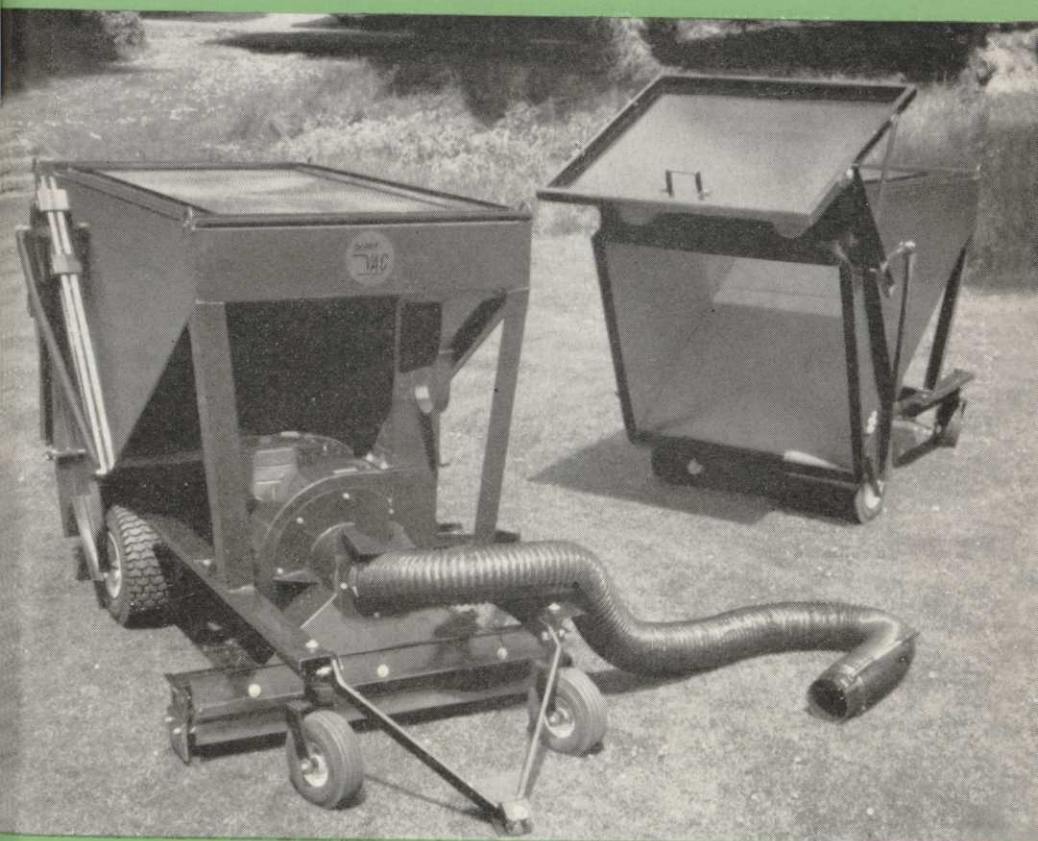


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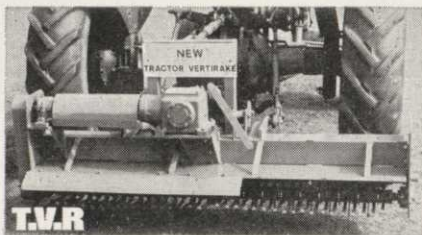
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Elsewhere in this issue is a reproduction of a letter published in *Golf Illustrated*, written by Jonathan Franks of Twyford Seeds Ltd., urging a 50p levy on all golfers to provide funds to assist in the training and professional education of Greenkeepers and to help the development of the art of greenkeeping. Such efforts from people professionally outside the Association are most welcome and most necessary if an increasing number of greenkeepers are to be attracted to the game and suitably trained in the future. Following the proposal adopted at the Annual General Meeting that all golf clubs in the country should be approached by letter and invited to make an annual contribution to Association funds for the same purpose, perhaps at long last we can see real progress being made to further Greenkeepers and the art of Greenkeeping. Club Secretaries please note.

