Section News

A nationwide round-up of news from the branches



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OUR SECOND Winter lecture will be held on Tuesday, 7th December 1976 at Alrestford Golf Club at 7 p.m. Our guest speaker will be Mr. D.R.B. Hopkins, the Editor of The British Golf Greenkeeper, and therefore there is no need for me to mention the subject matter which will be under discussion! During the past three years, I have received only one written contribution to your Section News and that concerned the 1975 golfing successes of the Greenkeepers of Puttenham G.C. Dare I hope that Mr. Hopkins' talk will encourage other members to put pen to paper?

Mrs. J. Stimson Hon. Sec.

Northern Section Notes

Chairman: COLIN GEDDES Moor Allerton Golf Club Hon. Secretary:
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Back-endish

'If there's ice in November that will bear a duck There'll be nothing after but sludge and muck'

People

DOES ANYONE REMEMBER Tony Burge, the rugged featured gentleman who at one time was Head Greenkeeper at Lightcliffe G.C.?

Tony moved from Yorkshire to the First Assistant's position at the picturesque Ellesborough Golf Club in Buckinghamshire. Since then, following the retirement of his former Senior, he is now Head Greenkeeper.

Tony and his wife Jean report contentment and appear to be well settled into the Bucks, way of life.

Mr. Gordon Bennison, Head Greenkeeper at Pannal G.C., had an unpleasant surprise recently.

Following a routine fungicide application the skin on Gordon's right hand began to itch and blister, the nett result being large areas of tender, exposed skin.

The element of surprise arose out of the fact that for 17 years Gordon had been applying mercurial fungicide in exactly the same manner without any hint of itch or blemish.

Being wise after the event, Gordon now proposes using gloves.

This instance highlights the point that handling or dealing with

poisonous substances without due care to one's well being, even though "it didn't happen last time" is not rational

In an age when growers and turfmen are becoming increasingly dependent on toxic chemicals to ease their working burden, articles like gloves, face masks, and ear defenders should be standard equipment, and used.

Obituary

The death has recently occurred of Mr. Horace Hirst. Mr. Hirst was Head Greenkeeper at Ilkley Golf Club. He was forced into an early retirement

in 1969 owing to ill health.

An Honorary Vice-President, Mr. Abe Nott of Bingley, died last August. Mr. Nott will be remembered particularly by members of longer standing for his kind assistance in making space available for Section Meetings in The Old Queens Head, Bingley, in earlier years.

New Members

A hearty welcome to the following people who have lately joined the Northern Section:

Mr. G. Storr. Assistant Greenkeeper, Ilkley Golf Club, 31 Collier View. Ilkley. Mr. M. Mennell, Apprentice Greenkeeper, Fulford Golf Club. 26 Elmfield Avenue, Malton Road, York. Mr. J. Lindsay, Assistant Greenkeeper. Doon Valley Golf Club, 14 New Cottages, Dunaskin.

Ayr. Lecture

The November meeting will be held at Moor Allerton Golf Club on the 25th. An evening with Victa (UK) Ltd.

Southern Section

Chairman: D.S. GOULD Langley Park G.C. 36 Beckenham, Kent.

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. D. MAJOR 36 Tynedale Road, Strood Green, Betchworth, Surrey.

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OUR AUTUMN TOURNAMENT was held at the Berkshire Golf Club on Wednesday 22nd September with sincere thanks to the Secretary and Members for allowing us the use of your course. A special thank you to the President of the Berkshire for kindly presenting the prizes, and his invitation to return at a later date.

Although played in a down-pour a good day was had by all the results

being as follows:-

151	Mr. Cuthbert) 75 points
2nd	T. Huntley P. Golding) 72 points
3rd	F. Robins L. Oikle) 70 points
4th	A.E. Watson J. McClune) 70 points
5th	G. Piggott D. Woods) 66 points)

Thank you to all inside and outside staff of the Berkshire for making our day such a success, and once again thank you trade members for all your help on these occasions.

The Chairman & Committee of this Section wish to apologise to competitors who travelled to the Berkshire only to find no one to partner them.

Diary Dates:

Secretaries v Greenkeepers - West Byfleet - 12th October 1976

Lectures at Whitbreads Social and

Sports Club, Chiswell Street, London, E.C.!. begin as follows:-

3rd November Lecture: Huxleys Film & discussion on Cushman

Turf Care System.

1st December Lecture: Mr. Jim Bradbury from Mommersteeg Seed Co. Northants.

5th January Lecture: Ransomes of Ipswich.

We certainly are looking forward to some interesting evenings and hope as many members as possible will attend.

Could we please bring to the notice of the members of this Section that at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the B.G.G.A., the subscriptions were increased as follows:-

Head Greenkeeper £7.00 £5.00 First Assistant £4.00 Assistant

As a number of you have paid at the old rate i.e., £5.00, £4.00 and £2.50 respectively, would you please forward direct to the Secretary the amount owing, to enable her to bring your records up to date.

