

was, of course, shown in the machinery section. The weather was a little showery, but did not detract from the usefulness and general interest always experienced on our visits to Bingley.

Our most sincere thanks to Mr. Lidgate for his personal interest and his patience in answering the numerous questions put to him. Our thanks also to Mrs. Kelly and her staff at Bingley Golf Club for the excellence of both meals provided for us.

Once again only 18 members availed themselves of this wonderful opportunity of a quick refresher course. The main party was joined at Bingley by Mr. Marshall and two friends from St. Annes-on-Sea. Mr. L. Haken and Mr. P. Cappleman, our two oldest members (combined ages approx. 145) showed just as keen an interest in turf culture for the welfare of the game as any member present. A really good day was enjoyed by everyone.

Autumn Tournament

Thanks to the Captain, and Council, our Autumn Tournament will be held at Ashton-and-Lea Golf Club on Tuesday, 15th September, 1964. The closing date for entries will be 9th September. Please try and let me know in good time as it will help so much in organising your day's pleasure. Would members please note that each member is allowed only one visitor. The competition will be over 27 holes, 9 in the morning and 18 in the afternoon. The visitors' competition will be over 18 holes in the afternoon. Play is allowed in the morning for visitors arriving early.

New Members

We welcome to the Section the following new members: A. B. Scott, J. G. Cottrill, A. J. Cundall, S. Beavan.

SOUTHERN

By W. Mason

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Autumn Tournament

THE SECTION AUTUMN TOURNAMENT already published in the special occasions will take place on Tuesday, 15th September, at the Denham Golf Club. As in previous years we look forward to a good entry. For the benefit of new members who have not taken part before, it will be a four-ball better ball competition and you can invite the Captain or a member of your club as a partner. Will members, when sending along their entries, please give the name and handicap of their partner, together with their own handicap and name of club. The closing date for entries is Monday, 31st August, and the draw will take place on Tuesday, 1st September, after which starting sheets will be sent to all greenkeepers.

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New Members

My Committee were very pleased to confirm the election of the following new members with a special welcome: T. Craham, A. Silver, W. H. Talmage, D. J. Roulins, R. McCracken, R. D. Hollington, B. J. Hawkins, G. Driscoll, K. S. Ward.

Mr. J. Cryer has written to say he has taken the appointment of Head Greenkeeper at Ellesborough Golf Club. He was previously Head Greenkeeper at Lincoln Golf Club. We welcome him to our Section.

P. Bramley

I have been informed that Mr. Bramley, of Addington Court, has taken up an appointment at Knole Park Golf Club. We wish him luck.

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Autumn Meeting

WE WILL BE HOLDING OUR AUTUMN Meeting at the Llantrisant Golf Club on Wednesday, 23rd September. If you are coming, please let me know by the 15th September, so that I may arrange the catering, etc.

Weston-super-Mare

I hope the weather will treat all members kindly and that it will be a very successful meeting. Good luck to all competitors and may the best man win.

NORTHERN

Chairman:
S. BAILES

By J. Parker
Hon. Secretary:
8 Goit Stock Terr.,
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Autumn Tournament

THE ANNUAL TOURNAMENT OF the Section will be played over the course of the Halifax Golf Club, Ogden, near Halifax, on Thursday, 22nd October, 1964 (by kind permission of the committee).

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Employment

I occasionally receive enquiries from Golf Clubs requiring Greenkeepers. If any member of the Section wishes to receive notice of them will they send their name to me and I will get in touch with them when an enquiry is made.

Autumn Course

There is still one vacancy available for any member of the Section wishing to attend the Autumn Course at the Sports Turf Research Institute from 19th to 23rd October. The Section will pay the registration fee but the person attending will be required to pay other expenses—hotel, travel, etc.

SITUATIONS VACANT

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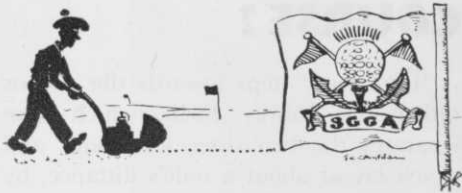
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Clement Booth, Clerk of the Council.

