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By F. Cashmore

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

President's Match

OUR PRESIDENT HAS GIVEN ME the date of the match his team will play versus the Greenkeepers. It will be held at Handsworth Golf Club on Friday evening, 26th June, and I am sure we shall again have a very enjoyable evening. We thank Mr. Bretherton for his kindness, and also for the great interest he takes in us Greenkeepers.

New Members

We welcome to the Section the following new members: D. G. Brazier, Ladbroke Park Golf Club, L. J. Greenow, Habberly Golf Club, B. Bond and T. Rawbone.

SOUTHERN

By W. Mason

Chairman:
J. K. GLASS
(Thorpe Hall)

Hon. Secretary:
18 Albert Road, Hendon, N.W.4.
Tel.: SUNnyhill 0245

Mr. F. Chambers

I AM VERY SAD TO REPORT THE death of a very great friend of ours, Mr. F. Chambers, who for many years was our President, and I feel sure you will all join in expressing our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Chambers and family for their sad loss.

Meeting

Owing to our Annual Dinner taking place at the Talbot Restaurant on Friday, 13th March, the meeting on Wednesday, 11th March, will be cancelled.

Annual Spring Tournament

Our next meeting on the agenda is the Annual Spring Tournament at Croham Hurst, Tuesday, 12th May. Will members who wish to enter, when doing so, please give the name of their Club and their handicap.

Autumn Tournament

For your diary, the Autumn Tournament will take place at the Denham Golf Club, Tuesday, 15th September.

Film Show

We would like to thank Messrs. Ransomes, Sims and Jefferies for a most interesting and colourful film show given by their representatives on Wednesday, 8th January.

This was followed by a talk on their latest machines, given by Mr. P. Marshall and his colleague, who were asked many questions. Several of my members felt that they missed the personal touch of the old days when representatives from Messrs. Ransomes visited their courses. Mr. Marshall replied saying that various firms were now acting as their agents and he felt sure that if any greenkeeper needed any advice they would only be too glad to give it.

In all we had a good attendance, and a most enjoyable evening which ended by Mr. Marshall inviting all to have a little refreshment.

New Members

We welcome to the Section the brothers L. F. and A. Millar, both from Moor Park Golf Club.

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Lecture

THE SECTION WELCOMED MR. William Finch, N.D.H., of I.T.P. Ltd., who gave a very interesting and instructive lecture on 'The Simple Science of Turf Culture'. This, his first talk to the Section, was attended by about 20 members. The Chairman, Mr. T. Brennan, suitably expressed our thanks and appreciation.

The last lecture of the Winter Season will be given on Monday, 9th March, 1964, by Mr. J. D. Joss, D.H., of S.T.R.I. Don't forget, we shall be pleased to see you.

Spring Tournament

Our Spring Tournament and Annual General Meeting will be held at Romiley Golf Club on Tuesday, 19th May, 1964, thanks to the Captain and Council of the Club. Watch for particulars next month.

New Members

We welcome to the Section George Brockbank, 51 Dunsop Drive, Bolton, Assistant at Bolton Golf Club. James Williams, 4 Johnson Fold Avenue, Bolton, Apprentice at Bolton Municipal Golf Club. Hugh Roberts, 6 Beach Terrace, Rhosneigr, Greenkeeper at Anglesey Golf Club.

John Gillan

We regret to announce the death of John Gillan. He was Head Greenkeeper at Royal Birkdale, Southport, from 1907 until retiring in 1950. After the death of his wife he resided with his daughter and died there at Southsea.

SHEFFIELD

By J. J. Dearlove,

Chairman:
G. HERRINGTON
(Lindrick)

Hon. Secretary:
63 Langsett Avenue,
Sheffield, 6.

A REMARKABLY GOOD TURN-OUT for our very popular President's evening at the Brunswick Hotel, Sheffield. About 34 members attended for a most enjoyable and entertaining evening.

Although this meeting had little to do with the upkeep of golf courses it was very refreshing to meet fellow greenkeepers in an atmosphere when our work took second place to a travelogue of faraway places on film slides.

We visited many countries, including Africa, Egypt and Greece, and saw outstanding features for which these places are most famous. We are very grateful to a young lady unknown to us who kindly loaned these slides to our President.

