



SECTION NEWS

A nationwide round-up of news from the branches

was founded as a 9-hole course in the early 1920's, built on the low lying rich fenland soil, in the heart of an area of intensive arable farming. In 1966 it expanded to 16 holes, and in 1973 became a full 18 holes occupying 78 acres with a par of 68 and a length of 5,847 yds. The shortest hole on the course is 165 yds. and the final four holes are all par 4's, the shortest of these being 373 yds. There is one par 5, 12 par 4's and five par 3's. The first and second holes have the River Glen on their left, and the Blue Gout drain on its left. Several thousand trees have been planted since 1966 to make things even tighter in the future, and the timber clubhouse has had recent extensions to the dining and bar facilities." Signed A. W. Ward.

East Midland Section

Chairman:
G. DARBY

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

Spring Tournament

THE Annual Spring Golf Tournament is being held at Spalding Golf Club on May 14, 1975. Would you please let me know by May 1, 1975, if you will be playing and require a meal. Would you also let me know if you require a seat on the bus, the fare is approximately £1.50 each.

Knockout Cup

The above competition is being held once again this year. Entrance fee is 50p. Would you please let me know by May 1, 1975, if you will be entering.

Captains Versus Presidents Match

The above golf match will be held at Longcliffe Golf Club on June 4, 1975. Anyone wishing to play and require a meal, please notify me by May 14, 1975.

From Head Greenkeeper, Spalding Golf Club. Details of the course where we are holding the Spring Tournament. "The Spalding Golf Club is situated near the village of Surfleet, which is four miles north of Spalding on the A16 Spalding to Boston Road. The course lies immediately south of the River Glen and one mile to the right of the A16 when proceeding north. The Club

Subscriptions

As so many subscriptions are not paid until late in the year the committee has passed that Section C Rule 7 of the Constitution Rules for British Greenkeepers which states: "no person whose subscription is in arrears shall participate in any advantages or privileges of the association, vote on any question or compete for any prize." This now applies to this section, and also the committee would like all subscriptions to be paid within one month as from May 1, 1975.

Letter from Mr. I. Toon, Vice-Chairman

It is with much regret that the East Midlands Section has had to say yet another farewell to a very valuable Greenkeeper. In this case Mr. Gerald Darby, past Head Greenkeeper of the Birstall Golf Club, who has now taken up the position as Head Greenkeeper

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of the Worplesdon Golf Club near Woking in Surrey. Throughout his six years or so, at Birstall, he has served this section to his greatest ability, both as a committee member and Chairman. Besides this he has been a valued friend to myself and many others, and will be sadly missed.

May I then as Vice-Chairman, say on behalf of all the members of this section "We wish you good health and fortune in your new position, for you, your wife and your family. Many sincere thanks for all you've done".

South Coast Section

Chairman:
E. R. JAMES

Hon. Secretary:
MRS. J. STIMSON
North Wilts. G.C.
Devizes.

OVER forty members attended the third Winter lecture held at Alresford Golf Club on Tuesday, January 7, 1975, and they were rewarded with a very interesting talk on Irrigation by Mr. R. Gundry of Toro/Wright Rain Ltd. Mr. Gundry covered every aspect of the various water systems which are installed on golf courses in this country

and he illustrated several points by special slides.

Considering the fact that Mr. Gundry had to deputise for Mr. Flowerday at the last minute and he also remained unperturbed by the presence of a member only four years old, we all agree "Didn't he do well!" and extend to him our grateful thanks for making the long journey from Reading.

We are pleased to welcome Mr. P. Stanwick of Alton Golf Club and we hope his association with us will be a long and happy one. Since May, 1974, we have achieved a fifty per cent increase in membership!

Members enjoyed a very interesting and entertaining lecture evening on Tuesday, February 4, 1975, at Alresford Golf Club. Our grateful thanks to Mr. C. Head, Technical Manager of Chipman Limited, who gave us a most informative talk on Drainage and Sand Slitting and the ready response at Question Time clearly indicated that the topic was of immense interest to the audience.

Members are reminded that the 1975

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TEE OFF IN HERTFORDSHIRE

Be in at the start and make sure we amateurs match up to your professional standards.

We are in the process of constructing an 18 hole Golf Course on a 184 acre site with a 9 hole pitch and putt course and other practice, driving and putting areas.

We need a Head Greenkeeper now, who will advise on ground layout and maintenance, equipment etc, and, when the Little Hay Golf Centre opens in 1976 will proudly maintain it to those Golfers highest standards.

We need your advice, so we'll give you a salary of between £2200 and £2600 p.a. inclusive of threshold etc. A detached bungalow will be available on the site and full removal expenses will be given.

So 'phone Hemel Hempstead 54241 now for an application form or write to the Chief Executive, Personnel Services Dept., DACORUM DISTRICT COUNCIL, 41 Marlowes, Hemel Hempstead, Herts.