DARK OATHS

At Mineola, N.Y., golfers' cursing has caused residents of homes overlooking the Salisbury Park course in nearby East Meadow to tee off against plans for night golfing. "It will extend the cursing hours", wrote 40 residents in a letter to Nassau County executive, Eugene H. Nickerson. They protested the planned installation of lights on the course. "Homes put up with the golfers and their choice language all day long and we feel that, come evening, we are due a little tranquility."

(New York Herald Tribune, 9th July, 1964.)



THE SCOTTISH GOLF GREENKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

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71 Kelton Street, Glasgow, E.2

Annual Tournament

THE ANNUAL TOURNAMENT WAS held by courtesy of the Hayston Golf Club on the 24th June. The weather was kind and we had a very good attendance of members and friends of the Trade, whom I would like to thank on behalf of my Committee and members for the prizes donated. Our thanks also to the Captain and members of the Hayston Club for their hospitality and the prize donated. Last, but not least, Mr. and Mrs. Brown and staff for the meals served and Mr. Paterson and staff for the condition of the course.

Prize-winners

Scratch:

- 1st R. Scott, Williamwood, 71.
- 2nd, H. Diamond, Bogside, 76.

1st Class:

- M. Travers, Gourrock, 77-2=75.
- J. Coffey, Balmore, 82-7=75.
- W. Millar, Irvine, 82-7=75.
- R. Dugan, Leven, 78-2=76.
- S. Davis, Luffness, 79-3=76.

2nd Class:

- R. McGrory, Erskine, 86-15=71.
- H. Wright, Prestonfield, 87-13=74.
- J. Thomson, Vale of Leven, 86-12=74.
- J. Wood, Kilspindie, 86-11=75.
- C. Thomson, Ralston, 88-13=75.

3rd Class:

- D. Andrews, Kilmacolm, 87-18=69.
- M. Connerty, Killermont, 94-22=72.
- J. Baillie, Bruntsfield, 92-18=74.
- A. McLean, Gourrock, 96-20=76.
- D. A. Gall, Dumbarton, 99-22=77.

Veterans:

- J. Dickson, Kilspindie, 77-1=76.
- A. Pringle, Killermont, 93-15=78.

New Members:

- D. Humes, Elderslie, 108.
- W. Stevenson, Glasgow Gales, 109.

The Trade Prize for putting was won by Dick Aitken.

The St. Mungo Cup was won by the West Section.

A.G.M.

EAST

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held at Baberton Golf Club on Thursday, 1st October, at 6 p.m.

A competition, commencing 1 p.m., for prizes will be played prior to the A.G.M., followed by a meal at 5 p.m.

Prizes won at Luffness will be presented. Members intending to be present please inform the Secretary before 24th September.

NO HOUSES ON GOLF COURSE E. KILBRIDE CORPORATION REFUSED DEVELOPMENT

Permission to continue using their course at Mount Cameron was granted to East Kilbride Golf Club by Lanark County Council. A planning application by East Kilbride Development Corporation for permission to build houses and schools was refused.

But later a corporation official said that the decision was contrary to the provisions of the master plan for the new town and contrary to their requirements as developing authority. "We are almost certain to appeal to the Secretary of State for Scotland."



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LINKS OR COURSE ?

A term that has given rise to a certain amount of controversy even in its native land is the word "links". There is a modern tendency to restrict this term to the natural seaside golf country among the sand dunes, and it is frequently suggested that the word has always been applied only to courses of this traditional type. But I can find no support for this contention. The noble expanse of turf on which the Royal Eastbourne course is laid out was known as "The Links" long before anyone thought of playing golf over it, and it is high up on the downs. A similar stretch of down at Cambridge was long known as "The Links" although nobody ever thought of playing golf there. Sir Walter Scott in *Redgauntlet* puts a definition into the mouth of the English Darsie Latimer :

"I turn my steps towards the sea, or rather the Solway Firth, which here separates the two sister kingdoms, and which lay at about a mile's distance, by a pleasant walk over sandy knolls, covered with short herbage, which you call *links*, and we English *downs*".—LETTER III.

Another definition from the same source is :

"They sat cozily nitched into what you might call a *bunker*—a little sand-pit, dry and snug, and surrounded by its banks, and a screen of whins in full bloom."—LETTER X.

(From "*A History of Golf*" by Robert Browning. First Published by J. H. Dent & Sons Ltd., 1955.)

