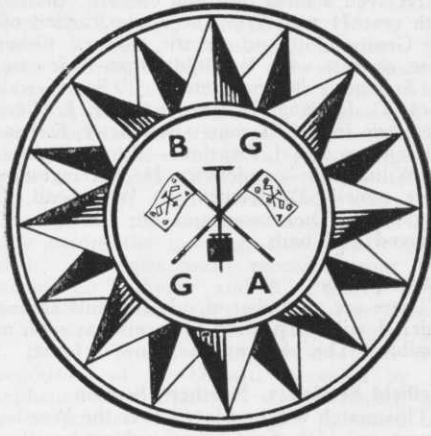


# News



from the Sections

## SOUTHERN

By W. Mason

*Chairman:*  
J. K. GLASS  
(Thorpe Hall)

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

### New Chairman Reports

OUR NEW CHAIRMAN, MR. W. E. MOORE, writes to say they had a very good day when playing the Essex Captains during July. He also informs me that Mr. Jack Noakes, of the Thorndon Park Golf Club has been made an Honorary Member of his Club, I for one would like to offer my congratulations and feel sure all his pals will do likewise.

### P. Whitehead

Mr. P. Whitehead writes to say he has had a successful operation for appendicitis and is getting along nicely, but may have to go into hospital for another minor operation later—we wish him well.

### Lectures

My Committee hope to arrange, as in previous years, our monthly lectures, details of which will be given at a later date.

### Subscriptions

I still have a few members who have not sent along their subs, will they please do so.

### New Vice-Presidents

We are pleased to welcome to the section three new vice-presidents who have been such a great help to us at our various meetings and tournaments, Mr. P. Marshall, of Messrs. Ransomes; Mr. W. J. Holloway and Mr. F. Britten, of Messrs. Parkers.

### New Members

We welcome W. Wilson, E. Gould, S. D. Veness and E. Woller to the Section.

## NORTHERN

By J. Parker

*Chairman:*  
S. BAILES

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

### Handicaps

THE FOLLOWING ADJUSTMENT OF handicaps have been made:—

G. Bennison, 18; H. Childs, 20; S. Bailes, 17; D. Roberts, 10; H. Marshall, 21 and G. Geddes, 24.

### Mr. L. Beetham

Mr. Leslie Beetham, of West Bradford has been appointed Head Greenkeeper to Fixby Golf Club, succeeding Syd Jolly, one of the oldest stalwarts of the Section. I'm sure we all wish Leslie success in his new venture, and Syd a long and happy retirement.

### Kurt Hansen

Mr. Kurt Hansen, one of our Section members from Denmark, paid us a visit the other week. Having a busman's holiday he toured the Station accompanied by Willie Bartle and female interpreter—much to Willie's delight! He was also able to pay a quick visit to Keighly and Otley Golf Clubs. The rotorake and Auto Turfman machines which he had not seen before caught his eye. Before continuing his journey to St. Andrews I was pleased to see him wearing his new purchase—an Association tie.

## SHEFFIELD

By J. J. Dearlove,

*Chairman:*  
G. HERRINGTON  
(Lindrick)

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

THE ANNUAL TOURNAMENT WAS played over the Wheatley Park course by kind permission of the committee on Wednesday, 22nd July.

Unfortunately, we were only able to complete 18 holes due to a storm hitting the area in the afternoon; play was not only impossible but also very dangerous and 17 very wet and very relieved greenkeepers returned to the clubhouse after playing only a few holes of the second round.

The tournament coincided with the appointment of Ron Whitehead as Head Greenkeeper to the Wheatley Park club and our playing there took the form of a "Course Warmer" if there is such a thing. However, Ron was not short of advice on how to tackle his new job, and Best Wishes were offered from all present.

Many thanks are due for the people who made our tournament possible, especially to

Mr. Lillford (the Secretary) and the committee. Only a few days before our date, the stewards left and outside caterers were brought in to look after us; there were also some willing helpers on the bar side.

It is rather unfortunate that more donors of the prizes could not be represented at the presentation and see for themselves the enjoyment created by their excellent gifts. Mr. Bill Pinder of Stewart & Co., Edinburgh, was able to be with us and despite getting wet I think he enjoyed himself.

We are also grateful to Mr. Frank Croft of Fearnco Ltd., who made a fine job of his first effort as recorder.

