

SECTION NEWS



South Coast Section

Chairman:
E. R. JAMES

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

THE FOURTH Annual General Meeting of the South Coast Section was held at Stoneham Golf Club on Thursday 8th May 1975 at 8.10 p.m. The meeting was very well attended. In the absence of the President, Mr. James took the Chair.

The minutes of the Third Annual General Meeting held at Ampfield Par Three Golf and Country Club on 16th May 1974 were taken as read and duly adopted and signed. A report on the activities of the past year was submitted by the Hon. Secretary and she also presented the Financial Statement for the year ending 30th April 1975; both reports were considered to be very satisfactory and were duly adopted.

The following officers were re-elected en bloc:—

President: J. H. Fry; Chairman: E. R. James; Vice-Chairman: E. Brown; Committee: E. Fox, P. Marsh, J. Payne, T. Smith, J. Stimson, E. West and W. Young. Hon. Secretary: Mrs. J. Stimson.

The Tournament Organiser outlined the details of a Knockout Competition which he hoped to introduce in the coming year and members were given the opportunity to express their views.

The Hon. Secretary reported that the Section's first dinner/dance held at Hythe last Christmas had been a great success and she was instructed to make the necessary arrangements for a similar evening this year. Members were invited to suggest possible venues and dates for the 1976 Spring and Autumn Meetings and the Hon. Secretary was instructed to approach Bramshott Hill and Blackmoor Golf Clubs respectively.

A vote of thanks was given to Jim Fry, Eric James, Eddie Fox, Eddie West and Nita Stimson for their efforts during the past years; the Section had found its feet again, a 100 per cent increase in membership had been achieved and all the events organised had been a success thanks to the active support of the members. The trade representatives were also thanked for their support during the year and for the generous contributions to our prize funds and also for helping at the Isle of Purbeck Tournament. Their assistance at the meetings had been invaluable. Special thanks were also expressed to the Secretary, Captain and Bar Steward at Alresford Golf Club for giving us the courtesy of their clubhouse for our winter meetings and also to Mr. J. Smellie who had audited the accounts. Eddie Fox was presented with half a dozen golf balls in appreciation of his hard work during the year.

Two points were raised under "any other business" and it was resolved firstly that the Committee should continue to invite special guests to take part in the Autumn Tournament and for prizes to be awarded when merited (the Cup to be awarded to the best Member player as before) and secondly that, in an attempt to keep postage costs down, circular letters be sent to head greenkeepers only (where appropriate) instead

of to each individual greenkeeper member.

Before declaring the meeting closed, the Chairman proposed a special vote of thanks to the Secretary and Members expressed their appreciation in the usual way.

We are pleased to welcome a new member to the Section, Mr. S. Barker of Parkstone Golf Club, and hope his association with us will be a long and happy one.

Please note that the Christmas Dinner/Dance referred to in the AGM Report above has been arranged for Friday, 12th December 1975 at the West Cliff Hall Hotel, Hythe.

It is regretted that several subscriptions are still outstanding despite the many reminders and honorary members and greenkeepers are requested to send the necessary remittance to me immediately.

Southern Section

Chairman:

F. W. FORD
(South Herts.)

Hon. Secretary:

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DETAILS of the A.G.M. 18 holes Medal played at the West Essex Golf Club on Wednesday 11th June are as follows:—

1st. A. Morton (West Byfleet) 72 net—President's Cup and travelling bag; 2nd. J. C. Morgan (Barnehurst) 72 net—association badge and tie; 3rd. F. W. Ford (South Herts) 72 net—coffee set; 4th. R. Tempest (Darenth Valley) 73 net—sun glasses.

The weather was good, the food first class and the course in excellent condition. Thanks, David, and for the very welcome beer tent at the 8th. Chairman of Greens, Mr. Gilford paid

for the beer, proceeds going to the Section Benevolent Fund. We also have to thank Mr. Gilford for the wine on the table.

Continuing with the thanks: Mr. Goss, captain of the club for presenting the prizes and those members of the trade we cannot do without on these occasions: John Field, Phil Marshall, Maurice Emm and George Nurton. The bottles of whisky raffled were donated by Bob Plain, Flymo and Huxleys.

A very enjoyable day marred only by the absence of David Craig who has recently suffered an ankle injury. Best wishes, Dave, and a speedy recovery from us all.

A.G.M. details. Before reading the minutes of the last meeting the Chairman asked everyone to stand in silence for a few moments in memory of our late President, Jack Wallis-Arthur. The minutes were read, signed as correct and in answering a question arising from those minutes the Chairman said that although there had been about 20 members interested in the New Orleans trip the costs had proved too high.

