

News



from the Sections

NORTHERN

By J. Parker

Hon. Secretary:

8 Goit Stock Terr., Harden,
Bingley, Yorks.

Chairman:

G. W. MASON
(Halifax West End)

THE FIRST LECTURE OF THE WINTER session will be held on Tuesday, 13th November, in the Market Tavern, Godwin Street, Bradford, at 7-15 p.m. The speaker will be Mr. B. C. Clayton, M.A., Senior Advisory Officer at the Sports Turf Research Institute. Mr. Clayton will be speaking on general maintenance of golf courses with references to his Continental visits. Your Committee look for your support on what will surely be an interesting evening.

December Social

A Social Evening will be held on Tuesday, 11th December, at the Old Queen's Head, Main Street, Bingley. This will take the form of games and supper, and will also give members a chance to have a general natter over golf course problems and events.

New Member

We welcome to the Section:—Mr. C. Garnett, 425 Harrogate Road, Bradford, 2, who works under Donald Roberts at West Bowling Golf Club. There must be many more Assistant Greenkeepers who are not members of the Association. Come on, Head Greenkeepers, I've plenty of nomination forms for membership.

Change of Address

Mr. S. M. Lemmon has moved to 41 Pelham Road, Cleethorpes, Lincolnshire.

NORTH-WEST

By B. Ellis

Hon. Secretary:

Romiley G.C.

Chairman
T. Brennan
(Wilmslow G.C.)

OUR AUTUMN TOURNAMENT was held at the Bolton Golf Club, Lostock Park, Bolton, on Thursday, 27th September. We were favoured with a fine day, a course that was in excellent condition, and 40 competitors enjoyed a pleasant day's golf.

Our President, Mr. Kinsey, occupied the Chair and thanked the Captain and Council of the Bolton Golf Club for granting us the courtesy of their course and clubhouse and then introduced the Captain to present the Prizes.

The prize-winners were as follows:—1st nett, W. Sumner, 104½, Ransomes Cup and Electric Blanket; Scratch, E. Walsh, 111 gross, Hunter Cup and Tankard; 2nd nett, G. Davey, 105½, President's Cup and Windcheater; 3rd nett, E. Walsh, 111 Musical Cigarette Box; 4th nett, O. P. Jones, 112, Travelling Clock; 5th nett, A. Warhurst, 113½, Ronson Lighter; 6th nett, J. Metcalfe, 114, Pullover; 7th nett, F. Halstead, 115, Colibri Lighter; 8th nett, V. Crabtree, 115½, Plant Tub; 9th nett, H. Smith, 116, Silver Pencil; 10th nett, W. Burgess, 117, Lighter; Best nett, over 50's, W. Sumner, 104½, Hargreaves Cup and Pullover; Visitor's Prize, Mr. S. Cowap; 71 nett, 1 doz. Golf Balls.

The Section Chairman, Mr. T. Brennan, closed the meeting by thanking all who had contributed towards making the day a success, J. Rhodes and his staff for the excellent condition of the course, the Steward and Stewardess for meals, Mr. Payne of Ransomes, and Mr. Grieves of Messrs. Ellis Rees for once again issuing and checking cards. Our thanks are also due to the following who so kindly contributed to our Prize Fund: Messrs. Ransomes, Sims & Jefferies, Messrs. Hunter, Mr. W. Kinsey, Messrs. Rigley Taylor, Mr A. E. Fyles, Messrs. Pattisson, Messrs. T. Ockleshaw Ltd., Messrs. Wilcox Ltd., Messrs. Ellis Rees, Messrs. May and Baker Ltd., Messrs. En-Tout-Cas, and Mr. V. Crabtree.

New Members

We welcome to our Section the following new members: D. Carter, Werneth Low Golf Club, Hyde, Cheshire; E. Welding, 21 Cole Avenue, Newton-le-Willows, Lancs., and H. M. Walsh, 78 Hadfield Street, Oldham, Lancs.