For the very generous contributions to the prize list, we thank Ransomes Sims & Jefferies, Fearnco Ltd., Patterssons of Stanmore, Stewart & Co. Ltd., May & Baker, Middletons of Sheffield, Hargreaves Sisis Works, Rigby Taylors, Mountains & Son of Leeds, Suttons of Reading, Carters Tested Seeds Ltd., Fisons Fertilisers, Lunevale Products Ltd., Greens Mowers of Leeds, and to Wilf Atkinson, the club professional, who also loaned us trolleys free of charge.

Mr. Cowan (Vice-Captain of the club) presented the prizes and gave us a very sincere welcome; his words were immediately endorsed by Mr. Lillford, who invited us back to Wheatley next year.

If there is anyone I have omitted to thank, I hope they will accept my apologies.

Getting back to the game of golf, a shattering score of nett 61 was returned by

R. Cooper, playing off 24 he wasn't aware of his nett result until returning to the clubhouse. Along with the Sutton Challenge Cup he received a meat dish and carvers. Second with nett 71 was A. Spencer who carried off the Greens Cup and electric shaver. Other prize winners were R. Goldthorpe—suit case, T. Stringer—electric kettle, J. Scott—wall clock, G. Herrington—garden chair, J. Clark—electric iron, S. Inman—barometer, E. Peat—kitchen scales, J. Dearlove—Ronson lighter, W. Williamson—candelabra, H. Herrington—silver pencil; D. Jefcock, R. Whitehead, J. Hague, K. Dickenson and H. Gillespie all received golf balls.

### Subscriptions

There are a number of subs still outstanding which I will be pleased to receive as soon as possible. The new rates are now in force.

### Sheffield Section v. Northern Section

This match will be played over the Wortley course on 15th September (subject to confirmation). All will be notified as soon as arrangements are completed.

## NORTH-WEST

By V. Crabtree

Chairman: D. PATE  
 (Royal Birkdale G.C.)

Hon. Secretary:  
 223 Market Street  
 Whitworth, Nr. Rochdale

### Autumn Tournament

ON TUESDAY, 15th SEPTEMBER, 1964, our Autumn Tournament will be held at Ashton & Lea Golf Club, Preston.

Will members wishing to participate please let me have their names by return of post, so that, in fairness to the staff, ample warning of our numbers can be given.

Please note each member is only allowed one visitor.

The competition will be over 27 holes, 9 in the morning, 18 in the afternoon. Visitors are allowed to play in the morning but their competition will be over 18 holes in the afternoon.

## MIDLAND

By F. Cashmore

Chairman:  
 G. HART  
 (Gay Hill)

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

I HAD HOPED THAT THESE NOTES would have been sent by a new secretary, as I sent in my resignation in June, but at the Annual General Meeting, of which I sent every member notification and a copy of the balance sheet, only 11 members were present and only one of those was not an official or committee member. No-one was prepared to take on the job as secretary and rather than let those present down—they are the only ones who have any interest in keeping the Section alive, and without them the Midland Section would cease to exist—I agreed to continue.

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## A.G.M.

The Annual General Meeting was held at the Harborne Golf Club on 23rd July, 1964. Members present were E. Benbow, F. Cashmore, H. Drewitt, G. Hart, I. Jones, W. Mason, R. Pugh, V. Smith, J. Stephens, C. Tudge and G. Woodward. We were pleased to have our Vice-President, Eric Lumby, who had with him Ron Stanley. We also had a brief visit from our Vice-President, Len Price, who said he had come to fulfil his obligation to buy us a drink. Owing to the absence of our President, Carl Bretherton, who had visited us in the afternoon and had to get away before the meeting, Eric Lumby presided. Apologies were received from W. Barton, E. Ballinger and R. Parker. The minutes of the last year's meeting were passed on the proposition of R. Pugh, seconded by H. Drewitt and the balance sheet on the proposition of H. Drewitt seconded by J. Stephens. Our President was re-elected on the proposition of H. Drewitt, seconded by G. Woodward. R. Pugh proposed and G. Woodward seconded the re-election en bloc of the Vice-Presidents with the addition of C. J. Cooke. The Section officers and committee were re-elected without any alteration. G. Hart proposed a vote of thanks to Eric Lumby for presiding at our meeting and a vote of thanks to our Hon. Auditors, K. Sargeson and Eric Ballinger, was proposed by E. Benbow, seconded by J. Stephens. H. Drewitt proposed a vote of thanks to the

Secretary for agreeing to continue, which was seconded by V. Smith. P. Pugh proposed that a vote of thanks should be recorded in the minutes thanking the Harborne Golf Club for their kindness in giving us the use of their clubhouse and course for the afternoon and also for providing us with tea. A. Firman, one of our oldest members, who has now retired, was elected an Honorary Life Member.

