

SECTION NEWS

A nationwide round-up of news from the branches

Golf Club), Mr. M. Wheeler-Osman (Stoneham Golf Club), Mr. E. Sales, Mr. G. Cockwell and Mr. P. Norman (Isle of Purbeck Golf Club), Mr. C. Robinson (vice-president), and Mr. E. Fox (honorary member).

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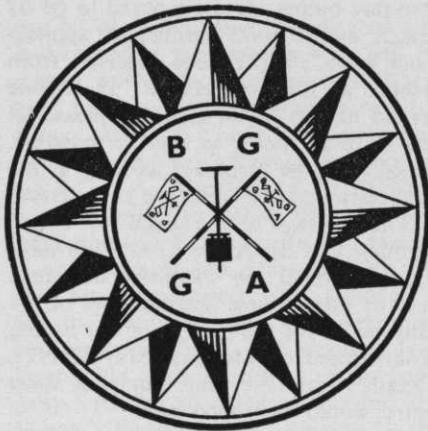
ON NOVEMBER 7 we had a very well-attended meeting, when Mr. Franks of Twyfords Seeds Ltd., Banbury, gave a talk on Grass Breeding. The talk was illustrated with a film by Barenbrug of Holland, showing how the Dutch variety of Baron Smooth-Stalked Meadow Grass was raised. It was interesting to see what a tremendous amount of work by the plant breeder goes into raising a new variety.

Mr. Franks went on to talk about the different characteristics of the Barenbrug varieties, and members showed a particular interest in the new American creeping bent grass called Penncross, which some had already tried with good results.

In thanking the speaker for a very good lecture, the chairman made reference to Mr. Franks' obvious interest in greenkeeping, shown by his recent article in Golf Illustrated about a training scheme for golf greenkeepers.

Our thanks to Bonzo Ryan for organising the raffle, proceeds of which were £9.60.

A warm welcome is extended to the following new members: A. G. McNally
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South Coast Section

Chairman:
E. R. JAMES

Hon. Secretary:
N. M. STIMSON
North Wilts. G.C.
Devizes.

A HAPPY New Year to one and all.

Our first winter lecture was held on Tuesday, November 5, and we wish to thank Mr. A. D. Smith of Parkers and Sisis for his talk on Golf Course Aereation and Maintenance, which was illustrated by slides of some of the latest Sisis equipment.

During question time members were vastly amused when Mr. John Payne of Lee-on-Solent G.C. produced a sample of turf and asked for a quick remedy to his thatching problem. It was felt that Mr. Payne had an 18-year replacement programme ahead of him, but nevertheless Mr. Smith pluckily agreed to hold a demonstration of the Sisis Autocrat at Lee-on-Solent the following week. We are sure it proved to be an interesting experiment.

Members are reminded that the next winter lecture will be held at Alresford Golf Club on Tuesday, February 4, 1975, at 7 p.m. The guest speaker will be Mr. Head of Chipman Limited and his topic will be Turf Management.

We are pleased to welcome seven new members and we hope their association with us will be a long and happy one. They are Mr. T. Pipe (Bramshott Hill

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and D. V. Slaney (Sunbridge Park); P. Perkin and E. R. Green (Woodcote Park); C. Smith and G. Morgan (Langley Park); and W. Lowe (Seaford Head).

A series of two lectures by Mr. Colin Head, technical manager of Chipman Ltd., has been arranged for Wednesday January 8, and Wednesday March 5. The first will be entitled *New Techniques in Turf Drainage*, and the second *Soil Analysis and Fertiliser Recommendations—New Approach*.

Wednesday February 5 will be a forum to discuss section matters, and all members are invited to attend. Also on this occasion Mr. Bert Jennings of Flymo is to show a film he brought back from the United States.

Subscriptions are long overdue from some people. Will these members kindly consult their chequebooks and make life easier for the secretary and treasurer!

North-West Section

Chairman:

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OUR THANKS to Mr. D. Legg of Ransomes Sims and Jefferies for the very interesting talk and films shown on new machinery, and the changing landscape of the industrial areas, brought about by the use of modern methods of reclamation of derelict sites. Thanks, also, for the refreshments provided, solid and liquid.