After an interval for refreshments generously provided by Mr. Shardlow, we continued our journey to New York, Holland, Norway and

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Germany, finishing up at Newcastle. An expert running commentary by our President left no doubt as to his knowledge of these places and despite a bad cold his voice lasted out very well.

Suggestions

Our winter programme is almost over and in order to gain the most from our limited meetings I would welcome any suggestions for the 1964-65 season.

Jock Marshall

A welcome back to this Section for Jock Marshall who has taken over the reins again at the Hallamshire Golf Club after an absence of about eight years. He renewed many acquaintances and I hope we made him feel at home amongst us.

NORTH-EAST

By T. Oliver

Chairman:
J. SIMPSON
(Ponteland G.C.)

Hon. Secretary:
Heathery Cottage,
Heathery Lane, Gosforth,
Newcastle-on-Tyne 3.

Lecture

A LECTURE WAS HELD ON 30th January at the Carlisle Hotel, Westgate Road, Newcastle. It was given by N. Jackson, B.Sc., Ph.D., of the Sports Turf Research Institute, Bingley, in conjunction with N.A.G. Newcastle Branch. Mr. Jackson said he was very pleased to see such a good attendance and I

am proud to say the majority were Green-keepers with many young members taking a keen interest in what he had to say on the various kinds of "Grasses", in the difference between what is wanted for turf and what the farmer wants.

Our Chairman, Mr. J. Simpson, proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Jackson for a most interesting talk, and also to Tom Bagley, N.A.G. Secretary.

It was also decided that in future our meetings would be held at the same place, Carlisle Hotel, Westgate Road.

Spring Meeting

Our Spring Meeting will be played at the Ponteland Golf Club on Thursday, 7th May, by kind permission of the Committee.

New Member

We welcome to the Section K. Thobron.

EAST MIDLAND

By S. T. McNeice

Chairman:
F. FROST
(Derby G.C.)

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

Annual Spring Tournament

BY VERY KIND PERMISSION OF THE Parks Committee, City of Nottingham, the Sections Annual Spring Tournament will be held on Wednesday, 13th May, at Bulwell Hall.

Further details will be announced at a later date.

Bert Parsons

Members will be pleased to learn that Bert Parsons, Northamptonshire Co. Golf Club, who recently underwent a serious operation is now home and making steady progress.

NORTHERN

By J. Parker

Chairman:
S. BAILES

Hon. Secretary:
8 Goit Stock Terr., Harden,
Bingley, Yorks.

Spring Tournament

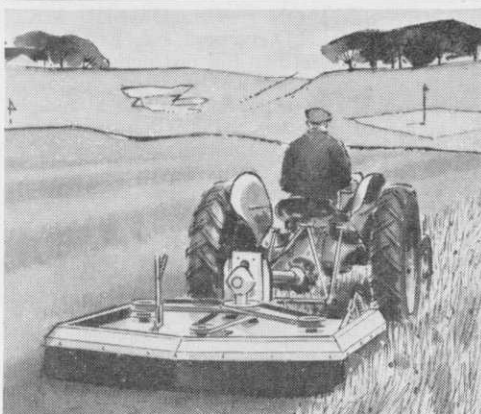
THE ANNUAL SPRING TOURNAMENT of the Section will be played over the course of the Horsforth Golf Club, Leeds, on Tuesday, 12th May (by kind permission of the Committee).

January Lecture

This was held on Tuesday, 21st January, at The Old Queen's Head, Bingley, when 30 members attended. The speaker was Mr. G. C. Macadam, S.D.H., of the S.T.R.I., who took for his subject "To feed or fork". The talk, which was illustrated with slides, dealt with various aspects of fertiliser and mechanical treatment of fine turf. Following the talk Mr. Macadam ably dealt with the various questions put to him by members.

A vote of thanks proposed by Mr. S. Bailes (Chairman), seconded by Mr. D. Roberts

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New Members

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WELSH

By S. A. Tucker

Chairman:
M. GEDDES
(Royal Porthcawl)

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

Spring Meeting

OUR SPRING MEETING WILL BE held at the Swansea Bay Golf Club, on Wednesday, 15th April. Will all members let me know by the 8th April if they are coming, to enable catering to be arranged with the Steward

John O'Gorman

I have not heard how John O'Gorman is getting on, but we all hope that no news is good news, and wish him well.