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Spring Meeting will be held on Thursday, May 8, at Stoneham Golf Club by courtesy of the Committee. Tee off 9 a.m.: 36 Hole Medal: Entry fee £3.50. Will all members who intend to play please send their entries (indicating current golf handicap) to Mr. E. Fox, Tournament Organiser, c/o Huxleys Garden Machinery, The Dean, New Alresford, Hampshire, not later than Friday April 28, 1975. Cheques and postal orders to be made payable to B.G.G.A. South Coast Section.

NOTICE is hereby given that the 1975 Annual General Meeting of the South Coast Section will be held at Stoneham Golf Club on Thursday, May 8, 1975, at 7 p.m.

We are pleased to welcome to the Section the following members and we hope their association with us will be a long and happy one:—

Mr. H. Hibberd, New Forest Golf Club.

Mr. R. N. Keatley (Maxwell Hart (London) Ltd.)

Welsh Section

President:
J. BIRD

Treasurer:
D. C. OLIVER
Lywnpia,
Rhondda,
Glam.

THE Spring Meeting will be held at Llantrisant and Pontyclun Golf Club, Talbot Green, on April 15, 1975. Could all attend by 9.45 a.m. for an early start.

Northern Section

Chairman:
J. SCOTT
Wetherby Golf Club

Hon. Secretary:
W. HEELES
7 Tentergate Close,
Knaresborough, Yorks.
Tel: K'boro 3851

OUR thanks to Mr. B. Kirby and the Managing Director of Longdales Development Co. Ltd., Growers and Suppliers of TANA GRASS, for the very interesting talk and slides on the growing and uses of TANA GRASS.

Diary Date. The Spring Tournament will be held on May 29, 1975, at the Moor Allerton Golf Club.

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SCUNTHORPE GOLF CLUB SOUTH HUMBERSIDE

HEAD GREENKEEPER REQUIRED

at modern club to take charge of present 18 hole course, staff and future course developments. Must have proven ability of course management.

Generous housing assistance. Salary by negotiation. Applications treated with strict confidence. References required after interview.

The Secretary,
Scunthorpe Golf Club,
Ashby Decoy,
Burringham Road,
Scunthorpe,
South Humberside.

HEAD GREENKEEPER

Applications are invited from suitably qualified persons for the above post.

The course is 6000 yards set in Parkland in the County of Tyne & Wear. A Modern 2 Bedroom Flat is available.

Applicants should apply giving fullest details of previous appointments and stating age and salary requirement to:—

H. R. G. Loadman, Esq.,
Chairman, Greens Committee,
WHICKHAM GOLF CLUB
Hollinside Park, Whickham,
Newcastle upon Tyne NE16 5BA

Testing the seeds

More details of work at the Sports Turf Research Institute, Bingley

Cultivar and Seeds Mixture Testing

Work on these subjects has gone on almost continuously at various levels of intensity right from the beginning and at the present time the greater part of our research effort is directed to this end.

In recent years grass breeders have produced a great many new cultivars (varieties) of the common turf species and it seems clear that independent testing is important (though not covered by the State as in Agriculture). Field tests are carried out to compare performance under different treatments (e.g. height of cut, fertiliser, artificial wear) and results are reported each year in our Journal. It is hoped that before very long we will be able to produce for sale a regular handbook summary of our evaluations.

New seed mixture trials are necessary because of the availability of improved varieties and to take account of the artificial soil conditions

which are being increasingly used. We would like to do more than we are able at present.

Needs for research at the present time

Last year a new committee of representatives of the main turfgrass breeders was formed, the idea being for us to consult with them as to whether trials we are doing on cultivars are of a satisfactory nature. Happily, it would appear that we are not far off the mark but this committee thinks that much more work is required and indeed that it should be carried out at several centres to take account of different climatic and other conditions. It is interesting to note that the idea of sub-centres was referred to in our first Journal in 1929 and was recommended by the Scientific Advisory Committee in 1930!

The committee of Breeders representatives suggested the formation of

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Sheffield Section

President:
S. K. ARNOLD

Hon. Secretary:
B. V. LAX
153 Kilton Road,
Workshop,
Worksop,
Notts.

JANUARY was a vacant month in our winter lecture programme, but on February 6, Mr. M. Scheile of Agrihort Ltd. gave us a very interesting talk on the subject of Modern Grasses for Modern Golf Courses.

The meeting was very well attended. About 48 members were kept very interested for the duration of Mr. Scheile's talk. Afterwards our Presi-

dent, Mr. K. Arnold, in thanking Mr. Scheile, said he thought we had been given a look into the future as regards grasses that would be used on golf courses.

Congratulations to the Captain and Committee of Lindrick Golf Club, their course having been chosen as venue for the P.G.A. Match Play Championship.

The event is in September, and I am sure Lindrick will once again be in its usual fine condition, thanks to Harry Herrington and his staff.