Lectures

Our first lecture of the winter will be held on Tuesday, 20th November, at the Garrick Hotel, Fountain Street, Manchester, commencing at 7-0 p.m., when Mr. H. J. Lidgate of the S.T.R.I. will talk on "Soils". Will members please note the date as no other notice will be given.

On Monday, 21st January, 1963, we have Mr. B. C. Clayton, M.A., Senior Advisory Officer at the Research Station, whose subject will be "General Practical Maintenance". This meeting will also be held at the Garrick Hotel commencing at 7-0 p.m.

SOUTHERN

By W. Mason

Chairman:
J. K. GLASS
(Thorpe Hall)

Hon. Secretary:
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MESSRS. EASTON TRACTORS LTD. have kindly arranged to send along one of their representatives to give us a lecture. The subject, "General Maintenance of Tractors", and we hope that members will make every effort to attend what should be a most interesting evening. As usual, this will be held at the Talbot Restaurant, London Wall, Moor-gate, E.C., on Wednesday, 14th November, at 6-30 p.m.

New Members

We are pleased to welcome two new members. L. R. Hilton, The Wyshe, Pycombe Golf Club, Pycombe, Brighton, and P. Marsh, 17 Brownhill Road, Baddesley, Southampton, Hants.

MIDLAND

By F. Cashmore

Chairman:
G. HART
(Gay Hill)

Hon. Secretary:
76 Four Oaks Common Road
Sutton Coldfield, Warwickshire.

OUR TOURNAMENT AT SOUTH Staffs. was a most successful gathering and our thanks are due to all at the Club for their cordial welcome, and the way in which they made us comfortable. There was a shower at mid-day but it did not interfere a great deal with play. Twenty-five members took part and thirteen visitors joined us in the afternoon. The Captain of South Staffs., Mr. Lewis, joined us for lunch and apologised for the fact that, owing to a previous engagement, he could not remain for the rest of the day. Our President, Mr. Carl Bretherton, paid us a visit, but he also had a meeting that evening which prevented him staying for the presentation of the prizes.

The results were as follows:—Clayton Cup and Tea Set, T. Jones, 145 nett; Golf Club, G. Woodward, 154 gross; Golf Jacket, E. Mitton, 146 nett; Cruet Set, J. Stephens, 147 nett; Golf Shoes, R. Smith, 148 nett; Canteen Cutlery, A. Hastilow, 148 nett; Lighter, W. Barton, 151 nett; 1 doz. Golf Balls, K. Webb, 152 nett; Wallet, H. Drewitt, 152 nett; Glass Dish, E. Benbow, 153 nett; Alarm Clock, A. C. Jones, 153 nett; Table Mats, A. Boraston, 153 nett; Wallet, R. Pugh, 154 nett; Towels, W. Machin, 158 nett; Cigarette Case, V. Smith, 160 nett; Bottle Whisky, W. Handy, 161 nett.

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The leg of pork given by Mr. J. W. R. Robinson for the over 50's was won by A. Hastilow. The golf balls given by our President for players with 2's on their cards were won by W. Barton, G. Woodward, T. Jones and R. Smith.

The prizes were presented by Mr. McCandless, the Secretary, and also a past Captain of South Staffs. Golf Club. He said how pleased they were to see us and hoped that we would visit them again. George Hart thanked him and also the Committee of the South Staffs. for allowing us to play there, and making us feel so welcome. He also thanked the indoor staff for excellent meals, etc., Cecil Woodhouse and his staff for the splendid condition of the course, Bill Payne and his helpers for doing their usual job. Incidentally, Mr. Payne was travelling to Bolton that night to help the North West Section in the same way on the following day. George also thanked our visitors, players and members of the Trade who had joined us and helped to make the day so successful. Our thanks also to the donors of our prizes who were:—Thomas Clayton & Sons, British Steel Golf Shafts, Swallow Raincoats, Tudor Mower Services, Lotus Ltd., Rigby Taylor Ltd., H. Pattison & Sons, En Tout Cas Ltd., May & Baker Ltd., Chas. H. Pugh Ltd., Parker & Ballenger Ltd., Woodheads Seeds Ltd., Mr. L. Wheeler, Mr. J. Conlon, Mr. W. F. Payne, Mr. J. W. R. Robinson, and Mr. Carl Bretherton.

