



SECTION NEWS

A nationwide round-up of news from the branches

us a talk on The Modern Use of Fertilizers. I am sure everybody must have picked up something useful.

Whilst on the subject of Winter lectures, I would like to thank everyone who has attended our monthly meetings. We averaged between 40 and 50 members throughout the winter. If anyone has any ideas for next winter's subjects maybe they will let me know.

Dates for our Summer golf fixtures are as follows:

Mr. S. K. Arnold (President) Prize:
June 11th, Abbeydale Golf Club,
2.30 p.m. followed by A.G.M.

Annual Tournament (Section): July

Sheffield Section

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S. K. ARNOLD

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THANKS for an interesting Lecture go to Mr. C. J. Head of Chipman Ltd. At Abbeydale on 6th March he gave

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A PARTY of 40 greenkeepers from the North West section of the British Golf Greenkeepers Association, recently visited Ransomes factory at Ipswich. During their visit they watched the production of professional grass machinery in the factory, and saw a demonstration of some of Ransomes high work rate grass cutting and turf maintenance machinery.

9th, Wheatley Golf Club, 9.30 a.m.
Autumn Tournament: September
15th, Dore & Totley Golf Club,
1 p.m.

Many thanks to Captains and Committee of all the above Golf Clubs, for their kind permission in allowing us the use of their courses for our fixtures.

East Midland Section

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S. FRETTER
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Leicester Forest East,
Leics.

A QUIZ was held at The Three Nuns Hotel on 24th February 1975. This was won by Mr. R. Willar's Team.

A Film Show given by Toro Ltd was held at Scraftoft Golf Club on 12th March 1975. It was a very interesting

show and thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. There was a good attendance by greenkeepers, also it was nice to see representatives from Henton & Chattel, Erringtons of Evington and Walkers Golf Course Suppliers.

The Annual Autumn Golf Tournament will be held at Birstall Golf Club on 1st October 1975.

Owing to a typographical error, there was a mistake in the Sections News from East Midlands published in our March issue. Retiring treasurer, Mr. Alan Thornton, was inadvertently presented with the knock out cup in our account but the knock out cup was, of course, presented to Mr. Lane. Mr. Thornton was presented with a barometer. Our apologies to all concerned.

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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 recently 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!

Our very grateful thanks to Paul Huxley and staff who provided us with a very interesting evening on Tuesday, March 4, 1975, the last of our Winter Programme of lectures. The topic was "Machinery for Hire" and we were shown many slides illustrating the various machines which are available, and the many uses to which they can be put, with added comments from Mr. Huxley. Many members took the opportunity to look around the showrooms after question time.

I would like to express a very big thank you to the many members who attended all five lectures which were arranged.

Several members were also present at a Machinery Demonstration held at Alresford Golf Club later in the month. It was a very cold day for standing about watching machinery being put through its paces but interest was main-

tained to the end. The very nice lunch provided by Ransomes very soon fortified the inner man and the bar was very busy.

We are pleased to welcome the following members and we hope their association with us will be a long and happy one:—L. Savory of Rowe's of Chichester (Hon. Member); C. Jackson of Goodwood Golf Club; C. Burke of Royal Winchester Golf Club.

North-West Section

Chairman:
E. WALSH
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Warrington.

Hon. Secretary:
H. M. WALSH
34 Kingsfold Close,
Brightmet,
Bolton, Lancs.

OUR THANKS to Mr. A. Lees and Mr. R. A. Dodds of S.A.I. for the well presented lecture, re feeding of grasses and cultivation required to assist bacteria in soil, to obtain maximum benefit from fertilisers, and help in root development: this was the February talk.

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The March talk was given by Mr. J. H. Franks of Twyford's Seeds Ltd. on New Grass Strains. One of the new ones suitable for putting greens was 'Pencross'. Mr. Franks also spoke of the research and laboratory work entailed when searching for new strains of grasses, another very interesting talk much appreciated by members present, thank you again gentlemen.

Re the talk given by D. Legg of Ransomes I am sorry to say I inadvertently forgot to say 'Thank you very much' to Messrs. W. Burrows Ltd., Grafton Works, Salford, for the refreshments provided, both liquid and solid.