PORTSMOUTH'S MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE WILL NOT BE CUT TO NINE HOLES

Portsmouth Parks Committee has refused a request by the local planning authority that 30 acres of the city's golf course should be released for industrial development. This would reduce the course to nine holes until a new course could be laid out on another site.

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Maketh a goodly tee; not too high, lest I balloon, nor yet too low, for fear I top the balle (but if I use a pegge of wood remembereth to recover it, that I may use it again and again, and not be constantly purchasing fresh boxes).

Observeth carefully the course of the balle, whether it fall near this tussock or in line with that bush, so that we always direct our steps straight to where it lieth and spend not half the day in searching.

Observeth equally the course of the opponēt's balle, that we may say, "It lieth even farther back" or "to the left or right", or hold our peace, according to the state of the game.

Findeth also divers other balles, which he selleth to me cheaply.

Produceth not the iron when I call for the mashie, nor becometh morose when I am obstinate. Exulteth not when I get me only halfway with the mashie; nor saith, "Even so, it is manifest that the iron was the clubbe", nor appeareth to be saying so to himself.

Removeth the flagge unbidden and estimateth which of the two of us shall putte first. Decideth in favour of me, if possible, that haply I may lay the other side of a stymie.

Talketh not, unless addressed by his master, or unless he observe the other side to have incurred a penalty concerning the which they clearly have a mind to hold their peace.

When I am putting standeth still and not in line of my vision (which would disconcert me), but when the other side putteth remembereth not necessarily to do likewise.

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(This document was reproduced in the South African Championship brochure this year, the meeting being held at Durban Country Club.)

HON. SECRETARY'S

NOTES



**THE BRITISH GOLF GREENKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
WESTON-SUPER-MARE**

Monday, 10th August, 1964, at 2-30 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Minutes of last Annual General Meeting.
2. Annual Report.
3. Financial Statement.
4. Executive Committee Report.
5. Election of Officers.
6. Proposition from the Southern Section :—
"That the present system of electing a Chairman be abolished, and the best man for the job be elected irrespective of the Section to which he belongs."
7. Any other business.



AUGUST.

10th }
11th }
12th }

B.G.G.A. Annual Tournament and A.G.M., Weston-super-Mare.

SEPTEMBER.

15th

North-West Section Autumn Tournament, Ashton and Lea Golf Club.

15th

Southern Section Autumn Tournament, Denham Golf Club.

17th

Midland Section, Visit to Messrs. Atco Ltd.

17th

S.G.G.A. West Section Annual Autumn Meeting, Milngavie Golf Club.

22nd

Midland Section, Autumn Tournament, Stourbridge Golf Club.

23rd

East Midland Autumn Tournament, Longcliffe Golf Club, Loughborough.

23rd

Welsh Section Autumn Meeting, Llantrisant Golf Club.

OCTOBER.

1st

S.G.G.A. East Section Competition and A.G.M., Baberton Golf Club.

22nd

Northern Section Autumn Tournament, Halifax Golf Club.

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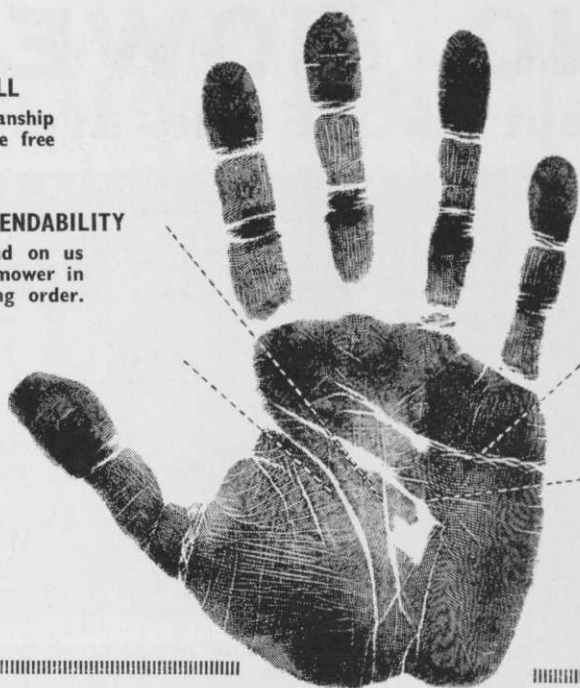
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