THE SCOTTISH GOLF GREENKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

Chairman:

D. L. MACDIARMID,

Royal Burgess Golfing Society,
Barnton, Edinburgh 4.

General Secretary:

R. B. MOFFATT,

71 Kelton Street, Glasgow, E.2

Ties

THE S.G.G.A. WOULD LIKE TO thank Mr. J. K. Campbell, our Vice-Chairman, for the work he has put into the design and colour of the ties. I only hope the members will give their support to all this work by purchasing one when the order arrives. Members wishing to purchase one can do so through their Section Secretaries, who are now taking orders. The cost will be around 18/- to £1.

Prize Draw

We are again holding the Prize Draw on the "OPEN" and tickets will soon be available. We hope members will support this as it is the only way to keep the funds up.

Open Championship

Any member who wishes to obtain a

complimentary ticket for the above please send names to Mr. J. K. Campbell, St. Andrews, or myself. As we will only get a limited number we cannot guarantee everyone will get a ticket. Members will not be admitted on production of membership card.

Meeting with S.G.U. and G.C.S.A.

A meeting was held on 12th February, 1964, in Glasgow with The Scottish Golf Union and the Golf Club Secretaries' Association. We were represented by Mr. Macdiarmid, Mr. Smith, Mr. George and Mr. Moffat. The object of the meeting was to discuss the financial future of Greenkeepers. We arrived not knowing how we would be received, but must say we were all very pleased with the reception we got. The proposals we put to the meeting will now be discussed at the S.G.U. and G.C.S.A. and in turn be sent to golf clubs in Scotland.

WEST

Subscriptions

THERE ARE STILL A FEW MEMBERS who have their subscriptions outstanding. Please will they let me have them as soon as possible.

EAST

Annual Competition

THE ANNUAL COMPETITION WILL be held on Wednesday, 20th May, over Luffness Golf Course.

New Member

We welcome to the Section J. Wood of Aberlady, East Lothian.

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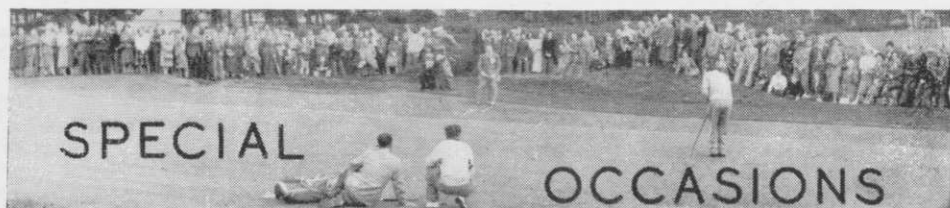
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MARCH.

- 9th North-West Section, Lecture, "Turf Topics. What do you know?", Garrick Hotel, Fountain Street, Manchester.
- 13th Southern Section, Annual Dinner.
- 28th S.G.G.A. North and Midland Section, Annual Social Evening, Nicoll and Smiberts Restaurant, Dundee.

APRIL.

- 8th Motspur Park, Field Day.
- 15th Welsh Section, Spring Meeting, Swansea Bay Golf Club.
- 16th S.G.G.A. West Section, Annual Spring Competition, Kilmarnock Brassie.

MAY.

- 5th Midland Section, Spring Tournament, Little Aston Golf Club.
- 7th North East Spring Meeting, Ponteland Golf Club.
- 12th Southern Section, Spring Tournament, Croham Hurst Golf Club.
- 12th Northern Section, Spring Tournament, Horsforth Golf Club, Leeds.
- 13th East Midland Section, Spring Tournament, Bulwell Hall.
- 19th North West Section, Spring Tournament, A.G.M., Romiley Golf Course.
- 20th S.G.G.A. East Section, Annual Competition, Luffness Golf Course.

JUNE.

- 26th Midland Section, President's Match, Handsworth Golf Club.

SEPTEMBER.

- 15th Southern Section, Autumn Tournament, Denham Golf Club.
- 22nd Midland Section, Autumn Tournament, Stourbridge Golf Club.



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MR. LOUIS LOWCOCK



Constructional work was one of his favourite activities.

Louis Lowcock, Head Greenkeeper at the Royal Liverpool Golf Club, Hoylake, died in Hoylake Cottage Hospital on 23rd February. He was taken ill suddenly while at the golf course.