The January talk will be given by K. Vertigan of Sisis Ltd., on January 20, at 7.30 p.m. The venue is as before, Swinton Park Golf Club, East Lancs. Road, Manchester. Please let us have as good an attendance as before, when 26 members made the trip.

It has been proposed that the section make a trip to Ransomes, at Ipswich, on a date in January. Owing to the distance involved this will entail an overnight stop in Ipswich, making it a

two-day outing. It is proposed to go by coach, and a good number of applications have already been received from people at the last lecture. If anyone would like to go on this trip, please let the secretary know as soon as possible. Details will be furnished as soon as the necessary arrangements are completed.

The captain and council of Royal Lytham and St. Annes Golf Club have kindly granted our members the courtesy of their course and facilities of the club house for the playing of our Spring Tournament on Monday, May 5, 1975. Details nearer the time, but your early entry would be appreciated.

We welcome the following new members and hope their association with us will be a happy one: G. Worden (Barrow Golf Club), Barrow-in-Furness, Cumbria; A. J. Platt (Barrow Golf Club), Barrow-in-Furness, Cumbria; R. Fennah (Grange Park Golf Club), St. Helens, Lancs.; S. V. Bridge (Bury Golf Club), Bury, Lancs.

We also welcome Mr. Hudson, head greenkeeper at Grange Park G.C., to our section from the Midland Section.

Midlands Section

Chairman:

G. HART

Hon. Secretary:

R. GOODWIN

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Berkhamsted, Herts.

A WINTER Tournament will be held at the Sutton Coldfield Golf Club on February 26 1975, at 10.30 a.m. The tournament will be played over 18 holes Stapleford, with the new Parker and Ballinger Salver being competed for. The closing date is February 1, 1975.

Owing to the fact that golf clubs are now expecting to know the exact numbers of members playing in our tournaments for catering and other purposes, members should put their applications in to the secretary before the closing dates. Failure to do so will result in their being unable to participate.

Members of all sections will be saddened to hear of the death of Frank Cashmore on November 4, 1974, at the

age of 74. Frank was a dedicated and well-respected greenkeeper who will be greatly missed by everyone who knew him. He served the Midland Section for many years as both secretary and treasurer, and was a former chairman of the B.G.G.A. Members of the Midland Section wish to offer their deepest sympathies to Frank's wife and family.

An enjoyable and interesting day was had by greenkeepers who attended a trip to Toro U.K. We were welcomed by Messrs. A. Cavill, Ron Huntley, Jack Cogan and other executives of the company. In the morning we toured the Flymo factory and observed the assembly, testing, storage, packaging and despatch departments.

We enjoyed a splendid meal at a local hotel as guests of Toro. In the afternoon we visited both the Toro warehousing, where the containers from America are unpacked, and the new Toro assembly plant, where the machines are assembled and tested before being distributed to the agents.

Before leaving, our chairman, Vic Smith, thanked the executives of Toro for the interesting and rewarding day the greenkeepers had enjoyed. Mr. Huntley replied that it had been a pleasure to welcome the Midland greenkeepers.

It is regrettable that so few members were present to enjoy both the hospitality of Toro and the educational value of the trip.

North East Section

President:

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Hon. Secretary:

G. JEFFERIES
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Framwell Gate Moor,
Durham.

THE Autumn Tournament was held on Thursday September 26, at the Tyneside Golf Club, by kind permission of the captain and committee.

Results:

Best scratch score over 27 holes: K. Barrs (Ravesworth) 119—Joseph Miller

Salver and Tankard. The Ransomes Cup and Ransomes Watch was won by W. Holden (Warkworth G.C.) for the best nett score of 114. Second was G. Sharpe (Northumberland G.C.) 115—voucher. Other placings: 3rd, S. Pope (Tyneside G.C.) 115½—radio (over 1st 9 holes); 4th, D. Faulder (Blyth G.C.) 115½; 5th, W. Bewick (Whitburn G.C.) 117½; 6th, J. Grainger (Durham City G.C.) 120½; 7th, G. Thompson (Goswick G.C.) 121½; 8th, C. Moseby (Blyth G.C.) 122½; 9th, J. Richardson (Stocksfield G.C.) 124½; 10th, B. Wilson (Stocksfield G.C.) 125½; 11th, T. Nutman (Tynemouth G.C.) 126—Jack Wroath Trophy for over 50 prize; 12th, D. McNeil (Chester-le-Street G.C.) 127.