**Visit to Messrs. Massey Ferguson—
28th November**

This visit is limited to 30 members so will those who wish to go, and have not yet let me know, please do so at once otherwise they may be disappointed. We shall all be travelling by coach which will leave the Hall of Memory at 10-30 a.m. We are due at the Chase Hotel, Coventry at 12 noon.

Annual Dinner

Our Annual Dinner will be held at the King's Head Hotel, Hagley Road, Bearwood, on Friday, 14th December, when we are hoping to see all our friends. We shall be having a full Christmas Dinner and some very good artistes have been engaged for the concert, so we are hoping to equal last year's record attendance.

EAST MIDLAND

By S. T. McNeice

Chairman:
S. TALBOT
(Wollaton Park)

Hon. Secretary:
40 Edward Road,
Clarendon Park, Leicester

OUR ANNUAL TOURNAMENT WAS held at Willesley Park Golf Club, Ashby-de-la-Zouch on Tuesday, 25th September, by kind permission of the Captain and Committee. The Section Autumn Cup was on show for the first time and competed for over 18 holes Bogey. This was also the first time the Section has held a Bogey Competition which made a very pleasant change. Play was not up to the usual standard although the course was in excellent condition, and the weather was all one could wish for, one of those few sunny, warm days we had this summer.

Prize-winners were as follows:—1st, R. Bowler, Wollaton Park (15) 2 down; 2nd, S. T. McNeice, Leicestershire (12) 4 down; 3rd, F. Drost, Derby Municipal (6) 4 down; 4th J. Carrick, Northamptonshire Co., (9) 5 down; 5th, D. Whitehead, Wollaton Park (24) 5 down; 6th, E. A. Clarkson, Leicestershire (10) 5 down; 7th, F. Oliver, Nottingham City (14) 5 down; 8th, D. Bull, Bulwell Forest (7) 7 down; 9th, S. Fretter, Kirby Muxloe (13) 7 down; 10th, G. Dunkley, Northamptonshire Co., (12) 8 down. Ties were decided on last 9, 6, and 3 holes. Vice-Presidents' Section, 1st, A. Booth, Chilwell Manor (scratch) 3 down; 2nd, S. C. Long, Leicester Municipal (2) 3 down.

The Section Chairman, Mr. Stan. Talbot, thanked the Willesley Park Golf Club for granting us the courtesy of the course, Dr. D. G. Kelly, the Captain, for presenting the prizes, the Staff for their hard work in making everything so very pleasant, also a special vote of thanks to our officers and Members of the Trade for their contribution to the prizes.

I should like once more to take this opportunity to thank our old friend Mr. A. J. E. Cook for all the hard work which he put in to make everything go with a swing, also to



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his very able assistant, Mr. Eric Ramsey, who completed the day by checking the cards.

We are indebted to the following who so kindly contributed to our Prize Fund: Mr. A. J. E. Cook, Mr. A. G. Beck, Mr. S. C. Long, The Golf Ball Manufacturers' Conference, Messrs. H. Patisson & Co., Messrs. W. Hargreaves Ltd., Messrs. Sutton & Sons Ltd., Messrs. Carters Tested Seeds Ltd., Messrs. Lunevale Products Ltd., and Messrs. May & Baker Ltd.

Change of Address

Mr. P. McCarron, 28 St. Peter's Road, Leicester, has now moved to 39 Devana Road, Leicester.

