

The Greenkeepers

WALSALL Golf Course is situated at Broadway, Walsall in Staffordshire. It is an 18-hole flat course, open meadow land inclined to be wet as it is built on clay. The club has a total membership of 737 including ladies and juniors.

The Head Greenkeeper is Gilbert Woodward who first started as an assistant at Walsall Golf Club under his father in 1925. After war service in the R.A.F. in India, Ceylon and Burma, Gilbert returned home to be demobbed and went into the transport business until 1954 when he returned to Walsall Golf Club as Head Greenkeeper. For the last ten years he has been an honorary member.

There is a total Greenkeeping staff of six who have done extensive drainage to the course over the years. This has considerably improved the playing conditions, particularly those most affected by the clay subsoil. Trees of various types have been planted and this is a continuing operation.

The club owns a fairly extensive range of equipment. This includes four 18" Auto Certes, a Toro 70, two Atco 24", one Hayter 24", two sets of gang mowers, mark 10 and magnums, two Tractors—one Leyland 154 and one Fordson 2000 with a front bucket, McConnell Power Arm Digger. One

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The course being on clay; one big problem is the heavy growth of grass in a wet season. Fusarium can be a problem but this winter a great improvement has been achieved by the use of Tecto Systemic. Vandalism is a problem on the more remote parts of the course and yet another is the recruitment of staff in this part of the country.

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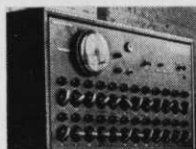
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OUR first golf competition of the year was held at Abbeydale Golf Club on June the 11th.

The competition was our President, Mr. Arnold's prize, 30 members took part in the 18 hole Stapleford competition.

The weather was glorious, and we found Abbeydale in really fine condition. "Well done, Eric!" The scores reflected the fine conditions, and the winner, R. Whitehead, scored 39 points, second also with 39 points was D. Chappell, but Ron took the first prize on the first 9 holes. The other prize winners were B. Lunn and A. Spencer.

Many thanks to our President, Mr. Arnold, for his generosity in providing the really fine prizes.

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A GOLF match between a combined greenkeepers' and Vice-Presidents' team representing Handsworth Golf Club was held on the evening of the 12th June at the Handsworth Golf Club. On this wonderful summer's evening a pleasant game of golf was enjoyed by all, the Handsworth team eventually won the honours with a margin of 8 games to 4. The golf was followed by an excellent meal provided by the Handsworth G.C., the wine with the meal was kindly donated for the evening by the Golf Club Stewards' Association. After all had wined and dined we came to that part of evening which provides representatives from each side with the chance to express their thoughts and gratitudes.

E. Ballinger, the Captain of Handsworth G.C., welcomed the Midland Greenkeepers and the Vice-Presidents of the Midland Section of B.G.G.A. He

1st ASSISTANT GREENKEEPER

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