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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
and Totley Golf Club. |
| Oct. | 1 | East Midland—A n n u a l
Tournament at Birstall Golf
Club. |

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