WELSH

By S. A. Tucker

Chairman:
M. GEDDES
(Royal Porthcawl)

Hon. Secretary:
36 Clase Road,
Morriston,
Swansea, Glam.

OUR AUTUMN MEETING WAS HELD at the Glamorgan Golf Club, by kind permission of the Captain and Committee, on the 26th September. The weather was not so kind as it might have been but the rain held off and we played 9 holes before lunch and 18 after. The prize-winners were as follows:—1st, J. O'Gorman (local knowledge); 2nd, D. Jones; 3rd, J. R. Williams; 4th, S. A. Tucker. The Nine Hole Competition was

HON. SECRETARY'S NOTES



I AM VERY HAPPY TO ANNOUNCE that I have been advised by the Secretary, ROYAL BIRKDALE GOLF CLUB, that his Committee has been pleased to grant the Association the courtesy of their Course for our Annual Tournament in 1963.

The dates arranged are the 12th, 13th and 14th August, and I am sure all members will wish to join me in expressing our sincere thanks to the Committee for this privilege.

**ANNUAL DRAW
NEWS OF THE WORLD MATCH PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP, 1962**

Receipts

	£	s.	d.
11,556 Tickets at 6d.	288	18	0
	£288 18 0		

Expenditure

	£	s.	d.
Prize Money	100	0	0
Printing (tickets)	17	15	0
Printing (results)	2	18	0
H.Q. expenses	2	11	0
Secretary's expenses	6	12	6
Balance in hand	159	1	6
	£288 18 0		

My congratulations to Mr. W. Dickinson of the Sheffield Section for selling the Winning Ticket.

No claim has yet been made by the seller of the largest number of tickets for whom a prize of £2 10s. 0d. is waiting. I shall be glad if Section Secretaries will notify me of any member whom they think may qualify for this prize.

C. H. DIX

Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.

WELSH SECTION—cont.

won by G. Brennan, 2nd was H. Fry on last 6 holes from A. Price. Hard luck, Arthur, better luck next time!

Subscriptions

Will any members who have not yet paid their subscriptions please do so by the next post to M. Geddes, 23 Fenton Place, Porthcawl, Glamorgan, in order that Mr. Geddes may settle his books for the winter months.

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.

FOR SALE

Ransome's OVERGREEN MARK III complete with Spikes, Rakes, Hollow and Split Tines just overhauled and ground, nearest offer to £150. Leicestershire Golf Club, Gartree Road, Leicester.

MAJORCA APPLICANTS

A short list of four applicants was made up at the end of October. Those who have not heard by letter when this notice appears are thanked for their applications. References have been returned. Owing to the particular circumstances of this post, many well qualified persons had to be eliminated.



NOVEMBER

- 13th Northern Section, Lecture, Market Tavern, Godwin Street, Bradford, 7-15 p.m.
 14th Southern Section, Lecture, Talbot Restaurant, London Wall, E.C., 6-30 p.m.
 20th North West Section, Lecture, Garrick Hotel, Fountain Street, Manchester, 7 p.m.
 28th Midland Section visit to Messrs. Massey Ferguson.

DECEMBER

- 11th Northern Section, Social Evening, Old Queen's Head, Main Street, Bingley.
 14th Midland Section, Annual Dinner, King's Head, Bearwood.

1963

JANUARY

- 21st North West Section, Lecture, Garrick Hotel, Fountain Street, Manchester, 7 p.m.

SOIL FOR GREENS

A reminder for Greenkeepers with constructional jobs on hand this Autumn

SOIL is not just so much dirt, but consists of solid, liquid and gaseous matter. It is half solid by volume with about 70 to 80 per cent minerals which is a mixture of sand, silt and clay particles. The other 20 to 30 per cent is organic matter or humus. The non-solid half, or the voids between the particles, is half water and half air. Stated another way, a cubic foot of soil should contain one half cubic foot of solid matter, one quarter cubic foot of water and one quarter cubic foot of air. Such a soil is well ventilated, and an ideal medium for the growth of grass, or any other crop.