The annual Match between the Association of Golf Club Secretaries and the Greenkeepers took place at West Byfleet Golf Club on the 12th October, 1976. It was a most enjoyable day, with perfect weather conditions, the result of the match being. once again, another victory for the Greenkeepers by 10½ to 7½.

We wish to thank Mr. Russell, the Secretary of West Byfleet, and his staff for making it so successful.

R.W. Lance.

Sheffield Section

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Autumn Tournament

NOTTS GOLF CLUB, Hollinwell, was the venue for this year's Autumn Tournament. About 20 members played for the Machin & Hartwell Trophy, on a very nice day. Unfortunately I was unable to be at Hollinwell, but I understand everything went very well and all who played enjoyed their day. Mr. Graham Machin was present and very kindly presented the

The Trophy went back again to Silkston Golf Club, the winner this year being John McNicholas, in the Bogey competition, he had a score of 2 up. It seems as though the staff at Silkston are keen to hang on to this Trophy. Runners up were: S.Scothern. P. Ouartermaine and E. Palmer. Thanks to Hollinwell Golf Club for the use of their course, which was in fine condition

Northern Section Match.

Our annual fixture against the Northern Section was this year held at Hillsborough Golf Club, Sheffield. Six 4 ball matches were played and as in the previous two years the Sheffield Section were again the winners. The score being 4 matches to 2. Results as follows. Sheffield name first.

T. Mulcahy Lost to D. Spurden S.K. Arnold D. Roberts N. Whitaker Lost to H. Marshall M. Coultas C. Garnett F. Frost R. Lambert Beat J. McNicholas R. Smith A. Spencer C. Geddes Beat N. Maltby E. Paley R. Brailsford H. Beat Lacev P. Ouartermaine P. Blacker C. Colton N. Faran Beat A. Goldthorpe C. Ramsden In the morning Sheffield Section members played nine holes for the coach cup, the winner being T. Mulcahy, runners up H. Herrington and J. Mc Nicholas. A nice end to our competition season came when in the morning our previous section secretary and Head Greenkeeper for Hillsborough, Henry Gillespie, playing golf for the first time in two years had a "hole in one" at the short second. Well done Henry'.

Thanks to Hillsborough Golf Club for the use of their course and clubhouse, both were very much appreciated.

Winter Meetings

Our winter meetings will be held at Abbeydale Golf Club on the first Thursday of the month at 2.30 p.m.

November 4th will see a speaker from S.T.R.I., Mr. Woolhouse, who will talk on weed identification and control.

December 2nd. Mr. Lees of S.A.I. will come along to give us a talk on Turf Nutrition.

Midlands Section

Chairman; V.W. SMITH Hon. Secretary: A. KITE

 Lillington Close, Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands.

THE AUTUMN TOURNAMENT was held at Ladbrooke Park Golf Qub on Wednesday 29th September, 1976. Listed below are the scores and prize winners:-

G. Woodward - 1st Gross 120

Toro U.K.Cup, Table Lighter R. Pullen - 1st Net 106

C. Pullen - 1st Net 106

Clayton Cup, Travelling Clock

D. Haynes - 2nd Net 108 1/2

Salver

A. Cutler - 3rd Net 109½ Model Traction Engine

V. Smith - 4th Net 1101/2

Bottle Scotch
T. Morris - 5th Net 112½ - Shirt
H. Lewis - 6th 113

Wedgewood Pottery

C. Frost - 7th Net 114½ - Road Atlas R. Pugh - 8th Net 116 - Bottle Sherry

E. Thomas - 9th Net 117

Golf Bag Stand
B. Ashby - 10th Net 117½ - Pruners

W. Boyce - 11th Net 118 Ggaret Lighter

A. Boraston - 12th Net 119 Wall Ornament

J. Bevan - 13th Net 120 - Wallet

R. Chandler - 14th Net 122

Measuring Tape

D. Shortley - 15th Net 123 Golf Glove

A. Kite - 16th Net 1231/2 - Books

M. Bladen - 17th Net 126½ 6 Golf Balls

E. Leeson - 18th Net 1281/2

6 Golf Balls

(PLAYED OVER 27 HOLES MEDAL

PLAY)

We would like to thank the committee and members of Ladbrooke Park Golf Qub for allowing our members the courtesy of their fine course and club house, Mr. and Mrs. Robinson, the Steward and Stewardess who together with their staff provided excellent service and meals throughout the day, the ground staff for their obvious efforts in getting the course into such good order, the Trade people and Vice Presidents who kindly gave us so much of their time, marking cards, collecting money, making up score sheets etc., to Gordon Hiams who filled the breach at short notice and presented prizes and finally a very big thank you to the people and companies listed below who were most generous in donating the fine collection of prizes.

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