During a recent visit to Ransome's headquarters at Ipswich I learned that the Grass Machinery division now contributes the largest proportion of revenue of the five operating divisions for the first time in the company's history. The recent decision to discontinue production of combine harvesters means not only will there no longer be any British manufacturer of this type of equipment but that additional manufacturing capacity will be available to increase production of grass machinery.

Although the Association will not be organising a Turfgrass Symposium next year Synchemicals Ltd. are staging a one day seminar entitled "Turf '75" at the University of Reading where four papers will be presented. Further details of these together with dates and times of attendance will be published in a future issue.

At the Annual General Meeting several people asked me if they could look forward to the journal increasing in size similar to *Golf Illustrated* as the Association grew in numbers. The answer is No because the other publications covering the sport and recreational field are the same size as *The Greenkeeper* and our advertisers are prevented from the necessity of having material prepared especially for us, which they would have to do if we changed our format.



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E. J. Huxley, Huxleys Garden Machinery, Staines and Alresford.

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I feel I cannot open this article in a better way than by quoting from the front cover of my firm's Hire Brochure: "... obviously if you can find a use for a machine during most months of the year it will pay you to buy . . . in this Brochure we have listed some machines which you may find more economical to hire from us (without operator) for various reasons—high capital cost—limited use—high maintenance costs". This was the theme on the front cover of the first Hire Brochure we produced, in December 1970, and the message remains the same on the cover of our latest issue which lists over 50 different pieces of equipment. Our Hire fleet now numbers some 200 machines (we operate 7 Ryan Greensaires, plus a standby machine, for example).

During the latter part of 1970 we were looking for some means of expanding our business which for years had been a specialist one, concentrating mainly on sales and service to the professional users, such as Golf Clubs, Sports Clubs, Local Authorities and Estates. We had two businesses established in good areas—Middlesex and Hampshire. The tendency amongst most of our competitors seemed to be to look for something to manufacture or import: somehow this did not seem to fit in with the

way we were going. We decided that the short-term hire of specialist equipment had great possibilities **provided it was done properly**. It is now apparent that we took the right decision because the hire side of our business has progressed over the last three years in a very satisfactory way: what about the advantages to the customer?

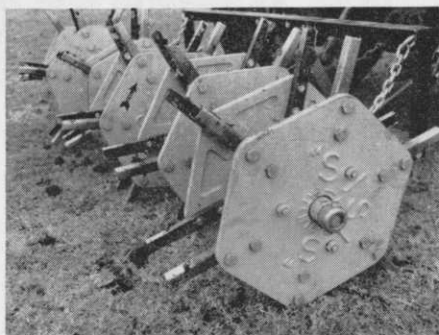
Nowadays the purchase of expensive machinery must be justified: even for so-called 'wealthy' Clubs it hardly makes sense to lay out a large sum on the purchase of a piece of equipment which will only be used for a week or two each year. The expense is not confined to the original purchase—other factors such as storage space, depreciation and maintenance must also be taken into account. No Club could afford to keep the large range of equipment which we offer for hire. It is pleasing to us to realise that in our small way we are contributing to improvements in the condition of many Golf Courses and Sports Grounds. Our turf maintenance equipment, for instance, is in great demand in the Autumn and Spring and Clubs are able to make great improvements in the quality of their playing surfaces by hiring machines from us for use by their own skilled staff—machines which would certainly be beyond the reach of most Clubs to purchase. We do not hire to Contractors, incidentally; it is a condition that our machines must only be used by the hirer or his employees. We offer to instruct the operator in use and maintenance: indeed with certain

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1st	Prize	S.T.R.I. Cup and Travel Bag	M. Owen	35 pts.
2nd	"	Hargreaves Cup & Golf Bag	R. W. Lance	35 "
3rd	"	Bath Towel	B. F. Mott	34 "
4th	"	Bottle Whiskey	G. Payne	34 "
5th	"	Vegetable Dish	B. E. Payne	33 "
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Jubilee Cup Inter-Section—36 holes Medal

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"Coming of Age" Cup (60 yrs. and over)—18 holes Medal

