



Southern Section

Chairman:

F. W. FORD
(South Herts.)

Hon. Secretary:

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A WARM welcome to the following new members whose names are listed below:

P. M. Elsley (Mid Kent); M. Ripsher (Hampstead); D. H. Martin (Burnham-on-Crouch); P. Barford and A. Cantlon (Berkhamsted). Honorary Members: T. J. Carter; P. Kemp; D. G. Manning; S. W. Poole; N. Sadler and E. Sadler. All lectures will take place at the Sports and Social Club, Whitbreads Brewery, Chiswell Street, EC1Y 4SD.

In the small hours of Thursday morning July 31st, the writer and other members of the section left London by car and mini-bus to join a team from the Midland Section, who were waiting at the Coventry Golf Club.

The reason for the trip was to play for the Bob Craig Trophy, which last year was won by the Southern Section at the Crews Hill Golf Club.

The morning was perfect for golf, as two teams of 12 played a foursome on what proved to be a delightful golf course in first-class conditions. The result of the morning match was all square.

Accompanied by George Nurton of Huxleys, Peter Bell of Patissons and

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David Craig, the players enjoyed an excellent lunch in the modern and well-appointed club house.

After lunch the players gathered on the first tee and went off to play singles.

The match results were: K. Eastwood beat N. Jones; G. Payne lost to T. Morris; R. Plain lost to R. Hughes; T. Price beat J. Bevan; J. Newman halved R. Pullen; P. Fitzjohn halved V. Smith; W. Machin beat E. Thomas; R. Chandler lost to A. Kite; G. Davey lost to R. Pilsbury; B. Payne beat E. Leeson; R. Tempest lost to D. Haynes.

The home team were the winners by one match. After a first class evening meal and before any serious drinking got under way, the party assembled in the lounge. Ray Tempest, as captain of the South, thanked the club and the staff for the welcome extended, and the Midland Section for their organisation.

Vic Smith, in reply, said how delightful it was to play golf against another section, and looked forward to next year, when he assured us the Midland Section would retain the cup.

In presenting the cup to Vic Smith, David Craig commented on the informality of the day and the fact that the two sections could get to know each other better, which was the original intention of the match.

Northern Section

Chairman:

J. SCOTT
Wetherby Golf Club

Hon. Secretary:

W. HEELES
7 Tentergate Close,
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MR. G. F. BENNISON who has worked at Otley Golf Club for 16 years, the last 6½ years being in the role of Head Greenkeeper, has moved to Scun-

thorpe Golf Club commencing his new duties on 11th August.

Gordon, a member of the committee for many years, will not be lost entirely, he intends to remain in the Northern Section and attend as many functions as possible. He takes with him the best wishes of everyone and his new address is 35 Trinity Road, Bottesford, Scunthorpe.

Welcome to the following new members:

Michael Stewart Muirs, W. Bowling Golf Club, Raymond Street, off Mayo Avenue, West Bowling, Bradford. Class C.

Nigel Donkers, Cleckheaton Golf Club, 123 Netherlands Avenue, Odsal, Bradford, Class C.

Harry William Chard, 22 Mayfield Rise, off Charles Street, Ryhill, near Wakefield. Vice-President.

Congratulations and best wishes to David Spurden and his new bride, Loise, who were married on Saturday, 2nd August. David's new address is 2 Thornton Street, Burley in Wharfedale, Ilkley. I hope to see you at Walsall Golf Club.

Midland Section

Vice Chairman:
V. W. SMITH

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

THE ANNUAL Summer Tournament and A.G.M. were held at the Habberley Golf Club on Monday, 14th July. The Tournament was played over 18 holes Medal Play and considering the weather had been so dreadful over the previous evening we were lucky enough to have a fine day to play the competition. We would like to pay tribute to John Grealy for the condition of the course, Mrs. Grealy and her helpers who once again supplied us with excellent meals, and finally the Captain and members of the club who allowed us the use of all their amenities throughout the day. The prizes were presented by the Captain of Habberley Golf Club, Mr. John Hud-

son, who also welcomed our Section to the club and expressed his pleasure on being able to entertain us all.

