

The annual report

Administration

It is with regret that we find we have reached the end of the Chairmanship of Mr. E. R. James, who for the past 12 months has proved such a worthy Chairman, and we offer our very sincere congratulations and thanks for his services.

We now look to our Vice-Chairman, Mr. V. W. Smith, to succeed Mr. James and we have every confidence in his ability to occupy this office.

Mr. Dix retired from office of Secretary/Treasurer at the end of April, and we offer our thanks for his 14 years service and wish both Mr. and Mrs. Dix a long and happy retirement.

Once again we would like to express our sincere thanks to the R & A for again providing free passes to some of our members to attend the Open Championship, a privilege much appreciated by those able to make the trip.

The Wage Scale was again reviewed by the Executive Committee last March, and their new recommendations should again prove to be beneficial to our members.

The Standing Conference for Golf Greenkeeping is now in being, and Mr. G. R. Richards has been appointed as the Training Co-ordinator.

The Apprenticeship Scheme is still going ahead and our thanks are due to the Officers for their efforts in this scheme.

The F. G. Hawtree Memorial Fund which had a balance of £326 has now been transferred to the Standing Conference for Golf Greenkeeping.

Membership

Once again there has been a steady increase in membership. A most satisfactory situation.

Annual Tournament

The 57th Annual Tournament was held last year at the Isle of Purbeck Golf Club, Swanage, with approximately

66 members taking part. Once again we had a very enjoyable meeting and we are sure that all those who took part had a very enjoyable visit to Dorset. We much appreciate the courtesy and kindness of all the officials and staff at Purbeck for their efforts to make our visit so pleasant, and we would again express our appreciation of all the Trade Associations who help so generously to make our prize table a worthy effort, and the representatives and friends who gave so much practical help.

Sections

Our thanks are again due to the Officers who take such an active part in Sections activities, which undoubtedly is one of the chief essentials of a satisfactory association, the membership of which covers the whole country.

Second International Greenkeepers' Tournament

The date for the second International Greenkeepers' and Superintendents' Golf Tournament has been fixed. It will be held at Walton Heath on Wednesday, 6th October, 1976. The Second Symposium will be held on 5th October, 1976, the day before the Tournament at a location close to Walton Heath.

The British Golf Greenkeeper

The Journal is continuing to make progress under the Editorship of Mr. D. R. B. Hopkins.

S.T.R.I.

Once again we would like to express our thanks to the S.T.R.I. for their continued advice and assistance to members when they could be of help.

In Memoriam

We record with sorrow the death of the following members:

R. E. Kirk (Northern Section), C. Davidson (Southern Section), B. Kingston (Southern Section), F. Cashmore (Midlands Section).