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Following the Secretary's and Treasurer's report on the Section and Benevolent Fund accounts they were adopted on the proposal of E. Johnson, seconded by C. E. Ryan. Election of Officers. President. J. K. Glass. Vice Presidents. D. M. Craig, F. W. Hawtree, G. P. Simpson, P. A. Marshall, K. J. Hemingway, F. Brittin, V. L. Waeland, J. M. Thomas and J. Varney. Chairman. F. W. Ford. Vice Chairman. D. S. Gould. Committee. D. S. Gould, D. H. Major, C. E. Ryan, R. Tempest, J. Kirkpatrick, E. W. Johnson, H. Brown and D. Jones. Executive Representative. D. H. Major. Hon. Secretary and Treasurer. F. W. Ford.

John Field congratulated the Chairman on the way he had conducted the meeting and there being no other business the Chairman called for a vote of thanks to the President and declared the 1975 A.G.M. closed.

The 1975 Autumn Tournament will be played at the Walton-Heath Golf Club, Tadworth, Surrey, on Tuesday

9th September. For the benefit of new members, the competition will be a 36 hole Stableford—4 Ball A.M., Green-some P.M. Members wishing to play should write to me stating Name, Partner's Name, Club and Handicap in Block Letters. Partners MUST be a Member of their own golf club.

Closing Date Monday 25th August.

A warm welcome is extended to new members whose names are listed below:—D. Walsh (South Beds), J. F. Knight (Rye), M. O'Brien (Boyce Hill) and S. R. Groves, D. H. Lucas, and N. S. Weller of the Addington Court Golf Club. Welcome also to First Assistant P. E. Taylor, now at Home Park, and First Assistant A. P. Burge now at Ellesborough. Both are from the Northern Section.

Best wishes to J. Donald who is now Head Greenkeeper to Wanstead G.C. and A. E. Hill at Ruislip G.C. and to Ivor Bunting who has taken over St. Nazaire in France.

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Worksop, Notts.

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.

Midlands Section

Vice Chairman:
V. W. SMITH

Hon. Secretary:
A. KITE
5 Lullington Close,
Sutton Coldfield,
West Midlands.

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

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was able to tell us that Carl Bretherton who had for many years organised this event had asked Handsworth G.C. to take over the organising and running of this popular event. Mr. Bretherton sent his regrets for not being able to attend. Mr. Ballinger informed us that the Handsworth team consisted of all the Officers and Committee Members of the club and also the club's 1st and 2nd team Captains and that this showed the respect the Handsworth G.C. held for the Midland Greenkeepers. To finalise his speech Mr. Ballinger congratulated Vic Smith on becoming the next Chairman of the British Golf Greenkeepers Association.

Speaking on behalf of the greenkeepers team, Vic Smith thanked the Handsworth Golf Club for their hospitality during the evening and for their generosity in providing such a fine meal which was paid for by the club. Vic also praised Mr. and Mrs. Randell, the steward and stewardess, and the rest of the indoor staff who had contributed

so much to making the evening a success. Vic apologised for the greenkeepers who had failed to turn up and said that he would be having words with the people involved at a later date. Mr. N. Russell said that he and the other Vice-Presidents who had been invited to play would like to express their gratitude to both the Handsworth G.C. and the Greenkeepers Association.

The Autumn Tournament will be held at the Druids Heath Golf Club, Stonnall Road, Aldridge, Staffs, on September 25, 1975, by kind permission of the directors of the club. Please be at the club by 9.30 a.m. at the latest. The closing date for the tournament is September 7.

East Midland Section

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Forthcoming Lectures, etc. October 7th 1975: Lecture by Johnsons Seeds on grass, at the Rothley Park Golf Club, Rothley, Leics. **November 4th 1975:** Lecture on drainage by Chipman Ltd. at Longcliff Golf Club, Loughborough. **December 2nd 1975:** Lecture on Greens—Tee Construction by Sports Turf Research Institute at Leicestershire Golf Club, Leicester. **February 3rd 1976:** A lecture on fertilisers by Cannock Ltd. at Charnwood Golf Club, Woodhouse Eaves. **March 2nd 1976:** A film show by Sisis at Birstall Golf Club, Birstall, Leics.

Would you please notify our Chairman, Mr. B. Mott, 84, Balmoral Road, Mountsorrel, Leics., Rothley 2821, seven days before each lecture if you will be attending. We should like to see a good attendance at these lectures.

Northern Section

Chairman:

J. SCOTT
Wetherby Golf Club

Hon. Secretary:

W. HEELES
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IT IS with regret I have to report the death of Mr. R. E. Kirk. Mr. Kirk was a vice-president of long standing he was formerly Head Greenkeeper at Horsforth G.C. and later a representative of Thomas Greens, the mower firm.

Mr. Kirk was in his seventies and only a fortnight earlier had attended the Northern Section Spring Tournament at Moor Allerton G.C.

Presidents Day was held on 26th June at West Bowling G.C. on a wonderful sunny day when 50 greenkeepers and other guests took part.

The absence of rain had made the fairways tricky, but the greens were in

very good order thanks to Donald Roberts and his staff who must have worked very hard to produce these conditions for this popular tournament.