1st	Prize	Maxwell Hart Trophy & Barometer ...	P. Whitehead	74
2nd	"	Travelling Rug	R. Lewis	75
3rd	"	Bottle Whiskey	W. Summer	80

Senior Division—36 holes Medal

1st	Prize	Ransomes Cup & Wrist Watch	G. Payne	103
2nd	"	"Golf Illustrated" Cup Sheets etc. ...	J. Robinson	105
3rd	"	"Universal" Cup and Clock	G. Woodward	105½
4th	"	Table Lighter	F. Ainsworth	105½
5th	"	Kitchen Set	D. Roberts	106
6th	"	Wallet	D. H. Major	106
7th	"	Tankard	R. S. Howlett	106
8th	"	Hand Towels	R. W. Lance	108
9th	"	½ Doz. Golf Balls	R. H. Plain	108½
10th	"	Sherry Glasses	E. R. West	109
11th	"	Thermos Flask	B. E. Payne	109½

Junior Division (12 to 24)

1st	Prize	"Pattisnon" Trophy & Wrist Watch ...	A. Martin	103
2nd	"	President's Cup, Sheets etc.	T. Davaccia	106
3rd	"	"Mays" Cup & Toilet Case	T. Patchin	106
4th	"	Clock	R. Peters	107
5th	"	Edging Shears	H. McAddey	108½
6th	"	Kitchen Carvers	J. Sirviss	109
7th	"	Tankard	C. J. Rogerson	110½
8th	"	Hand Towels	J. E. Cryer	111
9th	"	½ Doz. Golf Balls	J. Scott	112½
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We have to succeed him, Mr. E. R. James of the South Coast Section and we feel sure from the efforts Mr. James has already made in developing our new Section, he will undoubtedly prove a worthy successor to Mr. Scoones.

One of the major events of the year was the increased membership fees. The object of this increase was to improve the finances of Head Office funds and this has undoubtedly been accomplished; happily we are glad to say, without any diminishing of membership.

The Annual Draw was held as in previous years with an increased charge for tickets. This proved a good move, also, the receipts were nearly 100% up on previous years, which again was a satisfactory effort for our finances.

Once again we would like to express our sincere thanks to the R & A for again providing free passes to some of our members to attend the Open Championship, a privilege much appreciated by those who were able to make the trip.

The Wage Scale recommendations were again reviewed by the Executive Committee last March and further figures were proposed and given as much publicity as was possible. We

feel sure that once again these proposals have been beneficial to a great number of our members; also we think that many Golf Club Secretaries are looking for guidance in this respect.

We are most happy to advise our members that our Association was invited to join the Golf Development Council, and I need hardly say, that your Executive Committee were delighted to accept this invitation.

Our representation on the Turfgrass Advisory Committee has been changed slightly owing to the resignation of Mr. Carrick, and we would like to express our appreciation to him for his efforts in this field. To succeed him we are very pleased to include the name to Mr. E. Walsh of the North-West Section who is now representing the Association on this Committee in conjunction with Mr. A. Robertshaw.

The latest figures by the Joint Council of Apprentices show that this scheme is still progressing. The latest figures were:—398 issued, 284 registered, and 177 completed. Our thanks are once again due to the Officers of the Council for the continued success of the Scheme.

Membership

The figures produced by the Sections for the year-ending April 1974 show a total of 1,028, which we feel is most satisfactory, particularly in view of the increased membership fees already mentioned. This figure is approximately a 40 increase on last year.

Annual Tournament

The 56th Annual Tournament was held at Cleveland Golf Club, Somerset and once again it proved to be a very happy and interesting event. With good weather and a good attendance, and a delightful course, we feel sure that all those who took part had a very enjoyable visit to Somerset. We much appreciated the courtesy and kindness of all the officials and staff at Cleveland for their unstinting efforts to make our visit so pleasant and we would again express our appreciation of all the Trade associations who helped so generously, to make our prize table a worthy exhibit, and the representatives and friends who gave so much practical help.

