

Sheffield Section

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ON the 6th November we welcomed to our monthly meeting, Mr. Rossiter of Bentleys. Mr. Rossiter came along and gave us a very interesting afternoon. He talked about trees and shrubs for use on our courses. I would like to thank Mr. Rossiter for his talk, also for the way that he stepped in at the last moment, as we were unable to get the speaker who was due to come along.

The Sports Turf Research Institute provided us with our speaker for our December meeting, when Mr. Boocock came along and gave an interesting talk on the subject of "Golf Green and Tee Construction".

We played our Annual match against the Northern Section at Moor Allerton Golf Club on the 27th November, 1975. The fixture was late because of an earlier fixture clash.

About 33 members travelled to Leeds to find the weather very rough, and playing round this really tough course proved to be hard work indeed. We may have found the golf hard going but we were very pleased with the result of the match. Sheffield once again retained the Slater Trophy, winning by 4 matches to 1, with one game halved.

We also played an 18 hole Stapleford competition which was won by Alan Spencer of Lindrick G.C.

I would like to thank the Northern Section for their hospitality, and the warm welcome we were given.

All members will I am sure join me in offering congratulations to our Hon. Secretary and Treasurer Walter Heeles and his good lady on celebrating their Silver Wedding Anniversary on March 26th. Well done Walter and well done Mrs. H.

LETTERS

Dear Sirs,

I was interested to read Mr. Hemingway's letter regarding the introduction of the first hydraulically operated Gang Mower. I would accept that we were in this respect, very much neck and neck with our friends Patissons.

We were actively promoting our machines during the summer of 1968 and took out our first patent on hydraulic drive for gang mowing machines on the 27th January, 1964. This was followed by preliminary work on hydraulic gang mowing during 1965.

One point of amusement was the Hydraulic 5/7 Power Gang Mower demonstraition in Hyde Park where I recall Mr. Hemingway being present. Ken Buckeldee, our Product Training Manager, welcomed everyone over the loud speakers to the Ransomes demonstration, to which a lady sitting on a nearby seat (she had obviously overimbibed) shouted out "Why don't you shut up" to the amusement of everyone present. Ken Buckeldee of course was unperturbed, although we felt for the first time in his life, a little startled.

We now of course have made many hundreds of Hydraulic 5/7 Gang Mowers and not only are they in use in volume in the U.K., many thousands of pounds have been made for Ransomes and the country in exporting them to all parts of the world, including the U.S.A.

Yours faithfully,

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