Many thanks are due to our President, W. Mountain, for organising the day, and providing the wonderful array of prizes, which were presented by the captain of West Bowling G.C., Mr. J. McGrath.

Prizewinners were as follows: **1st Division** 1. J. Storey Net 67, 2. D. Roberts Net 68.

2nd Division. 1. R. Smith Net 57, 2. C. Garnett Net 65, 3. A. Ling Net 67.

Visitors. 1. D. Meeham Net 62, 2. J. McGrath Net 64. **Booby** A. E. Boyes with a gross 115.

Mr. Stephen Heaton, an assistant at Ilkley G.C., has broken a leg. It could be ten weeks before he recovers sufficiently to return to work.

Mr. Peter Blacker, Head Greenkeeper at Woodsome Hall G.C. has been appointed Yorkshire representative for Rigby Taylors, the Bolton-based firm.

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Mr. R. Lewis (right) receives the trophy from Mr. F. Longworth after his victory in the North West Section's Spring Tournament held at Royal Lytham and St. Anne's G.C. on May 3.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. D. Storey at Fulford G.C. who have just had a baby daughter.

The following have had their handicaps adjusted.

C. Garnett	18 to 15
J. Storey	13 to 12
S. Bailes	16 to 20
A. Ling	24 to 22

New members to be elected are:—
 Roger Flower, Howley Hall G.C. Class C; Christopher Allen Rayner, Horsforth G.C. Class C; Arthur Ling, Sandmoor G.C. Class C; Ian Derek Samms, 29, Whenby Grove, Huntingdon Road, York. Class V.P.

North-West Section

Chairman:

E. WALSH
 46 Peasley Close,
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 Warrington.

Hon. Secretary:

H. M. WALSH
 34 Kingsfold Close,
 Broughton,
 Bolton, Lancs.

WE welcome to the Section the following new members and hope their association with us will be a happy one: S. L. Massam, Southport and Ainsdale

Golf Club, Lancs, S. Richardson, New Mills Golf Club, Stockport, Cheshire.

As previously stated in preceding issues of the journal the Autumn Tournament will be played over the Bury Golf Club's course on Monday, 6th of October, starting times will be strictly adhered to and I must have entries by 22nd September both for catering and starting times; the course lies between Bury and Whitefield on the A.56.

North East Section

President:

C. N. STOREY
 11 Holywell Avenue,
 Whitley Bay,
 Northumberland.

Hon. Secretary:

G. JEFFERIES
 55 Brackenfield Road,
 Framwell Gate Moor,
 Durham.

OUR Spring Competition was held on Thursday 24th April, by kind permission of their captain and committee, at the Eaglescliffe Golf Club, Co Durham.

The winner over 18 holes was K. Barrs (Ravensworth G.C.) net 71, Salver, 2nd, J. Richardson (Tynemouth G.C.) L. Jones Putter 3rd, B. Wilson (Stocksfield G.C.) Voucher.

The Autumn Tournament will be held at Gosforth Golf Club, on Thursday August 28th by kind permission of their captain and committee, this is a 27-hole event teeing off approx—9.00 a.m.

Welsh Section

President:
J. BIRD

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

OUR Annual General Meeting at Royal Porthcawl Golf Club was rather pleasant. The weather stayed dry but breezy. We would like to thank everyone at Porthcawl for giving us such a wonderful day.

The Committee Chairman—A. Price, Vice Chairman—H. Fry, Secretary—D. C. Oliver, Treasurer—M. Geddes, East—D. H. Jones and G. Cox, Mid—W. Jones and P. Robinson, West—J. Rees & M. Jones, Assistant—D. Jones, Executive Representative—H. Fry.

We welcome back member Mr. B. Oliver who has rejoined our Section after an absence of 4 or 5 years.

Many thanks to Mr. C. Murphy for being our President during the past two years, and for doing all he possibly could to help our Section. If anyone has any news that would interest our Section would they drop a line to the Secretary of this Section, Mr. D. C. Oliver. Would all members who have not paid their Annual Subscription for the year May 1, 1975, to April 30, 1976. Please send them to the Treasurer, Mr. M. Geddes of 23, Fenton Place, Porthcawl, Glamorgan.

Welsh Section Annual Tournament at Royal Porthcawl Golf Club. Senior 1st. E. J. Thompson, Net 75, Ransomes Gold Watch and 1st Sweep; 2nd. G. Cox, Net 76, Toro Camera and 2nd Sweep John O'Gorman Cup; 3rd. A. Price, Net 77, Torch and 2 pairs of socks; 4th. H. Fry, Net 80, 1 Glove. Junior 1st. B. Hughes, Net 97, Birdie Cup pair of socks and Sweep; 2nd. C. Trew, Net 106, 7 Cup; Best Gross: A. Price, Net 77, Wally Gould's socks.

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