International Match

A new advent in our programme this year was an International Match which was made possible by the courtesy and efforts of Messrs. Ransomes Sims & Jefferies. It was

through their efforts this International match was arranged in conjunction with the Pro Am Tournament which they normally hold each year, and invitations were sent to ourselves and the Scottish Association to provide a team of four, to represent England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland. Invitations were also sent to a Continental team, the U.S.A., Canada and Japan. This was felt to be a splendid occasion to meet Greenkeepers from all parts of the world and thanks are again due to Ransomes Sims & Jefferies for arrangements made for Dinner and entertainment after the match. Some very pleasant associations were made with representatives from Canada, U.S.A., and the Continent, as well as Great Britain. Unfortunately, Japan were unable to arrange a team to reach us in time for the fixture, but we received expressions of appreciation from them together with a Samurai Head-dress as a token of friendship. The Americans were also

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In conjunction with Tournament, Mr. F. W. Hawtree was instrumental in organising the First British Turfgrass Symposium which took place at Ipswich on the 4th October 1973, and was certainly an occasion for the B.G.G.A. The point when an association comes together with other delegates to talk about its work rather than its purposes is an important one, and reflects not only enthusiasm but responsibility.

The Symposium was the first of its kind; the attendance figure of 200 was therefore a most encouraging start. The breakdown of attendance figures are as follows:—

From Golf Club	...	101	(50%)
From Firms	...	66	(33%)
From Local and Central Government	...	7	(4%)

From Associations and Institutes	...	11	(6%)
From Abroad	...	14	(7%)
The number of Golf Clubs represented was	...	68	

On the day of the Symposium a post-card with space for percentage scoring and general comments was issued to each representative. 50% of the respondents suggested that the future location should be in the Midlands. Suggestions for future Symposium themes were fungal diseases, machinery, chemicals, turfgrass varieties, training and turfgrass management. All but one said they would attend future Symposiums. Here in this sample at least, was enthusiasm and conviction of the need to hold future Symposiums.

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so much of their time to assist the Sections in their local activities and we are sure that members find local news, which we receive from these Section Secretaries for inclusion in their Journal, to be of the greatest interest.

The British Golf Greenkeeper

Our Journal is continuing to make progress and the editing staff have much appreciated the additional news which has been forthcoming for inclusion in the Journal and also for the collaboration of Section Secretaries in assisting to maintain the mailing list, whereby our members have not been disappointed to any extent in the non-receipt of the Journal.

Benevolent Fund

The Benevolent Fund has this year paid a total of £100 to dependants of deceased members since our last report.

F. G. Hawtree Memorial Fund

There was only one application during the year for the assistance of this fund to attend a course of instruction, but from recent enquiries, the fund will undoubtedly be put to greater use in the coming year.

S.T.R.I.

Once again we would like to express our thanks to the S.T.R.I. for their continued advice and assistance to members when they could be of help.

In Memoriam

We record with sorrow the death of the following members, announced in the British Golf Greenkeeper:—

- J. L. WHITE—East Midland.
TOM LLOYD—Welsh.
Wm. KINSEY—Late Pres. of N.W. Section.
A. STEPHENS—Midland Section.
C. BRASSINGTON—N.W. Section.
J. WALLIS-ARTHUS — Southern Section.
J. NESS—Southern Section.

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blades that will remain flat until they die after about a month and become part of the 'thatch'. This thatch forms a roof over the soil that stops water and air penetrating, and, as it usually lays in one direction, it can have a very adverse effect on golf greens. And subsequently, on your putting! So how do we cope with this

mattress of grass? Simple really, we just use a mower that cuts vertically instead of horizontally, the Ransomes-Hahn 'Verti-Cut'.

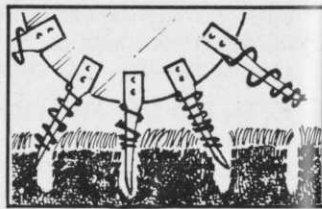
3. Top Dressing

It is the organic matter that we add - especially the organic material in the grass plant, that gives soils stability. The structure can, of course, be improved with materials like sand, humus and peat moss, depending on local conditions. This top dressing must be worked thoroughly into the surface.