The competition which was held in the afternoon, resulted in a win for V. Smith, 76—11=65; G. Woodward was second with 70—2=68. There were only five members playing.

## News of The World Draw

I will send a list of moneys received for inclusion in next month's journal.

## Visit to Messrs. Pughs

When I return from Weston I will send a reminder to members for our visit to Messrs. Pughs, Atco works, on 17th September. I should consider it a great kindness if members would reply with yes or no. It is very frustrating to spend an evening or two writing to thirty or forty members and get only ten or a dozen replies, besides having to tell Mr. Sargeson that I don't know how many will be coming.

## Annual Dinner

Please make a note that our Annual Dinner and Concert will be held at the Kings Head Hotel, Bearwood, on Friday, 30th October.

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By S. A. Tucker

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*Hon. Secretary:*  
36 Clase Road,  
Morrison,  
Swansea, Glam.

I HOPE THAT AS SOON AS YOU read these notes you will put pen to paper and let me know if you are coming to the Autumn Meeting at Llantrisant Golf Club, on the 23rd September. It would save a lot of worry and work for everyone concerned if you could do this by 15th September so that I can arrange the catering, etc.

## Annual Draw

I would like to thank all members for their effort in selling quite a few tickets for this draw, especially T. E. Lloyd. I think he has topped the list again by selling 150 books. A wonderful effort, Tom.

## Bereavement

I am very sorry to have to report the death of one of our Vice-Presidents, Mr. D. H. Rees. We will miss him very much, as he was always a man we could look to for help and advice. To Mrs. Rees and her two sons we send our deepest sympathy and I have lost a very good personal friend.

## EAST MIDLAND

By **S. T. McNeice**

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

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

### Autumn Tournament

THE SECTION AUTUMN MEETING to be held at the Longcliffe Golf Club, Loughborough, Leics., on Wednesday, 23rd September, will be played over 18 holes, Bogey, starting at 1-30 p.m.

Arrangements for a mixed grill tea are being made, will all those who wish to attend please let me know not later than Wednesday, 16th September.

### Demonstration

The Leicester Horticultural Engineering Co., in conjunction with Messrs. Ransomes Sims & Jefferies, Ltd. and W. Hargreaves & Co. Ltd. (Sisis Equipment), have arranged a demonstration of their machinery to be held at the Birstall Golf Club, Leicester, on Wednesday, 21st October. All members of the Section are invited to attend. Why not invite members of your Green Committee to see these machines working. Members of the firms will be in attendance morning and afternoon.

## NORTH-EAST

By **D. Earsman**

*Chairman:*  
**J. SIMPSON**  
(Portelard G.C.)

*Hon. Secretary:*  
Arcot Hall Cottage,  
Dudley,  
Newcastle-on-Tyne 3.

### Autumn Competition

AUTUMN COMPETITION WILL BE held (by kind permission of the Committee) at the Northumberland Golf Club, on Thursday, 17th September.

### T. Oliver

In appreciation of his services as Secretary of our Section for many years, Mr. T. Oliver has been elected a Vice-President.

### T. Nutman

We regret to inform members that T. Nutman has met with an accident resulting in a broken arm, we wish him well and hope to see him at the Autumn Meeting.

### New Members

We welcome to the section R. B. Burnell and A. Murray.

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## B.G.G.A. PRESENTATION TO MR. R. B. DAWSON

The Association's present to Mr. Dawson as a mark of esteem on his retirement from the Directorship of the Sports Turf Research Institute has now been made. Gifts finally selected were a Folding Tea Trolley with two trays, an Electric Shaver and two special Ash Trays with cork centres on which the well-known R.B.D. pipe can be knocked out. These were presented with the best wishes of the Association for a long and happy retirement.



**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

**West**

B. Moir, Esq.,  
11 Helens Terrace,  
Kilwinning.

Dear Sir,

**Autumn Visit to West Calder**

Thank you for your letter of 3rd July and we were sorry to note that the date we had mentioned for the above visit was close to your Autumn Meeting.