Our sincere thanks to the Directors of Ransomes Ltd. for their generosity, courtesy, kindness, and the warmth of their welcome on the occasion of our visit to their factory on March 10th and 11th when 32 of our members made the long trip to Ipswich, thanks for refreshment provided, also to the staff of Ransomes for their patience in answering the many questions put to them. Thanks to Mr. Guy Catchpole, Marketing Manager, for his welcome both at the factory, and the dinner Messrs. Ransomes gave for us on the Monday evening, also to Mr. Knight of Home Sales for seeing to the booking of our hotel rooms, to our old friend John Wilson for generally seeing to our welfare, to D. Degg, Ransomes Rep. who worked with me in getting the trip off the ground, also to all those people who I have not mentioned but who played a great part in making the occasion the success it was, thank you again. I must now say a very special word of thanks to Messrs. R. Daniels, Garden Centre, Wigan Road, Leyland, and Messrs. W. Burrows, Grafton Works, Salford, for their kindness in footing the bill for the coach which took us to Ipswich. a very considerable item, and a gesture greatly appreciated by all the members who travelled. Thank you once again, and now a word of thanks from me to

Robert for seeing to things while I was on holiday, Thanks, Bob.

We welcome to the Section the following new members and hope their association with us will be a happy one. J. Holt, Lowes Park Golf Club, Bury, Lancs. W. R. Jepson, Long Island Golf Club, Westhoughton, Lancs. M. Ryan, North Manchester Golf Club, Middleton, Lancs.

Northern Section

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A GATHERING of members took place at the Moor Allerton Golf Club on Thursday, the 27th March, for an open discussion. The meeting was conducted from the chair by Mr. Brian Birdsall.

In his opening remarks, the Hon. Secretary congratulated Mr. A. Robertshaw on becoming the father of a baby daughter, and also congratulated David Hannam on being appointed Superintendent of the Sports Turf Research Institute Grounds. Well done, David!

The discussion mainly centered around the suggested Wage Scale that was adopted at the Executive Meeting in March. Also discussed was the status of the Greenkeeper, and the Secretary informed the meeting of the G. D. Council's efforts for Greenkeepers.

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ON FRIDAY March 21, the Southern Section was again privileged to play on one of the magnificent golf courses at Walton-Heath. Despite the fact that many of the courses in and around London were closed owing to consistent rain the previous day, conditions on the New Course at Walton-Heath, playing and weather-wise, were near perfect.

Eighty-six played in the 18 hole 4 ball-better-ball stapleford and 44 points were carded by the following, results being decided on last nine holes:—

1st, J E Iddington & F W Ford.

2nd, J E Newman & Mr Downing.

3rd, J Field & T F Foster.

4th, B Streeter & Mr Chambers.

In the evening 136 people sat down to a first-class meal and among the guests were: Sir Patrick Macrory understudying for the Captain of Walton-Heath; Eric James, Chairman BGGGA and Mr C. H. Dix retiring Secretary and Treasurer BGGGA. I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of all the Southern Section to wish Mr. Dix a long and happy retirement. It was also a great pleasure to have with us on this occasion two life members Stan Morton and Bert Dash. I think I am right in saying that Stan has now been a member of this Association for sixty years.

The toast to the Association was made by Sir Patrick Macrory and reply by Eric James. Jock Glass proposed the toast to the Guests and the response on behalf of the Guests was made by Stan Taylor. Stan, a most versatile dialect comedian, concluded the dinner with a splendid entertainment.

Our sincere thanks to the Walton-Heath Golf Club for the courtesy of the course; to the ever-increasing band of helpers who chip in their help so willingly; Huxleys and Fisons for prize donation, and to everyone who contributed towards making it a memorable

day. Organizers of the Benevolent Fund Raffle were Bonzo Ryan and Derek Gould.

A warm welcome to the following new members whose names are listed below: A. REED & D. RODWAY (Royal Eastbourne), P. R. BRAMLRY & D BLUNDELL (Knole Park), R. KATES (Hillingdon), R. BISHOP of Ransomes, and to G. DARBY who has returned to the Section after a spell of five years with the East Midland. Congratulations and good wishes are in order to Archie Creese (Bognor Regis). Archie was 70 in April and plays off 11.

A poor turn out by Southern Section standards for the lecture given by Colin Head on Wednesday March 5. Colin talked with his usual expertise on "Soil Analysis and Fertiliser Recommendations—New Approach" maintaining a lively interest throughout the evening.

Diary Dates

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| June | 11 | Southern Section A.G.M. |
| July | 31 | Midland v Southern match. |
| June | 11 | Sheffield Section A.G.M.
Mr. S. K. Arnold (President)
Prize. |
| July | 9 | Annual Tournament (section):
Wheatley Golf Club. |
| Sept. | 15 | Autumn Tournament, Dore
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| Oct. | 1 | East Midland—A n n u a l
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