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LETTERS

'Reprinted from the October 24th issue of Golf Illustrated'

Editor,
Golf Illustrated,
8 Stratton Street,
London. W1X 6AT.

Dear Sir,

In recent months there has been a considerable amount of correspondence in various golfing magazines regarding the serious shortage and the status of Greenkeepers in this country. The situation has been brought to a head simply because we are now building more golf courses per annum than ever before and many of these new clubs are finding it almost impossible to obtain experienced staff to take over from the contractors once the course has been seeded.

Fortunately for the Greenkeeper, this has meant that clubs are now being forced to raise the salaries of their greens staff to a more realistic level, rather than rely on the old agricultural standard rates of pay which makes little or no allowance for the genuine skills of the experienced Greenkeeper.

Surely the time has come when some positive action should be taken by the Golf Course Development Corporation to train and encourage more Greenkeepers into the industry.

In America there are a number of Universities where a young Greenkeeper can go on a two or three year course where he is taught by experienced staff the skills of the profession.

Such a course is financed from a central fund to which all golf clubs in the States contribute. If the Greenkeeper leaves with a Certificate of Competance, he knows he can obtain a worthwhile job and after a further three or four years of practical experience he is likely to be offered the position of Golf Superintendent which carries a deserved status together with a good salary.

Such a scheme costs money but with over 1700 Golf Clubs in the U.K., with an average Membership of 300 per club, surely no golfer would object to a 50p levy being built into his annual club subscription which could go towards a training scheme for Greenkeepers. Such a scheme would raise over £250,000 per annum which would enable the Council to approach more than one University or Horticultural Training College to set up a proper two-year training course for Greenkeepers which would be to the mutual benefit of all those interested in golf.

Yours faithfully,
p.p. Twyford Seeds Limited.
Jonathan Franks

33 Knowle Drive,
Exwick,
Exeter,
Devon, EX4 2DF.
7.10.74

Dear Sir,

I feel I must write and say how much I agree with Mr. Mawdeleys' letter in the September Greenkeeper, as we here in the South West are in a similar position.

I would like to see a Greenkeepers' Union. Now this may cause a stir, but we are responsible people who would not treat a union as a chance to strike at any trivial occurrence, (we know who would have to put the

course to rights afterwards) but we could use the union to negotiate a national status for Greenkeepers and Assistants. This would cover wages, training, restrooms, toilet and washing facilities (often neglected by employers) and pension schemes etc.

The union would increase the membership of the B.G.G.A. by leaps and bounds with obvious benefits not only to the B.G.G.A. but to training and stimulation of standards and recruitment generally.

Thank you for your time.

Yours faithfully,
B. Pile
(Greenkeeper)

NEWS

A new, simple to operate trencher having a digging capacity of up to 8" wide and up to 3 ft. deep is introduced by **Trenchex of Uttoxeter.**

The 10 + 2 is powered by a 10 H.P. Kohler air cooled engine which delivers equal torque to both wheels for efficient drive and trenching. With the transmission in low range the right digging speed through the 4 speed transaxle can be matched exactly to soil conditions. Electric start adds safety and easy starting even in cold weather. Shock load protection is provided through a slipping belt.

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Final drainage improvements to Poult Wood Golf Course, Tonbridge have recently been completed. The course was built from land which was 90% wooded three years ago, and the drainage then installed on all fairways consisted of PVC coiled drains alongside each fairway and the fairway mole-ploughed to create waterways to these mains. This has worked quite well on most fairways, but nos. 10, 16 and 17 have been presenting bad drainage problems, so Mr Humphries, the Parks and Cemetary's superintendent of Tonbridge and Malling District Council decided to make improvements. He chose WAVIN-FLOW pipes from Trenching Plastics Ltd., of Colne Road, Coggeshall, Colchester, Essex in 50mm and 70mm sizes. 5,000 ft of 50mm and an equivalent amount of 70mm Wavinflow was used.

Two men, using a Ditch Witch put in the drains in 45 hours, including backfilling with $\frac{3}{8}$ " pea, gravel topping off the last $1\frac{1}{2}$ " with sand and soil mix. The average run length of these laterals was 40 yards.