We now give Wednesday, 7th October for this meeting to take place. The arrangements would be as follows:

2-0 p.m. Meet at Offices, West Calder, and tour Workshops and then proceed to our Compost producing Works.

3-0 p.m. Proceed to Dalmahoy Golf Club where a full demonstration of all turf machinery and equipment, including probers, scarifiers and turf cutters will be shown under working conditions.

4-30—5-0 p.m. High Tea provided by Grant of West Calder at the Clubhouse, Dalmahoy.

We trust this date is suitable and that sufficient members will come along from all sections to make it a very enjoyable day.

Perhaps after your meeting on the 17th September you could immediately inform me of the approximate number

you anticipate coming to enable us to make final catering arrangements.

Yours faithfully,  
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**North and Midland**

**Autumn Visit to West Calder**

ARRANGEMENTS AS FOR WEST Section, those wishing to attend notify section secretary by 14th September.

**New Members**

We welcome to the section new members, E. Stuart and D. Grassick.



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# THE BRITISH GOLF GREENKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION

## ANNUAL REPORT, 1964

### Administration

We congratulate our Chairman, Mr. G. T. Geddes on a very successful year of office, and Mr. H. Sheppard of the South West Section who succeeds him.

The Annual Draw for 1963 again proved most successful. An additional 5,000 tickets were issued, and thanks to the splendid efforts of members, the financial result was again up on the previous year. Our congratulations must be extended to the Welsh Section, whose efforts in this field were once more quite remarkable.

It was gratifying to obtain a small concession for members to visit Professional Tournaments on production of their Passes, and our thanks are due to Lt.-Col. T. H. Reed for his assistance in this matter.

New subscription rates agreed at the last Annual General Meeting come into operation for the current year, and the Executive Committee are confident that Sections, Head Office and the Journal will all benefit from the increased income.

The Apprenticeship scheme is now fully operational under the administration of the Council for Golf Greenkeeper Apprenticeship, and it is sincerely hoped that this scheme will slowly bring new blood into our profession.

### Membership

The latest returns from Sections show our present membership to be 615. This figure again shows a small but steady increase in our numerical strength.

### Annual Tournament

The 46th Annual Tournament was held at Royal Birkdale last August, and with fine weather, a Championship Course, and a larger entry than for several years, a most successful meeting was experienced. The Executive Committee, on behalf of all concerned, would express their sincere thanks to Col. Rees and his staff for all their efforts, which made the occasion of our visit such a memorable one. Thanks must again be expressed for all the generous donations received for the prize table, which as usual, made a splendid display.

### Sections

Once again our thanks are due to Section Officers for their splendid efforts within their boundaries, in arranging all the affairs so much enjoyed by their members, namely Tournaments, Lectures and Social Functions. We are also indebted to firms and organisations who so kindly co-operated with Sections for visits of interest.

### The British Golf Greenkeeper

We again extend our grateful thanks to the Hon. Editor of our Journal for his continued efforts on our behalf, despite his other numerous activities. The comprehensive news items and articles submitted by Section Secretaries are also very much appreciated, local news giving so much more added interest to readers.

### F. G. Hawtree Memorial Fund

Interest in the facilities offered by this Fund is still apparent, and four members were again sent to Bingley during the year, two in the Autumn and two in the Spring. The trustees would like to express their appreciation to Clubs who have assisted materially with the financial expenses of these visits.

### Sports Turf Research Institute

Mr. R. B. Dawson, O.B.E., Director of the Sports Turf Research Institute retired in December, and the Executive Committee are pleased to report that a small gift of appreciation was presented to Mr. Dawson from the Association, in appreciation of all his efforts over many years in the interests of greenkeeping and greenkeepers. We wish him many years of happy retirement. Mr. J. R. Escritt, M.Sc., succeeded Mr. Dawson as Director on 1st January.

### In Memoriam

We record with sorrow the death of the following members announced in the British Golf Greenkeeper since our last report. Lord Brabazon, a past President of the Association; Mr. F. Chambers, President of the Southern Section; Mr. L. Lowcock, and Mr. J. Gillan. By order of the Executive Committee.

