

SECTION NEWS



Sheffield Section

President:
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AT Dore & Totley Golf Club on September 15th, we played our new Autumn Tournament. It was a new competition for us, played for the first time this year. The Trophy and prizes for this annual competition were very kindly provided by one of our local machinery specialists, Messrs. Machin and Hartwell of Eastwood, Nottingham. Mr. G. Machin, one of the firm's directors, came along and spent the afternoon with us, and afterwards he presented the Trophy and prizes to the winners.

It was the first time most of those present had visited Dore & Totley, and on behalf of all those present I would like to thank the captain and committee for the use of the course which was in fine condition. Thanks also to Ron Whitehead and his staff.

After we had eaten what must be one of the best meals this section has ever had at a golf club, the prize winners who were, 1st P. Walshaw (Silkstone G.C.), 2nd A. Goldthorpe, 3rd R. Brailsford (Worksop G.C.), 4th P. Quartermaine (Worksop G.C.), were presented

with their prizes by Mr. Machin.

I would just like to say a special thanks to Mr. Norman Spencer, who helped with the cards, etc., not only at this competition but also at our others this year.

It was very good to have with us at Dore & Totley one of our Hon. Life Members, Mr. Percy Booker, who was a very active member of this section in the past. Nice to see you, Percy.

Next winter meeting at Abbeydale G.C., December 4th at 2.30 p.m. Mr. D. F. Boocock, S.T.R.I., will talk on the subject of Modern Golf Green and Tee Construction.

Southern Section

Chairman:
D. S. GOULD
Langley Park G.C.

Hon. Secretary:
MRS. D. MAJOR
36 Tynedale Road,
Strood Green, Brockham,
Surrey.

OUR congratulations go to John Nudds of Gerrards Cross Golf Club and member of this section on winning the Evening News Weekend Golfers Tournament at West Byfleet on September 24th by defeating 16-year-old Middx. Colt Neil Curtis at the 19th. This section was also represented by Don Major, Betchworth Park Golf Club, who reached the last eight.

We welcome to this section the following new members. F. G. Catchpole and J. F. R. Wilson as Vice-Presidents, and H. Millington, D. R. Fisher (R.A.F. Marnham), W. H. Millen (Tenterton), A. R. Honess (Chestfield), H. W. Cave (Wyke Green), M. P. Fitzsimmons (Beckenham Place Park Municipal), L. J. Neale (Surbiton G.C.) and Mr. A. R. Holt.

A good day's outing with a game of golf was enjoyed by members of this section at Foxhills Golf Club, at the invitation of Huxleys. -A special thank

you to George Nurton for all he did to make the day such a success and also to John Campbell for the state of the new course.

The Southern Section Annual Autumn Tournament was held at Walton Heath Golf Club on Tuesday, September 9th, and a most enjoyable day was had by all. The usual wonderful hospitality was given by Walton Heath Club.

Our new Chairman, Mr. Dereck Gould, introduced Mr. Jock Glass who in turn gave thanks to Walton Heath for the excellent food and the ever good state of the course, thanks to good "old Fred" Dulake and his staff.

The prizes were presented by the Vice-Captain of Walton Heath, Mr. Holloway. Mr. J. McClune gave a vote of thanks on behalf of the guests.

A presentation by Mr. David Craig on behalf of the Southern Section Greenkeepers was made to Mr. Phil Marshall on his retirement, and goes with our sincere thanks for 43 years of hard work he has put into this Section.

The raffle was well supported, the proceeds of which went in aid of the Benevolent Fund.

Afterwards the Artisan Section of Walton Heath opened their Clubhouse to finish the day, for which we express our thanks.

Prize winners were as follows: 1st, D. H. Major and D. Allen with 80 points; 2nd, W. Cavanagh and —, Warner, 79 points; 3rd, A. E. Watson and J. McClune, 78 points; 4th, C. W. Maston and A. G. Fathers, 77 points; 5th, B. Plain and R. Chase, 77 points; 6th, D. R. Johnston and B. Mitchell, 76 points; 7th, J. C. Newman and J. Reeves, 74 points; 8th, W. F. Machin and J. Chrisell, 74 points.

South Coast Section

Chairman:
E. R. JAMES

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

ON behalf of those Head Greenkeepers who accepted the kind invitation

of Mr. E. J. Huxley to play a round of golf on the new Chertsey Course at Foxhills Golf Club on Thursday, August 28th, I would like to say a big thank you for a marvellous time. "Chertsey" proved to be a testing course, both in skill and stamina as the weather was extremely hot, but I am glad to report that all the players managed to survive, thanks to the most welcome liquid refreshments provided at the 1st and 10th tees!

Our second winter lecture will be held on Tuesday, December 2nd, 1975, at Alresford Golf Club at 7 p.m. The speaker will be Mr. Jim Bradbury of Mommersteeg International and his topic will be "Modern Grasses for Sport".

Another event to be held in December will be our second Christmas Dinner Dance and my Committe and I hope it will be a repeat of last year's gay evening. Tickets are limited so please make sure you have returned your invitation reply slips.

