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Newcastle-on-Tyne 3.

THE SECTION'S ANNUAL TOURNAMENT was played at the Gosforth Golf Club on the 11th October, by kind permission of the Committee. As the season was getting on, we played 27 holes to enable all competitors to finish before the light failed. The weather was not too good during the first 18, with light rain and a heavy dew making the going heavy, however the afternoon 9 proved very much better, and it is pleasing to note that both the Scratch Prize and the Handicap Cup were won by new members.

The results were as follows:—M. Gunn of Beamish Park off Plus 1, won the Scratch Prize with a fine round of 67 and 35, total 102. D. Turpie, off 11, won the Handicap Cup, 83, 72 nett, 38, 5½, 32½, total 104½. 2nd, T. Green, Ravensworth, 106; 3rd, J. Hayes, Northumberland, 106½; 4th, D. Morgan, Alnmouth Village, 106½; 5th, T. Nutman, Tynemouth, 107; 6th, T. Kirkley, Brancepeth, 108½; 7th, T. Oliver, 109; 8th, D. Gray, Beamish, 110½; 9th, J. Smith, Morpeth, 110½; 10th, S. Pope, Tyneside, 113½; 11th, R. Derham, South Shields, 113½; 12th, H. Sommerville, Alnmouth, 114½; 13th, T. Murphy, City, 115½; 14th, J. Simpson, Ponteland, 116; 15th, R. Raine, Northumberland, 116; 16th, P. Crombie, Wearside, 118; 17th, N. Fraser, Chester-le-Street, 118½; 18th, R. Robb, Whitbarn, 118½; 19th, J. Hudson, Embleton, 120; 20th, D. McNeal, Chester, 120; 21st, C. Baxter, Newcastle United, 120½; 22nd, M. Moat, Ponteland, 122; 23rd, J. Snowden, Gosforth, 122; 24th, A. Scott, Arcot, 123.

Prize-giving

At the presentation afterwards, we were pleased to have with us, our President, Mr. L. A. Jones, who is also Vice-President of the English Golf Union. The Prizes were presented by the Captain, W. Denton, Esq., who made us all very welcome. Our Chairman, J. Simpson, then introduced Mr. L. A. Jones, who said how very pleased he was to note the increased membership of our Section, and went on to say that Clubs are now taking very much more interest in the training of Greenkeepers. Our Chairman in his vote of thanks mentioned that young members had a good opportunity now for greenkeeping but it was also up to themselves to take an interest in their jobs. The Secretary then thanked the firms and golf clubs for the many prizes and donations. Messrs. Ransomes, Sims & Jefferies; Stewarts of Edinburgh, Fisons, Hargreaves, A.T.C.O., Rickerby Mackenzie, Landscape Machinery Ltd., Taylor & Bain, Northern Agric., the Professionals, Jim Common for the use of caddy cars, Mr. Strong and Mr. Johnson of Chester-le-Street, Mr.

Johnson, Arcot, and Stan. Heatherington, Ponteland. The Chairman then thanked the Steward and Stewardess for the excellent meals provided.

During the day, the ladies of the Gosforth Golf Club raffled a cake given by Mrs. Carr. This realised the sum of £5 7s. 0d. which was donated to Section funds. We were also honoured during the afternoon by the Ladies acting as caddies, for which service our Chairman thanked them.

We were pleased to have with us Mr. I. Forbes and Mr. Pender, of Stewart's also Mr. J. A. Couldridge of Fison's who kindly donated a prize. Also present were A.T.C.O.'s representative, Mr. Mackenzie, and Mr. W. Nicholson of the Northern Agricultural Co.

Christmas Greetings

On behalf of the North-East Section may I wish all members of the Association a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

SHEFFIELD

By R. Whitehead

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ON MONDAY, 21st JANUARY, 1963, WE are invited to visit Messrs. Ellis Rees & Co., Grafton Works, Middlewood Street, Salford, 5. Regretfully, I must mention that we have been asked to limit the party to 25 members. The timetable is as follows:—2-45 p.m. Meet at Victoria Bridge. 3-0 p.m. Arrive Grafton Works, look round workshops and inspect new machines on show. 4-0 p.m. Afternoon tea. 4-45 p.m. Film show of Ransomes films. 6-15 p.m. Depart for Garrick Hotel where Mr. Clayton of the S.T.R.I. will talk on General Practical Maintenance at 7-0 p.m.

Christmas Greetings

May I take this opportunity of wishing all members of the Association a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



THE SCOTTISH GOLF GREENKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION

NORTH AND MIDLAND SECTION

MEMBERS WILL LEARN WITH DEEP regret of the sudden death of Mr. George M. McDonald, of Alyth Golf Club. George died on the 9th November after only two weeks off work. He was our President this year and we shall miss his staunch support. Our deepest sympathy goes to his father and sister.

