



## Northern Section

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### GROUNDED

A Northern Section Committee member Colin Garnett has recently been ill in hospital. Colin, Head Greenkeeper at Garforth Golf Club is apparently making good progress towards recovery.

Good luck and sound health for the future Colin.

### NEW MEMBERS

The Section extends a warm welcome to the following new members.

Mr. Joseph Baxter,  
Brow Farm, Harden, Bingley,  
Head Greenkeeper, Bingley St. Ives  
Municipal Golf Club.

Mr. Alan Baxter.  
Brow Farm, Harden, Bingley,  
Assistant Greenkeeper, Bingley St.  
Ives Municipal Golf Club.

Mr. Melville Chapman,  
7 Eassom Road, Redcar, Cleveland.  
Vice President.

Mr. John Lingard,  
Hillside Chapel Fold, Lower Wike,  
Bradford.  
Vice President.

## SECTION NEWS

### A nationwide round-up of news from the branches

Mr. Kevin Neil Shaw,  
5 St. Lukes Terrace, Cleckheaton.  
Assistant Greenkeeper, Cleckhampton  
and District Golf Club.

### WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Already, fairly warm on the heels of the Government's sex equality bill, the first job advertisement was published requiring the services of a—will you believe—GROUNDSPERSON.

This rather farcical situation cropped up in one of the monthly trade journals. The BGGGA must feel fortunate for not having a name, or part thereof, likely to contravene the Sex Discrimination Act.

Whilst on names people have for years now been striving to change the title of Greenkeeper to something more sophisticated. Ask yourself: what title could be considered more individual, more awe inspiring, more romantic than Head Greenkeeper? Why, had D. H. Lawrence known of our trade, the gamekeeper in Lady Chatterley's Lover would not have had a look in.

### EUROCALL

In response to current trends, David Hannam and his staff at Sports Turf Research Institute have this season submitted to the kilo and litre.

All treatments on the trial grounds are now prepared in the metric form whether in weight, area, or volume. Even the recording of daily temperatures and rainfall has been 'metricated'. This move is in line with general S.T.R.I. policy.

### AMELIORATION

Alarm and confusion was apparently generated by an article in our March writeup. The subject was the law regarding safety cabs on tractors.

Attention has been drawn to the fact that tractors used on golf courses or

sports areas are however, exempt from the compulsory fitting of safety cabs.

The information was intrinsically correct but applies only to those tractors supplied and intended for, definitively, 'agricultural use'.

#### ON THE MOVE

A recourse to the green has been made by Peter Blacker.

Mr. Blacker a former Head Greenkeeper of Woodsome Golf Club, but latterly a technical representative for a leading Northwest firm has recently taken up the post of Head Greenkeeper to Headingley Golf Club. May success be yours for the future in your new position Peter.

#### GOLF

Well done Chaplins for your excellent invitation tournament at Woodhall Hills Golf Club on April 28th. Congratulations too for its smooth organisation, really fine food, and the impressive lineup of prizes.

Special thanks are due from all those who had the pleasure of participating.

The prospect was mooted of this tournament becoming an annual event;— a mighty fine prospect indeed.

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#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

June 24th Presidents Day-Cleveland G:C.  
August 5th Invitation Tournament-

Ilkley G.C.

October 14th Autumn Tournament -

Bedale G.C.

#### South Coast Section

Chairman:  
E. R. JAMES

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

The final lecture of our 1976/77 Winter Programme held at Alresford Golf Club on 6th April was very entertaining and we extend our most grateful thanks to Mr. Jack Roffey for showing us such marvellous colour slides illustrating his recent visit to Rhodesia and South Africa. There were tantalising glimpses of a variety of wildlife, from giraffes to warthogs; the contrast between the Great Plains and the townships, the magnificence of the Victoria Falls, and the odd slide depicting a golf course or bowling green. We were informed that Elliott grass was used in nearly all bowling greens; that the application of fertilizers and weedkillers was almost unheard of and that there was no labour shortage; e.g., ten or more native workers employed on a nine hole course.

It was obvious that Jack had enjoyed every minute of his holiday and it wouldn't surprise me in the least if the title Roffey Bros. of Bournemouth was superseded by the title Roffey Bros. of Bulawayo!

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank Jack and Harry for the refreshments they so kindly provided.

Will any member who wishes to visit Twyford Plant Breeding Station at Adderbury on their Turfgrass Open Day on Thursday, 22nd July 1976, and has not yet booked his seat on the coach, kindly contact me without delay. A Buffet lunch will be provided.

The coach will be leaving Parkstone at 8 am and picking up members en route at Southampton and Winchester. The seat reservation fee is £1.25 and your remittance should be sent not later than

30th June 1976 so that arrangements can be finalized.

Members are requested to make a note of my change of address as from 22nd June 1976:-

Caretaker's Cottage  
Breamore House  
Breamore

FORDINGBRIDGE

Hampshire  
(Tel. Breamore 277).

Our sincere thanks to the Directors and staff of Sisis Equipment Ltd., for their courtesy and warmth to all the members of the section who made the trip to Macclesfield Golf Club on the 27th of April for the second occasion of the playing of the 'Sisis Handicap Trophy', for their generosity in providing a very excellent dinner in the evening, also various prizes, and to Mr. Henshaw for providing a set of very handsome wine glasses to go with the trophy. Thank you gentlemen. Also our thanks to the ground staff for the excellent condition of the course in these trying weather conditions, and to the staff inside the club-house, who kept everyone happy before and after the event.

*Winners as follows:*

Sisis Trophy S. Bridges H/cap 8, 36 Pts  
2nd S. Edgerley H/cap 12, 33 Pts  
3rd R. Graham H/cap 18, 31 Pts  
4th P. Chapman H/cap 10, 30 Pts  
C. P. O.

*Best score at Short Holes*

J. Gillett 7 Pts  
S. Richardson 7 Pts

*Most sixes on the card*

E. Drage 10

THE Midland Section's Annual Dinner & Dance was held on the evening of Friday 2nd April, 1976, the venue was once again the Elms Hotel, Aldridge. A wonderful night's entertainment was enjoyed by the 122 people who attended. The chair was taken by Mr. Norman Russell, President of the Midland's Section, and Hon. Secretary of Little Aston Golf Club. The after dinner speeches were given by Mr. R. A. Willetts, Captain of Handsworth Golf Club, and Mr. Vic Smith, Chairman of the B.G.G.A. The remainder of the evening

was taken up by dancing etc., which went to make this function a great success.

I would like to thank all the people who donated prizes towards the raffle and everyone who helped out in other ways throughout the evening.

The Summer Tournament and Annual General Meeting will be held at the Habberley Golf Club, near Kidderminster on Monday, 12th July, 1976 by kind permission of the Captain and members of the club. Please be assembled at the club by 9.30 a.m. The closing date for this tournament is 27th June, anyone who wishes to submit a point of view to be put before the A.G.M. must put it in writing and send it to me no later than 21 days prior to the meeting.

I would like to welcome to the Midland section the following new members:

K. Greatrex Kings Norton Golf Club  
(Class C)  
K.D. Palmer Staverton Park Golf Club  
(Class A)  
W.G.Pye Lilleshall Hall Golf Club  
(Class A)

DIARY DATES

Wednesday September 29th, 1976  
Midland Section Autumn Tournament  
Venue: Ladbrook Park Golf Club Ltd.

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