We are pleased to welcome two new members: Mr. R. D. J. Bradfield of North Wilts. G.C. and Mr. R. Shepherd of Dunwood Manor G.C., and we hope their association with us will be a long and happy one.

North-West Section

Chairman and Hon. Secretary:
H. M. WALSH
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Broughton,
Bolton, Lancs.

THE complete list of speakers for this winter's series of talks is as follows: October 20th, Mr. B. Metcalf, Joseph Metcalf Ltd.; November 3rd, Jim Bradbury of Mommersteeg Seeds; January 12th, T. L. Hewett of Atcos, Longton Service Branch; February 16th, Open Debate of Members; March 8th, R. Young of Chipmans Ltd.; December 4th, trip to Toros at Darlington. All these talks will be at Swinton Park Golf Club, 7.30 p.m., on the given dates due to the kindness of the Captain and

Council of Swinton Park G.C. Will all members please make a note of these dates in their diaries.

We welcome to the section the following new members and hope their association with us will be a happy one: B. Hallworth, Chorley Golf Club, Chorley, Lancs.; A. D. Purdy, Hon. Member, Bury Golf Club, Bury Lancs.; J. G. McDonald, Swinton Park Golf Club, Swinton, Manchester; P. J. Kelly, W. Wroe Municipal Golf Course, Urmston, Lancs.

Northern Section

Chairman:

J. SCOTT

Wetherby Golf Club

Hon. Secretary:

W. HEELES

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ON September 17th about 30 members enjoyed an afternoon's golf at Woodsome Hall Golf Club, Huddersfield, by courtesy of the Committee and Members. An enjoyable afternoon was had by all, many thanks to the Woodsome Hall Golf Club for their hospitality.

On Tuesday, September 30th, no fewer than 42 members attended a one day meeting at the Sports Turf Research Institute, Bigley. With the theme "Soil" a most instructive and enlightening time was spent both in the lecture room and on the Institute's trial ground. Members were received by the Director, Mr. J. R. Escritt, who in turn handed over to Mr. I. G. Daniells, S.T.R.I. Soil Physicist. Mr. Daniells, with the aid of samples, colour slides, etc., explained the make-up of soil as we know it, and how it is formed from parent material.

The lecture gradually progressed through the meaning of soil profiles, soil texture, and structure, on to sand and the importance of the role now played by sand in modern ground construction practice. This subject aroused some discussion particularly with regard to the merits of sand used in conjunction with slitting techniques on putting surfaces.

After lunch a period was spent touring the experimental plots observing and be-

ing intimated with the objections of the various trials under test with different soil or rooting mediums.

Mr. J. P. Shildrick, St. Ives Assistant Director, was also on hand to show some of the many turfgrass cultivars on trial. In evidence were old favourites such as "Highlight" Chewings fescue, S23 perennial ryegrass, as well as many ryegrasses and smooth stalked meadow grasses not yet commercially available.

Mr. M. Canaway demonstrated a method of recording wear resistance of a turf surface, by means of specially designed equipment and a torque wrench.

Many thanks are due to Mr. Escritt and his team for their valuable time and effort in making September 30th a memorable occasion, and in appreciation a donation of £20 to the Research Institute was made by the section.

We welcome to the section the following new members: Mr. M. Lancaster (Class C), Mr. R. Bursey (Class C), Mr. S. Cocker (Class B), Mr. T. Baxby, Head G/Kpr, Knaresfield Golf Club; Mr. K. Allen, App. Greenkeeper, Scarborough Northcliffe; Mr. N. Schofield, Sales Rep. Fisons; Mr. F. Kenny, Retired Greenkeeper, Hon. Life Member.

Congratulations to Moor Allerton Assistant Greenkeeper Brian Evans and his wife Judy on the birth of their baby son, Simon Richard. Brian, who latterly worked at Alwoodley Golf Club, has now been at Moor Allerton some twelve months.

A lecture will be held at Moor Allerton Golf Club on Thursday, November 27th, 1975, at 7.30 for 8.00 p.m., by S.A.I. Horticulture Ltd.; the theme will be "Turf Maintenance".

The Annual Dinner will be held at the Oakdale Golf Club on Friday, December 12th, 1975. Entertainment has been arranged.

A lecture will be held at Moor Allerton Golf Club on Thursday, January 29th, 1976, illustrated with slides. The speaker being Mr. Tyldesley, Meteorological Officer.

Midlands Section

Vice Chairman:
V. W. SMITH

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

A Golf Match between Midland Golf Club Secretaries and Midland Greenkeepers was held at Olton Golf Club on September 17th, 1975. We would like to thank the Secretaries for once again providing the evening meal following this enjoyable event. We would also like to thank the Captain, Mr. John Hudson, and the President of the Club for allow-

being one of the better courses of the future.