The chairman, Mr. J. Simpson, thanked the captain and committee for the courtesy of the course and clubhouse, and introduced the captain, Mr. R. Graham of Tyneside Golf Club, who presented the prizes.

Mr. Graham said how pleased he was to have members of the North East Section as visitors, and invited us back to the course at some future date.

Mr. Simpson thanked the steward and his staff for two enjoyable meals, and Mr. Steve Pope, the head greenkeeper, for the fine condition of the course. Thanks are due to the many golf clubs and members of the trade who contributed to the prize list, and to Tom Marr, who did a grand job again with the raffle.

Last but not least, may I thank Mr. J. Simpson and Mr. Norman Fraser for their work with the score cards and money for meals. They did have a little trouble at one stage in the game, but I don't think they will want to be reminded of this; it was all put in order in the end!

Everyone was sorry that Tom Oliver was unable to be with us on this occasion. He has been very ill for the past few months, and members join in wishing Tom a speedy recovery. May he be able to join us soon on our next outing.

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We were all very pleased to have our president, Mr. C. N. Storey, with us on this occasion, it is not often that he can be with us on our field days, as he is so busy with other affairs. He spoke on matters concerning work on a golf course, and said how much a golf club depended on the greenkeepers, with science and engineering being the predominant factors today. He wished the section every success and hoped to be at the next outing.

There are still some subscriptions outstanding; please pay as soon as possible, as we cannot afford to carry anyone over at the price subscriptions are today.

The following are new members of the section, and we hope their association with us will be a happy one: G. K. Sharpe (Northumberland Golf Club), R. Easton (Northumberland Golf Club), A. J. Jeffcock (Stocksfield Golf Club), S. H. Walker (representative—Chipman Chemicals Ltd.).

We wish all members of the association, and the many golf clubs and firms of the trade who so kindly support us throughout the year, a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Sheffield Section

President:

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Walton-on-Thames,
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Hon. Secretary:

B. V. LAX
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Worksop,
Notts.

A PARTY of 35 members travelled to Darlington on November 14 for a visit to the Toro (U.K.) Sales and Service. We had a very interesting day enjoyed by all. We were first shown round the Flymo factory at Newton Aycliffe, then on to the Toro warehouse at Darlington.

After lunch we paid a visit to the Toro assembly factory where we saw Toro machines, which come into this country in crates, being assembled.

Our thanks to Mr. Cavill and everybody involved with our visit for their hospitality and the kind way in which we were treated.

The following meetings have been arranged for the winter programme:

Thursday February 6, 1975, 2.30 p.m., Abbeydale Golf Club; Mr. M. Schiele (Agrihort Ltd., Grimsby), Modern Grasses for Modern Golf Courses; Thursday March 6, 1975, 2.30 p.m., Abbeydale Golf Club; Mr. C. J. Head (Chipman Ltd.), Modern thinking on the use of fertilisers.

We hope as many members as possible will attend our meetings and help maintain the keen interest in section activities shown in the past.

Welsh Section

President:

J. BIRD

Treasurer:

D. C. OLIVER
Lynwood,
Lwynpia,
Rhondda,
Glam.

WOULD ALL members who have not paid their subscriptions please send the money to Mr. M. Geddes, 23 Fenton Place, Porthcawl. If subscriptions are not paid, Journals will have to be stopped.

If any member has changed his address in the past 12 months or intends to do so in the future, please write and inform the secretary.

Members who do not receive journals should contact the secretary, who has a number of spare copies.

Amended Handicaps

M. Jones	7 to 8
D. Jones	8 to 9
M. Parry	9 to 11
J. Sarsby	10 to 12
E. Thompson	10 to 12
G. Cox	9 to 11
J. Borja	24 to 18

Congratulations

Congratulations to Mr. Henry Stead on his new appointment as Head Greenkeeper at Bargoed Golf Club. Well done Henry, may your reign be a long and prosperous one.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR READERS