The subsoil need not have organic matter, but it should be well ventilated to facilitate drainage, and speed the removal of surplus gravitational water. A system of tile drains should be installed in all greens having a subsoil which does not meet these specifications.

A putting green is more than a place to grow grass. The surface must have enough resilience to hold the ball of a pitched shot and yet be firm enough to have the billiard table trueness. Over-watering is one way to make a grass hold a pitched ball. The better way is to have a good soil structure. The surface will have sufficient resilience to hold the ball, irrespective of its moist content. Then it will not be necessary to resort to the bad practice of over-watering.

The presence of some organic matter in the surface soil is essential to make it slightly resilient and perform other functions connected with growth. It is the energy food for beneficial soil micro-organisms. As the organic matter undergoes decay by them carbonic acid is generated. It is the principal solvent in the soil solution and is responsible for the liberation of the mineral soil nutrients. Organic matter increases water-holding capacity and imparts other benefits of its colloidal nature.

(From an article by O. J. Noer.)

HURLINGHAM, 1962

by Harry Bennett

THE 17th exhibition of equipment and materials for turf maintenance, organised by the National Association of Groundsmen, was held in the grounds of the Hurlingham Club on the 3rd and 4th of October, in glorious weather. Although the opening day coincided with the one day railway strike, exhibitors said it had not interfered with business to any great extent.

As usual, there was a most comprehensive display of machinery and equipment which, while giving the opportunity of comparing the numerous types, must have made choosing extremely difficult. Every type for every purpose from the preparation of the ground to the mowing was on view with experts to explain the advantages of each.

Most of the stands were on the cricket ground with those showing heavy equipment round the outside. No. 3, the Parker stand, was almost an exhibition in itself. Apparently there is nothing in the way of machinery, equipment or materials that this firm does not supply and most of it was on view.

Special Award

Next was the Hargreaves stand with the well-known "Sisis" range. A new addition here was the 36 inch Super Coultas Seed and Fertiliser Spreader which had gained the "Award of Merit" for the outstanding production of the year.

A little further on J. Gibbs Ltd. had a display ranging from tractors to hand machines and, nearby, Lloyds of Letchworth showed a full range of mowers and other equipment.

Ransomes had their usual comprehensive display of mowers, including the new 24 inch Matador.

The ATCO exhibit was also very comprehensive, with motor mowers, hand models, rotary models and the Atco-scythe and attachments.

In the middle of the ground on stand

THE SCOTTISH GOLF GREENKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the North and Midland Section will be held in Nicoll & Smibert's Restaurant, 2/4 Nethergate, Dundee, on Wednesday, 14th November, 1962, at 7-0 p.m. Election of Office Bearers, etc.

W. RITCHIE,
Secretary.

40, Craig & Co. showed new and re-conditioned mowers and small cultivators, and close by the Burnet Sports Turf Improvement Services were showing "Nitroform", the long lasting 38% nitrogen fertiliser.

Cannock had a display of grasses for identification and samples of turf showing the effects of Cannock products.

Carters, on an attractive stand, also showed grasses in growth and turf mixtures. The 1962 handbook issued by Carters is both instructive and interesting.

S.T.R.I.

The Sports Turf Research Institute information tent, at which representatives of the Institute were in attendance, was attracting much attention all day.

Going from the Cricket Ground, at the corner of Bowling Green Avenue was the Relf & Kendall workshop where actual repairs and renovations were being carried out. Also on view here was a museum piece: a mower dated 1832.

Just opposite, May & Baker were showing the full range of their products.

The Pattison stand on River Avenue displayed equipment and requisites for golf courses and the number of their products seems to increase each year. One of the new ones this year was the "S.P." self-propelled turf piercer which was attracting a good deal of attention.

Next door, Frank Keep (1958) Ltd., who supplied fertilisers and dressings, appeared to be very busy.

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