Mr Humphries stated that the drainage on fairways 10, 16 and 17 is now 100% efficient.



Special Occasions

- Nov. 5 South Coast Section
1st Winter Lecture—
Alresford G.C. Time 7
p.m. Talk arranged T.
Parker. Topic: Sisis
Equipment.
- 6 Southern Section Lec-
ture — Whitbreads So-
cial Club. Time 6.30
p.m.
- 18 North-West Section 1st
Winter Lecture — G.
Vaughan. Ransomes,
Sims & Jefferies.
Swinton Park G.C.
Time 7.30 p.m.
- Dec. 3 South Coast Section
Film "Grasses"—J. H.
Franks Twyford Seeds.
Alresford G.C. Time 7
p.m.
- 4 Southern Section Lec-
ture — Whitbreads So-
cial Club. Time 6.30
p.m.
- 9 North-West Section
Lecture—H. Patisson
& Co. Swinton Park
G.C. Time 7.30 p.m.

1975

- Jan. 7 Midland Section—
Panel/G'keeper/Trade
Rep. "Question Time".
Edgbaston G.C. Time
2 p.m.
- 8 Southern Section Lec-
ture—Whitbreads So-
cial Club.
- Feb. 4 Midlands Section Lec-
ture — Mommersteeg
Int. Kings Norton.
Time 2 p.m.

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Calne, Wiltshire. SN11 0LD.

Mr. J. H. Franks, Sports Turf Manager of Twyford Seeds Limited will be giving a talk illustrated by a film on the Barenbrug range of grasses on Tuesday, 3rd December, 1974 at Alresford Golf Club at 7 p.m. All members and guests are invited to attend.

We welcome to the Section the following new members and hope their association with us will be a long and happy one.

L. M. Mileham and R. L. Shaft-shaft (Vice-Presidents).

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4th Nett	R. Goodwin (6 Tumblers)	38 + 72 = 110
5th Nett	A. Cutler (Garden Sun Lounger)	32½ + 78 = 110½
6th Nett	T. Morris (4 Tumblers)	42½ + 69 = 111½
7th Nett	T. Cutler (Beer Mug)	37 + 77 = 114
8th Nett	T. Jones on last 9 (Beer Mug)	38 + 77 = 115
9th Nett	G. Hart (Beer Mug)	38 + 77 = 115
10th Nett	A. Boraston (Beer Mug)	37½ + 78 = 115½
11th Nett	R. Chandler (Cigarette Lighter)	37 + 79 = 116
12th Nett	W. Marnock (Pullover)	36 + 81 = 117
13th Nett	R. Smith (Bottle Whiskey)	35½ + 82 = 117½
14th Nett	C. Frost (Trouser Press)	36 + 82 = 118
15th Nett	D. Haynes (Bottle Port)	40½ + 79 = 119½
16th Nett on last 9	G. Scrutton (Cigars)	44 + 76 = 120
17th Nett	B. F. Ashby (Bottle White Wine)	36 + 84 = 120
18th Nett	R. Pullen (Bottle Red Wine)	37½ + 83 = 120½

EAST MIDLAND SECTION

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Leicester.

Annual Autumn Golf Tournament

The Annual Autumn Golf Tournament was held at Chilwell Manor Golf Club on Wednesday 18th September 1974. There was a very good entry. Our thanks to the Captain and committee for allowing us the courtesy of the course, to the outside staff for an excellent course and to the inside staff for a lovely meal. Our thanks also to Mrs. Darby and Mrs. Mott for the cards and raffle, to Mr. W. Cole and Mr. R. Willars for the starting, to Mr. G. Darby for the cards. Also to Mr. & Mrs. I. Toon for the buying of the prizes. Our thanks to Tillcon Ltd. Bentley Ltd. Cannock Fertilisers. Mr. Bird, Mr. A. Thornton. The Captain of Chillwell. Sutton and Sons. H. Pattinson & Co. for the prizes.