We would like to express our thanks to the owners of the course, Messrs. Les and Edgar Swain, for allowing us the use of their amenities for this event. We would like also to thank Mr. Jimmy Ashwell, the club Secretary, who presented the prizes and organised the meals, etc., so efficiently for us throughout the day and evening, the trade representatives who helped with the running of the competition, etc., and finally the prize donors. We are indebted to Toro U.K. Ltd. for providing us with a mag-

RESULT of Midland Secretaries and Midland Greenkeepers at Olton G.C. on September 17th, 1975.

RESULTS

Secretaries		Greenkeepers	
S. Allen	}	V. Smith	2 & 1 1
R. J. Baldwin		D. Haynes	
A. Greatham		R. Chandler	4 & 2 1
J. E. H. Coates	}	E. Thomas	
D. McAllister		R. Pullen	0
P. G. Stewart	1 up 1	T. Morris	
R. J. Parsons	}	A. J. T. Kite	$\frac{1}{2}$
V. J. Morgan		B. Ashby	$\frac{1}{2}$
G. Dring	}	A. Boraston	1 up 1
P. Woodville Downes		0	R. Hughes
S. B. Matthews	}	J. Bevan	0
P. V. Hope		5 & 4 1	G. Woodward
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		2 $\frac{1}{2}$	3 $\frac{1}{2}$

ing us the use of their amenities and for honouring us with their presence. A final thank you to Roland Parsons, the Secretary of Olton, who helped with the arranging of this event.

The Autumn Tournament was held at the new Druid's Heath G.C. on Thursday, September 25th. Despite the torrential rain which fell during the morning 9 holes most of the greenkeepers agreed that it had been an enjoyable day's golf. The course, which has only been open for 18 months, played very well and was in good order; at times it showed the competitors its potential of

nificant new Trophy for the best gross score.

List of Prize Donors: Toro U.K. Ltd.; Small Motor Services Ltd., Kidderminster; Cannock Fertilisers Ltd.; Thomas Clayton Ltd.; Dunlop Golf Balls Ltd.; Sparkbrook Golf Balls Ltd.; Parker & Ballinger Ltd.; Sisis Machinery Ltd.; Horwoods Ltd.; May & Baker Ltd.; Patissons Ltd.; Breakwells Ltd.; Second City Golf Tournaments; Ransomes Ltd.

Autumn Tournament Prize Winners and Scores over 27 Holes: Best Gross, Back 9, T. Morris, 123 (Toro U.K. Gross Cup,

Camera); 1st Nett, V. Smith, 114 (Clayton Cup, Shooting Stick, Sweep); 2nd Nett, G. Woodward, 115½ (1 Bottle of Whisky, Sweep); 3rd Nett, R. Chandler, 117 (Bottle of Sherry); 4th Nett, Back 9, D. Haynes, 117½ (Ballpoint Pen); 5th Nett, Back 6, A. Kite, 117½ (Trowel and Fork Set); 6th Nett, R. Pullen, 117½ (Bottle White Wine); 7th Nett, N. Pullen, 119 (Bottle White Wine); 8th Nett, Back 9, W. Boyce, 123 (Dozen Golf Balls); 9th Nett, Back 6, H. Lewis, 123 (Lighter); 10th Nett, J. Hughes, 123; 11th Nett, B. Ashby, 123½; 12th Nett, D. Shortley, 126 (Leather Wallet).

I would like to welcome the following new members to the Midland Section: Eric Berridge, Thorpe Wood G.C. (Class B), Steven Wood, Great Barr G.C. (Class C), Roger Bartlett, Handsworth G.C. (Class C), Alan Shore, Harborne Church G.C. (Class C).

Welsh Section

President:
J. BIRD

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

CONGRATULATIONS to Mr. G. Cox on his new appointment as Head Greenkeeper at Radyr Golf Club.

Our Autumn Meeting at Clyne Golf Club was a pleasant one. The weather was fine and warm. Thanks to Mr. H. Fry the course was in good condition. Our thanks to the Captain for the courtesy of the course and clubhouse, and to the indoor staff for two delightful meals.

Winners and scores of the day: G. Cox, 104½ (Set of Fruit Dishes given by Clyne G.C.); E. J. Thomson, 106 (Silver Tray given by Clyne G.C.); G. Porter, 108 (Preserver Jar given by Clyne G.C.). Best Gross: M. Jones, 117 (Bottle of Whisky from Cannock). Handicap 24: C. Trew, 128 (Bottle of Whisky from W. F. Payne of Ransome); P. Swain, 129 (Stainless Steel Tray). 1st Year Winners: J. Walch, 159 (3 Slazenger Golf Balls from Mr. Bird, Sen.). Best Gross Aggregate: M. Jones (Silver Sal-

ver and Tankard given by Welsh Mowers). Best Net Aggregate: M. Jones (Sid Tucker Memorial Bowl).

We have recently learned that Mr. T. A. Jones of Llanisher Golf Course has been ill and unable to work for the past 12 months. The section render him best wishes and hope he will get well soon. Mr. Jones has worked at Llanisher for the past 43 years.

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