

WRITER'S CRAMP?

IN our April issue we published details of a scheme, sponsored by Ransomes, whereby they would offer cash prizes for the best articles, written by members of the B. G. G. A. on certain specified subjects.

To date the response has been disappointing to say the least. Having listened to Greenkeepers discoursing their knowledge on all subjects, including Greenkeeping at length at social functions it would appear that readers either did not see the item in the April issue for which reason it is repeated below, or they have mislaid their pens, in which case the Editor will send a pen to any aspiring author F. O. C., or they are too nervous in which case I recommend two large whiskies, quickly followed by a burst of writing.

As it is now those few of you who do not fall into these categories and have submitted articles will win by default and a great fund of real knowledge will be wasted, as Tennyson put it, "like fragrance wasted on the desert air"

WOULD ALL WRITERS STAND UP AND BE COUNTED?

IN an effort to improve the spread of knowledge and information amongst all engaged in greenkeeping Ransomes

have very generously offered cash prizes for editorial contributions to the British Golf Greenkeeper.

After consultation, an initial six subjects have been selected and for the best contribution on each subject a prize of £10 will be awarded with £5 for the runner-up. No limit on the number of words is stipulated and the prizes are not for journalism but for practical advice which could be of value to other greenkeepers.

The suggested subjects are:

1. Advantages or Disadvantages of the use of winter greens.
2. The need and advantages of aerifying fairways.
3. Bunker renovation.
4. Reducing the fertiliser bill by extending some roughs and carries.
5. Raising the standard of the tee areas to that of the approaches.
6. Are triples greens mowers bringing signs of extra wear on greens as forecast when they were introduced to the world golf market. Have you found any additional programme has been necessary to combat any ill effects they may have created?

The winning entries will be published in the B.G.G. Closing date for entries which should be addressed to the Editor is June 5th.

GOLF AT WALTON HEATH

MANY members will be visiting the Walton Heath Area for the Annual Tournament and AGM in August and also for the International Greenkeepers Tournament and the 2nd British Turfgrass Symposium in October. For their benefit Don Major of the Southern Section has kindly contributed the following list of hotels within 10-15 minutes driving time from Walton Heath.

Burford Bridge Hotel, Dorking.—Dorking 4561; The Bell Inn, West Street, Dorking.—Dorking 2801; Bridge House Hotel, Reigate.—Reigate 46801; Cranleigh Hotel, 41 West Street, Reigate.—Reigate 40600, 43468; Drift Bridge Hotel, Epsom.—Burgh Heath 52163; Dukes Head, Brockham Green.—Betchworth 2023; Punch Bowl Motel, Reigate Road, Dorking.—Dorking 81935, 2041; Star and Garter Hotel, London Road, Dorking.—Dorking 2820, 5503; Tadworth Hotel & Country Club, Tadworth.—Tadworth 3503; White Horse Hotel, Dorking.—Dorking 81138; Warren Lodge Hotel, Brighton Road, Kingswood.—Mogador 2863; Epsom Downs Hotel, Longdown Road, Epsom.—Epsom 21639; White House Hotel, Downs Hill Road, Epsom.—Epsom 22472; Angleside Guest House, 27 Ashley Road, Epsom.—Epsom 24303; Linden House Hotel, College Road, Epsom.