The winners were as follows:—

Greenkeepers

	Nett.	HDC
1st D. Warrington (Birstall)	68	24
2nd D. Jack (Leicestershire)	68	18
3rd B. Mott (Rothley)	70	10
4th F. Frost (Derby MC)	72	15
5th G. Dunkley (Northampton)	73	24
6th G. Darby (Birstall)	73	6
7th A. Shaw (Ratcliffe)	73	14
8th J. Goddard (Mapperley)	74	15
9th M. Lake (Northampton)	76	24
10th J. King (Scraftoft)	77	24

Vice President

1st P. Kelham	72	11
2nd T. Dauccia	73	18

Visitors

1st A. Morris	72	11
2nd C. Warrington	72	24

MIDLANDS SECTION

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V. SMITH

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Sutton Coldfield,
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Owing to a regrettable oversight the following item was omitted from the Annual General Meeting Report in the September edition of the journal.

The Midland Section would like to express their gratitude to the retiring auditors, Eric Ballinger and Ken Sargeon, who have generously given their time and effort to our Section for so long.

Autumn Tournament

The Autumn Tournament was held at the Handsworth Golf Club on Wednesday 18th September. Scores and Prize Winners over 27 holes are given on the following page.

The prizes were presented by the Captain of the Handsworth Golf Club, Mr. Alan Spalding, who welcomed the Midland Greenkeepers to Handsworth and hoped everyone had enjoyed the day.

Our Chairman, V. Smith thanked Mr. Spalding and the members of the Club for allowing our members the courtesy of the course and Club house for the day. He told the Captain and members of the Club how delighted the Greenkeepers were with the splendid display of Stuart Crystal glass which the Handsworth G.C. had donated as prizes. He thanked the Steward and Stewardess for the meals and service and Peter Whyatt and Bill Payne who helped so much with the paper-work and Score cards. He paid tribute to the rest of the green staff who, with himself, had got the course into such fine condition. We are indebted to the following Prize donors:—

Winter Educational Meetings

January:—A Forum will take place at the Edgbaston Golf Club on 7th January 1975 commencing at 2.00 p.m. A Panel of experienced Greenkeepers and Trades representatives will answer your questions.

February:—A Lecture will take place at the Kings Norton Golf Club on 4th February commencing at 2.00 p.m. The subject of the lecture being "The modern cultivars of grass seed for Golf Courses." The speaker will be from Mommersteeg International.

Members of the Section would be well advised to attend these meetings as I am sure you will find them most beneficial.

A. Kite, Secretary.

SOUTHERN SECTION

Chairman:

F. W. FORD
(South Herts)

Secretary:

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A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to Members of the British Golf Greenkeepers Association everywhere.

Autumn Tournament

A warm welcome was extended to all at the Burnham Beeches G.C. on the occasion of our 1974 Autumn Meeting. Fine golfing weather and a course in first-class condition, thanks to Brian Payne and a Steward, who worked wonders with 112 to cater for, all contributed towards making our day a day to remember.

Other contributions came from David and John who organised the cards and raffle etc., their much valued services were never more appreciated.

Our thanks also to Robert H. Andrews for adding two glass tankards towards the prize-giving and to

Maxwell Hart and Huxleys Garden Machinery for bottles of scotch and the Benevolent Fund Raffle.

The prizes were presented by the Captain of the club, Mr. Glyn-Jones and the day concluded with splendid comedy entertainment by Ronnie Twist.

New Members

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

M. F. JOHNSON (Surbiton), A. J. BAKER (Dereham) and G. F. HAYES (Sth. Herts).

Obituary

Members will be sorry to learn that Jimmy Ness passed away in hospital on Saturday 7th September. Jim, a Southern Section Committee man for many years, was known, respected and liked by members in all Sections of the B.G.G.A., and he will be greatly missed.

Special tribute was paid to him at the Croydon Crematorium service at which the Southern Section was represented by David Craig, George Hitchcock and George Brown. Our deepest sympathy has been expressed by letter to Mrs. M. Ness and the following received:—

"Dear Mr. Ford,

Will you please convey my sincere thanks to the members of the Southern Section of the B.G.G.A. for the beautiful wreath for Jim, sent on their behalf.