Christmas Greetings

On behalf of the North and Midland Section I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Guid New Year.

W. RITCHIE,
Secretary.

WEST SECTION

THE ANNUAL TOURNAMENT AND A.G.M. of the West Section was held at the Irvine Golf Club, Bogside, Irvine, on Tuesday, 11th September. The winners of the Tournament were:—Scratch: H. Diamond, 76. First-class, 1st, W. Armstrong, 80—7=

SOUTH-WEST

By A. Cockfield

Chairman:
G. GILBERT,
(Warminster G.C.)

Hon. Secretary:
(Shamcastle G.C.)

ON BEHALF OF THE SOUTH-WEST Section may I extend Seasonal Greetings to all officials and members of the Association, to our Editor and Staff of the Greenkeeper, also to our numerous friends in the trade with thanks for their continued support during the past year.

A Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year to all.

MISCELLANEOUS

PROFESSIONALS AND GREENKEEPERS having stocks of used golf balls contact Sparkbrook Golf Ball Co., 295 Highgate Road, Stoney Lane, Birmingham, with a view to filling export orders.

73; 2nd, J. Ferguson, 76—2=74; 3rd, B. Moir, 80—3=77; Second-class, 1st, R. Moffat, 82—12=70; 2nd, G. Love, 82—10=72; 3rd, N. Ferguson, 89—14=75; 4th, R. Meldrum, 93—18=75. Veteran's: 1st, H. Morris, 82—5=77; 2nd, D. Paterson, 82—5=77.

After a good day's golfing, for which we are deeply grateful to Irvine Golf Club for granting us the courtesy of their course, we held our A.G.M., which was attended by 40 members. Mr. L. F. Millar, on retiring as Chairman, asked Mr. G. Alexander, Prestwick St. Nicholas, to take the Chair. Mr. Alexander on taking over said he was greatly honoured. The Secretary, Mr. C. N. George said that owing to pressure of work he would have to retire this year. Mr. B. Moir was unanimously elected Secretary. Mr. D. Paterson, Paisley Golf Club, was reelected to Committee and Mr. R. Moffat of Cathkin Braes was elected First Assistant Representative.

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking everyone who gave me assistance during my term of Office as Secretary of the West Section. I am deeply indebted to all my friends in the Trade for the help they gave me during this period.

Will members please note that our new Secretary is Mr. B. Moir, 11 Helens Terrace, Kilwinning, Ayrshire, and any business regarding the West Section should be directed to him.

Christmas Greetings

On behalf of the West Section, may I wish all greenkeepers a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

C. N. GEORGE,
Secretary.

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INSTRUCTIONAL COURSES

The S.T.R.I. held two well attended Instruction Courses at Bingley this Autumn.

Each of them was attended by 27 students who enjoyed the lectures and practical demonstrations which pack the five days. Amongst those who attended from golf clubs were:—A. Black (Royal St. David's G.C.), H. A. Childs (Fulford (York) G.C.), P. Collinson (Torquay G.C.), J. B. Dalton (Dale and Dalton), H. A. D. Fry (Clyne G.C.), J. F. Greenwood (Muswell Hill G.C.), T. Harrison (Serlby Park G.C.), W. S. Hartley

(Hartsbourne Country Club), B. E. Heard (Folkestone G.C.), D. Herd (Longniddry G.C.), D. Horsman (Burnley G.C.), L. J. Hunt (Ilford G.C.), O. W. Jones (Royal St. David's G.C.), A. P. Marchant (Bush Hill Park G.C.), J. Martin (Pennard G.C.), G. Morley (Wheatley G.C.), J. Munro (Worcester Golf and Country Club), J. Ogilvy (Leven Links Joint Committee), E. A. Purdie (Maxtoke Park G.C.), F. Rankin (Cathcart Castle G.C.), D. Shade (Kingsknowe G.C.), A. T. Stephens (Moor Hall G.C.), D. Storey (West Bowling G.C.), M. Teare (Purley Downs G.C.), W. A. F. Thomson (Nairn G.C.), R. J. Trathen (West Cornwall G.C.), G. R. Willerton (Mickleover G.C.).

INDOOR GOLF RANGES

A converted public wash house at Heath Town, Wolverhampton, will soon be Staffordshire's first indoor golf centre.

Another golf school was opened on 21st November in the converted Odeon Cinema at Prestwich, near Manchester. Golfers drive at a 30 ft. x 50 ft. coloured screen depicting a golf fairway and balls are speedily returned by a miniature conveyor belt.

ANNUAL DRAW

With reference to my enquiry for the seller of the most tickets in the Annual Draw, I have now received a claim by a seller of 54 books. Can anyone improve on this?

C. H. Dix,
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