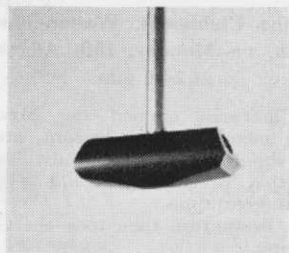
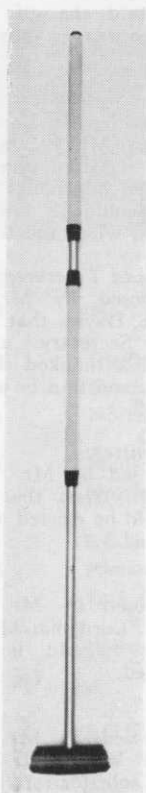
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**THE BRITISH GOLF GREENKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION**  
**MINUTES OF THE 47th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

held at the Clubhouse, Weston-Super-Mare Golf Club, on Monday, 10th August, 1964, at 2-30 p.m.

The Chairman opened the Meeting at which 55 members were present, and asked that all should give their undivided attention, so that proceedings could go forward without interruptions.

Mr. C. Bretherton then took the Chair for the Meeting.

He first spoke with feeling of those who had died during the year, Lord Brabazon, Mr. F. Chambers, Mr. L. Lowcock and Mr. J. Gillan.

He said he would like to bring to the notice of the Meeting some of the facts concerning Lord Brabazon. He had been a former President of the British Golf Greenkeepers' Association, and was instrumental in building up the Benevolent Fund from a nominal amount to a four figure sum. A man of many interests, especially golf. At the time of his death he was President of the Professional Golfers' Association, and the Sports Turf Research Institution, and was a past Captain of the Royal and Ancient, and past President of the English Golf Union.

Mr. Bretherton then asked the members to stand for a few moments and pay a silent tribute.

The minutes of the last Annual General Meeting were read, confirmed and signed on the proposal of Mr. Lord, seconded by Mr. Handy.

**Annual Report**

This was read by the Hon. Secretary and its adoption was proposed by Mr. Davies and seconded by Mr. Morton.

**Financial Statement**

The Hon. Treasurer reported a satisfactory state of affairs, but mentioned that he had been obliged to transfer from the Deposit Account of the Benevolent Fund to meet requirements. The adoption of the accounts as presented was proposed by Mr. Lord, seconded by Mr. Kingston and carried.

**Executive Committee Report**

The Tournament Committee had been elected to consist of Messrs. Geddes, Sheppard, Lord, Benbow and G. Herrington, 3 to form a quorum.

As there had been no nomination from the North East Section for Vice-Chairman, the Committee, of the opinion that this important position should be occupied, had nominated Mr. J. Simpson, who had agreed to accept the office.

The 1965 Tournament was due to be played in the North East Section, and the Whitley Bay Golf Club had offered the

courtesy of their course for 9th, 10th and 11th August, 1965.

**Election of Officers**

*President:*

It was proposed by Mr. Davies and seconded by Mr. Sumner that Mr. Carl Bretherton be re-elected President of the Association. Carried unanimously. Mr. Bretherton thanked the members for their generous support of the proposition, and said he would be very pleased to continue in office.

*Vice-Presidents:*

It was proposed by Mr. Pugh and seconded by Mr. Morton that the Vice-Presidents as listed in the Journal be re-elected. Carried.

*Chairman:*

It was proposed by Mr. Davies and seconded by Mr. Dixon that the Vice-Chairman, Mr. H. Sheppard should be elected Chairman. Carried unanimously. Before vacating the Chair Mr. Geddes thanked the Officers and members for the support they had given him during his year of office. Mr. Sheppard took the Chair with remarks of appreciation for his election, and hoped he would be a worthy successor to Mr. Geddes. He then presented a Tankard to Mr. Geddes as a small token of appreciation for his efforts during the past year. Mr. Geddes thanked members, and said the gift would always remind him of a very happy year as their Chairman.

*Vice-Chairman:*

It was proposed by Mr. Lord and seconded by Mr. Dixon that Mr. J. Simpson be elected Vice-Chairman. Carried unanimously. Mr. Simpson expressed his thanks for the honour and trusted he would be a worthy successor to Mr. Sheppard when the time came.

*Hon. Secretary and Treasurer:*

It was proposed by Mr. Geddes and seconded by Mr. Davies that Mr. C. H. Dix be re-elected Secretary and Treasurer. Carried. Mr. Dix thanked the members for their confidence, and said he would be pleased to continue in office.