List of Prize Winners

1st Net—V. Smith	68
(Habberley Cup, Carpet).	
2nd Net—D. Haynes	68
(Summer Cup).	
3rd Net—T. Morris	70
(Bottle of Whisky).	
4th Net—A. Parton	71
(Bottle of Gin).	
5th Net—E. Thomas	72
(½ Bottle of Gin).	
6th Net—A. Boraston	73
(Tray).	
7th Net—R. Chandler	73
(½ Bottle of Gin).	
8th Net—A. Kite	74
(Bottle of Wine).	
9th Net—A. Lewis	75
(6 Golf Balls).	
10th Net—J. Bevan	76
(Bottle of Sherry)	
11th Net—B. Ashby	76
(Cigarettes).	
12th Net—M. Blaydon	76
(Cigarettes).	
13th Net—J. Hughes	76
(Cigarettes).	
14th Net—W. Boyce	78
(Cigarettes).	
15th Net—N. Jones	79
(Cigarettes).	
16th Net—R. Pullen	80
(Golf Shirt).	
17th Net—H. Drewitt	80
(Cigarettes).	
18th Net—F. Ashby	80
(Cigarettes).	
19th Net—N. Pullen	80
(Cigarettes).	

The prize donors were Habberley Golf Club, Mr. and Mrs. J. Grealy and individual members of the Golf Club. The committee and members of the Midland Section would like to extend our thanks for their generosity.

The Annual General Meeting was held directly after the Summer Tournament had been completed. Officers elected were as follows:—President, Mr.

N. H. Russell; Chairman, Mr. V. W. Smith; Vice-Chairman, Mr. A. Parton; Hon. Secretary, Mr. A. J. T. Kite; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. E. V. Thomas; a committee of R. Pullen, D. Haynes; representative to Executive Committee, V. W. Smith; Hon. Auditors, R. Pilsbury, D. Morgan.

Two new Vice-Presidents were elected: Mr. H. Reeves, Mr. G. Dale. Out of the existing Vice-Presidents the following were re-elected: G. Hiams, H. G. Lunt, S. Allen, W. H. Heath, P. Wyatt, D. Parker, W. H. R. Lloyds, L. Handley, R. Pilsbury, D. J. Moore, J. B. Franks, C. C. Moore, D. J. Morgan, W. F. Payne, A. Webber, R. Huntley, J. W. Jackson, A. H. Clayton, E. Ballinger, G. Stubbings, K. Sargeson, F. Stanbridge and R. A. Pratt.

We would like to thank the retiring President, Mr. Carl Bretherton, for all the tremendous work he has put into the Midland Section, without his efforts our Section would not be the healthy, expanding Section it is today. Thank you Mr. Bretherton, we will always be indebted to you for all you've done in the past.

We would like to welcome to the Midland Section the following new members:

G. A. Phipps, Moorhall Golf Club, Class C; F. B. Winters, Moorhall Golf Club, Class C; A. J. Lawley, Moorhall Golf Club, Class C; P. D. Yiend, Fulford Heath Golf Club, Class C; G. J. Allsopp, Tolladine Golf Club, Class A; D. Rea, Droitwich Golf Club, Class A; W. Danks, Edgbaston Golf Club, Class C; S. Campbell, Kenilworth Golf Club, Class C; J. C. Swambo, Cotswold Hills Golf Club, Class B; R. Hughes, Dudley Golf Club, Class A; W. R. J. C. Sproul, Shifnal Golf Club, Class A.

East Midland Section

Chairman:

B. MOTT
84 Balmoral Road,
Mount Sorrel,
Nr. Loughborough,
Leics.

Hon. Secretary:

S. FRETTER
4 Queens Drive,
Leicester Forest East,
Leics.

ANNUAL DINNER/DANCE will be

held at the Shakespeare Inn, Braunstone Lane, Leicester, on Saturday, 15th November, 1975. Details to follow.

Annual Golf Tournament will be held at Birstall Golf Club on Wednesday, 1st October, 1975, first tee 12.30 p.m. Do not forget to notify Mr. B. Mott, our Chairman, re this match.

Lecture given by Johnsons Seeds on grass will be held at Rothley Park Golf Club on 7th October, 1975, at 7.30 p.m.

Please note that from 30th July, 1975, the Hon. Secretary's telephone number is Leicester 394870 and not Kirby Muxloe 4870.

South West Section

Chairman:

R. GAITES

Hon. Secretary:

M. R. LYONS
33 Pensfield Park,
Westburn-on-Tryn,
Bristol.

FUTURE EVENTS. 7th October: Match against Welsh Section, 10 a.m., St. Pierre. 12th November: Winter Foursomes, 12 noon, Bristol and Clifton Golf Club.

Wateration Cup. A very good day was had by all members at Clevedon Golf Club on 19th May. Competing for this cup for the first time.

The weather was very warm and the course was in excellent condition. May I thank Clevedon Golf Club for allowing us to use their facilities and catering so well for us.

Results: 1st Net 73 P. Hedges (Bremhill Park Golf Club); 2nd Net 74 L. Croad (Enmore Park Golf Club); 3rd Net 75 A. Cockfield (Bath Golf Club).