Mr. Lowcock was 52 and had been in charge of the ground staff at Hoylake since 1958 when he took over from Tom Bridges.

He was a native of Yorkshire and one of the leading members of the British Golf Greenkeepers' Association which he served as a member of the Practical Advisory Committee at The Sports Turf Research Institute until this Committee was wound up.

He began his career as assistant professional at Ilkley and then went to the Durham City Golf Club. He came back to his native county to the Hallamshire Golf Club at Sheffield and then served with the Royal Armoured Corps during the 1939-1945 War, which took him all the way into Germany. After the war he went to the Moortown Golf Club, at

Leeds, before his final move to Hoylake.

He had a tremendous sense of duty and loyalty to all his courses, and never spared himself in preparing them for the major tournaments which their quality attracted.

When the Amateur Championship was played at Hoylake in 1962, he was called to the platform and publicly congratulated on the wonderful condition of the course. The winner, R. D. Davies, said that the greens at Hoylake were better than any he had ever seen, and a photograph of the American, suitably inscribed, "to my friend, Lou Lowcock", was one of the many tributes in the Golf Bungalow, near the 7th green.

Recently he had been closely associated with plans for improvements to the course for the Club's centenary celebrations in 1969.

All members will wish to extend their deep sympathy to Mrs. Lowcock and her married daughter.

SITUATIONS VACANT

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"The Sports Turf Research Institute, Bingley, Yorkshire, wishes to appoint an additional Advisory Officer and invites applications. Preference will be given to candidates qualified in Horticulture or Agriculture or equivalent. Salary according to experience and qualifications. Contributory staff pension scheme. Further particulars from the Secretary."

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THE ROYAL LIVERPOOL GOLF CLUB deeply regrets the need to invite applications for the position of Head Greenkeeper, following the death of Mr. Louis Lowcock in February. Applications should be made in writing to the Secretary, Royal Liverpool Golf Club, Hoylake, Wirral, Cheshire.



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NEWS AND NOTES



W. F. Lovelady, a native of the Lancashire golf coast, who went to Southport Old Links last year as Head Greenkeeper, has now been appointed Professional as well. We wish him all good luck in his additional responsibilities.

Mr. W. J. Gardner, M.B.E., Hon. Secretary of the Artisan Golfers' Association, tells us that the Lindrick Artisans' Golf Club, with the full approval of the parent club, has bestowed honorary life membership on George Herrington for his long and loyal service to

their club and to the course. All our members will join us in congratulating George on this honour.

Mr. Gardner also tells us that the form of the J. H. Taylor Memorial, for which a considerable sum was subscribed by the Artisan Golfers' Association, will be one large and one small engraved silver Chalice for the Parish Church at Northam. J.H. sang in the choir in this church for many years and a happier remembrance could certainly not have been devised.

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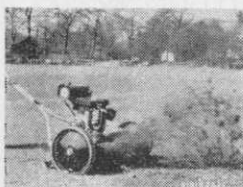
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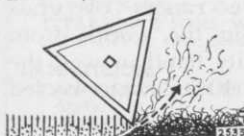
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The fire—the cause of which is unknown—started at about 8 p.m. on Tuesday, 28th January, well after work at the factory had ended for the day and, fortunately, no personal injury was caused. Further, none of the Company's staff of about 60 has had to be laid off as a result of the fire.

The section of the works damaged by the blaze was used for the production of heavy sports ground machinery and, although limited production of this type of equipment has already recommenced in another part of the works, customers may experience a short delay in the supply of their orders. Every effort will, of course, be made to meet demand from existing stocks, much of which escaped damage.

Production of golf course equipment and requisites, and also of certain sports ground accessories, was completely unaffected, and these items will continue to be available from stock for immediate delivery.

No delay is expected, either, in routine office administration, as customer records were also unaffected by the fire.

The effect of the fire has been greatly reduced by the full co-operation received, both from the Company's own staff and from outside suppliers.

It is anticipated that normal production will be in full force by early April, and that the backlog of outstanding orders will be satisfied very shortly after that time. In due course, it is planned to replace the damaged buildings with the most modern type of sectional concrete factory buildings which, when completed, should result in a consider-

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