*Executive Committee:*

It was proposed by Mr. Woodhead and seconded by Mr. Glass that the Executive Committee should be elected as nominated by Sections. Carried.

*Hon. Auditors:*

It was proposed by Mr. Kingston and seconded by Mr. Lord that Messrs. Smallfield Rawlins & Co. should be re-elected as auditors. Carried.

*Hon. Solicitor:*

It was proposed by Mr. Crabtree and seconded by Mr. Walsh that Mr. R. A. Beck be re-appointed solicitor for the ensuing year. Carried.

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#### SEPTEMBER.

- 15th North-West Section Autumn Tournament, Ashton and Lea Golf Club.
- 15th Sheffield v. Northern Section, Wortley Golf Club.
- 15th Southern Section Autumn Tournament, Denham Golf Club.
- 15th North West Section Autumn Tournament, Ashton & Lea Golf Club.
- 17th Midland Section, Visit to Messrs. Atco Ltd.
- 17th North East Section, Autumn Competition, Northumberland Golf Club.
- 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.
- 21st East Midland Section Demonstration of Machinery, Birstall Golf Club.
- 22nd Northern Section Autumn Tournament, Halifax Golf Club.
- 30th Midland Section, Annual Dinner, King’s Head Hotel, Bearwood.

### 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."

Several members, including Messrs. Herrington, Drewitt and Dixon spoke strongly against this proposition, emphasising that the honour of being elected Chairman was, and should be, for services rendered to the Association and its members. Mr. Pord voiced the opinion of the Executive Committee who were not in favour of any change from the present system. After further discussion a vote was taken, and the proposition was defeated by 49 to 2.

### The British Golf Greenkeeper Journal

Mr. F. W. Hawtree regretted there had been a loss of approximately £33 during the year. Production costs had risen by £80 and advertising revenue had dropped by £120, but he assured members the financial position of the Journal was quite sound. The Chairman expressed the thanks of the meeting to the Hon. Editor for his continued efforts.

### Apprenticeship Scheme

The Joint Council for Golf Greenkeeper Apprenticeship had held two meetings, and a Sub-Committee had been formed to handle enquiries as they arose. 6,500 copies of the Scheme had been forwarded to Youth Employment Officers throughout England, Scotland and Wales, and an Employers' Guide was available explaining the operation of the scheme. Toward the costs of developing the scheme the English Golf Union had contributed 100 guineas, the Scottish Golf Union 75 guineas, the Welsh Golf Union 25 guineas, the Scottish Golf Greenkeepers' Association 25 guineas and the British Golf Greenkeepers' Association 50 guineas. To date about 9 registrations had been made through the Council.

### F. G. Hawtree Memorial Fund

The Hon. Secretary reported that for the current year one greenkeeper would be going to Bingley in October, and that the Sports Turf Research Institute had reserved two places for the Fund in the Spring of 1965, and he hoped to receive enquiries at an early date for these placings.

### Any other business

Mr. J. Glass asked if permission could be obtained from the Royal and Ancient for members to attend the Open Championship on production of their passes. The Hon. Secretary said he would make the necessary enquiries.

The meeting closed with a Vote of Thanks to the Chair by Mr. F. W. Hawtree.



Mr. Editor,

Perhaps this letter will start the ink flowing and we shall learn what our members think :

"The cat amongst the Pigeons"

Is it not time something was done about practice before a tournament or county meeting not including club competitions.

Golfers, the most selfish, inconsiderate, dissatisfied and persistent moaners one could ever meet. They expect to practice up to dark the day before, hacking their way round tees and fairways, long studded shoes tearing at the surface of the green, and still expect to start playing at 8-0 a.m. the following day with everything perfect, including new holes cut. With staff shortages and shorter working weeks in industry, surely ground staffs should have a fair crack of the whip and not have to start at the crack of dawn in these days of enlightenment, no wonder we can't keep staff. I suggest the course is closed to competitors at least 24 hours before the start of the tournament but leaving the course open for club members who give up the right to play during these tournaments.

This would give the ground staff 24 hours unimpeded effort to prepare the course.

It is in my opinion, time that we in this association, being affiliated to the Golf Unions, made strong recommendations to these unions on this point.

Have I stirred a hornet's nest, I hope so.

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