Greenkeeper / Amateur. This was held at Bath Golf Club the first time away from Saltford Golf Club for 15 years.

It was played as a Greensome Stableford/Medal, with the gross scores being the best completed Medal rounds and the Net being the best Stableford rounds. Again the day was very hot, but tolerable. Scores were good considering the firm unpredictable conditions.

All members convey their thanks to

Bath Golf Club for the use of their course and club house; a special thanks to the catering staff for the excellent food provided.

We were pleased to have Mr. Eric James, the National Chairman of B.G.G.A., with us and trust he enjoyed his time with us; it is a long trek up from Parkstone Golf Club for half a day. We were honoured at your presence, Mr. James.

Results: 1st Gross 76 A. Cockfield and K. M. Watkins (Bath Golf Club); 2nd Gross 77 P. Hedges and R. Hacker (Bremhill Park Golf Club); 1st Net, 37pts. F. Tucker and L. Hewson (Knowle Golf Club); 2nd Net 35pts F. Ainsworth and P. Appleton (Kingsdown Golf Club).

Annual 36-Hole Championship. West Wilts. Golf Club, Warminster, was the venue for this, our main event of the year. A rather damp start to the day, but this soon cleared and we were left with warm, windy conditions. The catering staff looked after us very well as did the greens staff, providing us with very good playing conditions; we are all most grateful.

Results:—Head Greenkeeper's Section: 1st Net 146 L. Millar (Burnham and Berrow); 2nd Net 147 L. Croad (Enmore Park Golf Club); 3rd Net 161 A. Cockfield (Bath Golf Club); 4th Net 163 M. Lyons (Henbury Golf Club).

Assistants' Section: 1st Net 151 E. Ham (Burnham and Berrow); 2nd Net 156 M. Brand (Knowle Golf Club); 3rd Net 165 A. Nicholls (Henbury Golf Club); 4th Net 166 F. Tucker (Knowle Golf Club). Best overall Gross 148 L. Millar (Burnham and Berrow). The attendance was reasonable but could have been better.

All members wish Mr. John S. Ireland, our President, a speedy recovery from his recent operation, and trust he will be well soon, and be back with us. A warm welcome to the following new members: P. Hedges (Bremhill Park Golf Club); G. Brooks (Bremhill Park

Golf Club); L. Carless (Chipping Sodbury Golf Club); A. Nicholls (Henbury Golf Club).

Sheffield Section

President:
S. K. ARNOLD

Hon. Secretary:
B. V. LAX
153 Kilton Road,
Worksop, Notts.

ON 9th JULY we held our Section Annual Tournament at Wheatley Golf Club, Doncaster, 22 members taking part in the 27-hole Medal Competition.

All those who took part were unanimous in their praise of the condition of the greens that Neil Maltby had prepared for us to play on. We had just had weeks of very hot dry weather, and I am sure Neil and his staff had put in a lot of work to produce such good results.

We had some really good prizes to play for, and thanks go to the following who generously gave to our prize fund: Chaplins Grass Machinery, Rigby Taylor Ltd., May & Baker Limited, Pattison & Co. Ltd., Henton & Chattell Ltd., Stewart & Co., Toro U.K., Sutton Seeds Limited, Joseph Bentley Limited, Ransomes, Sisis Limited, W. Mountain & Sons Limited, Chipman Limited, Henry Middleton Limited, Fernco Ltd., Cannonck Fertilisers Limited, S.A.I. Horticulture Limited, Mr. Sinclair, Mr. W. Atkinson.

Thanks also to Wheatley Golf Club for giving us the use of the course, also the catering staff who provided us with some fine meals.

Our thanks also go to the Captain of Wheatley Golf Club for joining us, and helping to present the prizes which were won by the following:

Ron Whitehead (Dore & Totley) fresh from his success at Abbeydale, and in spite of a reduction in handicap, came back to Wheatley and collected all three of our trophies. Best 27-hole Gross Cup (115 Gross); Best 27-hole Net Cup (105 net); Best 18-hole Net Cup (69 net). Well, done, Ron.

