

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
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Northern Section Notes

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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

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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:-

1st	B. Streeter)	75 points
	Mr. Cuthbert)	
2nd	T. Huntley)	72 points
	P. Golding)	
3rd	F. Robins)	70 points
	L. Oikle)	
4th	A.E. Watson)	70 points
	J. McClune)	
5th	G. Piggott)	66 points
	D. Woods)	

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 Whitbread's 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
First Assistant	£5.00
Assistant	£4.00

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.

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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.

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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 Hollin-

well, but I understand everything went very well and all who played enjoyed their day. Mr. Graham Machin was present and very kindly presented the prizes.

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. Quartermaine 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	Beat	R. Lambert
J. McNicholas		R. Smith
A. Spencer	Beat	C. Geddes
N. Maltby		E. Paley
R. Brailsford	Beat	H. Lacey
P. Quartermaine		P. Blacker
C. Colton	Beat	N. Faran
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