How he loved to attend the meetings and to meet all his friends. He used to say he always found something new to be learned about greenkeeping. Dave Craig told me that a tribute was to be paid to his memory after the prize-giving, and it gives his brother, sister and myself great comfort to know he had earned the respect of his fellow greenkeepers".

Tournament Results

Best Morning	Mr. J. Farrington & A. P. Viney	(Frilford Hth)	40 points
„ Afternoon	M. B. Piggott & A. D. Piggott	(Henley)	36 „

36 Aggregate

1st	A. A. Collis & A. L. Waring	(Sonning)	81 „
2nd	M. D. Piggott & A. J. Hanan	(Henley)	77 „
3rd	M. B. Newcombe & M. St. John	(Woodcote)	76 „
4th	J. C. Newman & J. Reeves	(Downshire)	75 „

1975 Activities

JANUARY	8th	Lecture Whitbreads	6.30 p.m.
FEBRUARY	5th	„ „	„
MARCH	5th	„ „	„
„	21st	ANNUAL DINNER	Walton Heath.
MAY	14th	Spring Tournament	South Herts.
JUNE	11th	A.G.M.	Venue to be arranged.
JULY		Midland v. Southern Match	
SEPT.	9th	Autumn Tournament	Walton Heath.
OCTOBER	8th	Secretaries Match	Venue to be arranged.

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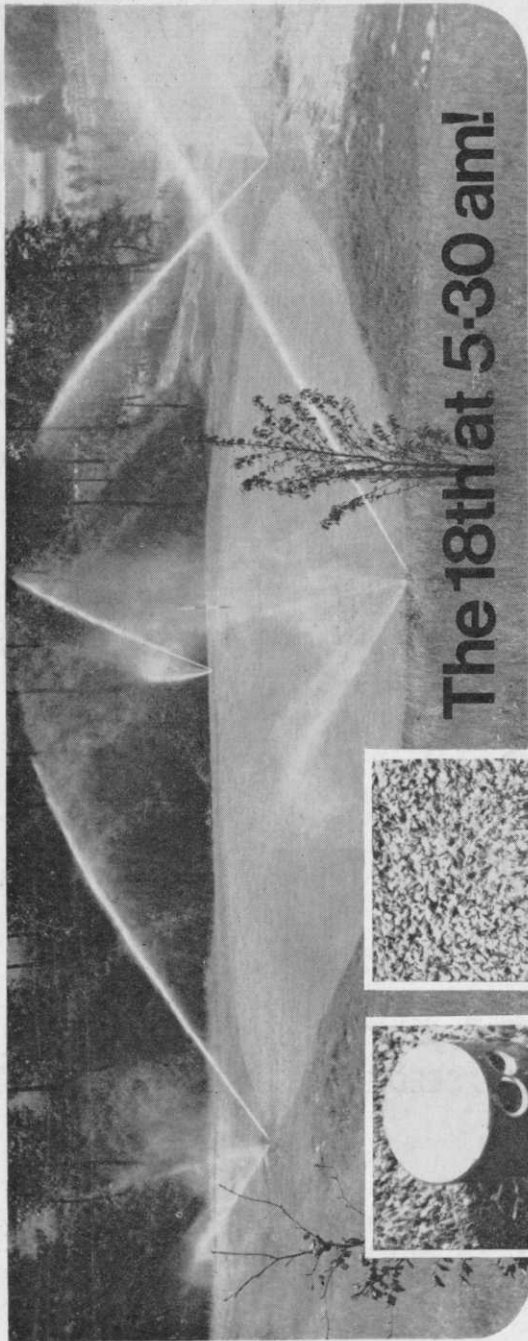
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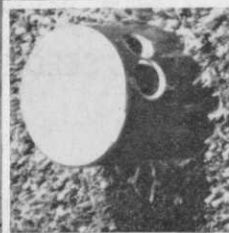
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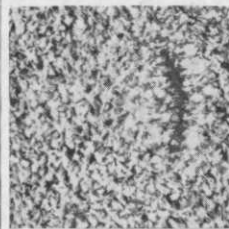
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