Other prizewinners were as follows

(all 27-hole Net scores):

M. Coultas, Grange Park Golf Club, 104 net.

R. N. Maltby, Wheatley Golf Club, 107½ net.

P. Quartermaine, Worksop Golf Club, 110 net.

B. V. Lax, Worksop Golf Club, 112 net.

K. B. Heaney, Wortley Golf Club, 112½ net.

R. Brailsford, Worksop Golf Club, 113 net.

J. McNicholas, Silkston Golf Club, 114 net.

D. Chappell, Grange Park Golf Club, 114 net.

G. Herrington, 114½ net.

C. Colton, Lindrick Golf Club, 115½ net.

A. Wadkin, 115½ net.

E. Palmer, Abbeydale Golf Club, 116½ net.

J. Clarke, Hallamshire Golf Club, 117½ net.

L. Allsebrook, Renishaw Park Golf Club, 118½ net.

H. Herrington, Lindrick Golf Club, 122½ net.

D. Neeve, Dore Tolley Golf Club, 126 net.

An 18-hole Competition for our Vice-Presidents and Visitors, held in the afternoon, was won by Mr. J. Wardle (Wheatley Golf Club) 70 net, with Mr. A. J. Sinclair (Doncaster Golf Club) 74 net 2nd.

North West Section

Chairman and Hon. Secretary:

H. M. WALSH
34 Kingsfold Close,
Brightmet,
Bolton, Lancs.

AS PREVIOUSLY stated the Autumn Tournament will be played over the Bury Golf Club's course 6th October. I must have entries as soon as possible so that I can complete catering arrangements and time-sheet, times from 9 a.m.

The October talk will be given by

B. Metcalf, Esq., of Joseph Metcalfs Limited, on the 20th October, venue Swinton Park Golf Club, time 7.30 p.m. The November talk will be given by Jim Bradbury, of Mommersteeg Seeds, on 3rd November. Venue, Swinton Park Golf Club, time 7.30 p.m. Further dates and details when available.

It has been arranged that the Section make a trip this winter to the Toro factory at Darlington. The date to be the 4th December, and conveyance by coach. I would like members to inform me as soon as possible if they wish to make this trip so that I can make the necessary arrangements with the management of Toro. I will be able to give details, etc. re this trip at our Autumn Tournament at Bury, as to cost, times of pick-up.

Dates for your Diary: 6th October, Autumn Tournament at Bury Golf Club; 20th October, Talk by B. Metcalf, Swinton Park Golf Club; 3rd November, Talk by Jim Bradbury, of Mommersteeg Seeds; 4th December, Annual Trip, Toro Factory, Darlington.

B. Buckle is now the Head Greenkeeper at Brookdale Golf Club, Failsforth, near Manchester. We welcome the following new member and hope his association with the Section will be a happy one: S. Richardson, New Mills Golf Club.

South Coast Section

Chairman:
E. R. JAMES

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

ALL members are reminded that the Autumn Meeting will be held on Thursday, 2nd October, 1975, at Lee on the Solent Golf Club, by courtesy of the Committee. Tee-off 9 a.m. 27-hole Stableford Competition. Members are invited to bring one guest partner (entry fee £2.25 each).

Entries, together with current golf handicaps, should be sent to Mr. E. Fox, Tournament Organiser, c/o Huxley's Machinery, The Dean, New Alresford, Hampshire, not later than Friday,

19th September, 1975. Cheques and postal orders to be made payable to B.G.G.A. South Coast Section, please.

The Winter programme of lectures will be held at Alresford Golf Club on the first Tuesday of each month, November to April inclusive, at 7 p.m.

Welsh Section

President:
J. BIRD

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

OUR Autumn Meeting will be held at Clyne Golf Club on 17th September. Could all attend by 9.45 a.m. Would all members who have not yet paid their Annual Subscriptions do so as soon as possible.

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Diary Dates

- Sept. 17 Welsh Section, Autumn Meeting, Clyne G.C., 9.45 a.m.
- Oct. 1 East Midland Section Annual Tournament, Birstall G.C., 12.30 p.m.
- Oct. 1 Southern Section, Quiz, Whitbread's, 6.30 p.m.
- Oct. 6 N.W. Section, Autumn Tournament, Bury G.C., 9 a.m.
- Oct. 7 Southern Section, Secretaries' Match, Beaconsfield G.C.
- Oct. 7 East Midland Section, Lecture by Johnsons Seeds, Rothley Park G.C., 7.30 p.m.
- Oct. 20 N.W. Section, Lecture by Joseph Metcalfs Ltd., Swinton Park G.C., 7.30 p.m.
- Nov. 3 North West Section, Talk by Mommersteeg Seeds, Swinton Park G.C., 7.30 p.m.
- Nov. 5 Southern Section, Suttons Seeds, 6.30 p.m.
- Nov. 15 East Midlands Section. Annual Dinner/Dance, Shakespeare Inn, Leicester.
- Dec. 3 Southern Section, Ransomes, 6.30 p.m.
- Dec. 4 N.W. Section. Visit to Toro

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