



FEBRUARY	7th	North-West Section, Lecture, C. H. Pugh Ltd., 7.45 p.m.
	8th	S.G.G.A. Glasgow, Lecture.
	9th	S.G.G.A. Dundee, Lecture.
	10th	S.G.G.A. Edinburgh, Lecture.
	16th	Southern Section, Lecture, Whitbreads, 6.30 p.m.
	24th	Northern Section, Film Show, West Bowling Golf Club, 7.15 p.m.
MARCH	1st	North-West Section, Lecture, J. D. Ross, S.T.R.I., Bingley.
	9th	South-West Section, A.G.M., Henbury Golf Club, 7.30 p.m.
	16th	Southern Section, Lecture, Whitbreads, 6.30 p.m.
	25th	Southern Section, Annual Dinner, North Middlesex Golf Club.
AUGUST	8th	Annual Tournament, Little Aston Golf Club.
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	10th	

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# News



from the Sections

## SOUTH-WEST

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

*By A. Cockfield*  
*Hon. Secretary:*  
(Shamcastle G.C.)

### Competition and Dinner

OUR SECOND ANNUAL CHRISTMAS Competition and Dinner took place at Shirehampton Golf Club on the 13th of December

For the Greenkeepers taking part in the competition, a trophy was very generously presented by Mr Veals. This trophy plus a silver plaque which the winner retains is to be played for each year at this event. The first name to go on the trophy was none other than our Annual Tournament winner, Mr A. Meaker of Henbury Golf Club with a nett score of 67 Congratulations. For the visitors taking part, there was a triple tie for 1st place between Mr T Dingle, Mr G. H. J Holland and Mr S. Veals again with a nett score of 67 Each received a half bottle of Scotch. Prior to the Dinner Mr A. Hines, Captain of Shirehampton Golf Club, presented the prizes.

Including guests, thirty-five sat down to an excellent Christmas Dinner Formalities were brief. Mr Hines again welcomed all. Our President, Mr Southgate, replied on behalf of the Association and Harry Sheppard expressed our thanks to the Captain for granting us the courtesy of their course and clubhouse, and all members of the staff for looking after us so well.

But on behalf of the Section let us all add a special word of thanks to our Vice-President, Mrs Snell, who did such a lot behind the scenes. Undoubtedly, a little feminine know-how on these occasions is very

valuable and we are all most grateful. Also a special word of appreciation must go to the steward and stewardess for their excellent effort. It is often remarked that to keep the right side of man you have to feed the brute. Well, they will be on our side for a very, very long time.

To conclude, I believe everyone had a very enjoyable evening and once again on behalf of the Committee may we thank all who came along and helped to make the day the success it undoubtedly was. May we look forward to seeing you all again next year?

All members please note the A.G.M. will be held at Henbury Golf Club on Wednesday 9th March, at 7.30 p.m.

## NORTHERN

*Chairman:*  
D. ROBERTS  
(West Bowling G.C.)

*By J. Parker*  
*Hon. Secretary:*  
8 Golt Stock Terr., Harden  
Bingley Yorks.

### Grand National Sweep

MEMBERS WILL NOW HAVE received books of tickets for the Annual Grand National Sweep. It is hoped that all will make every effort to make it a success by selling the tickets sent. I would be obliged if members, when returning counterfoils, would put some identification as to who has sent them so that I know who to send draw lists to. Closing date 14th March.

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## February Meeting

This will be held on Thursday, 24th February at the West Bowling Golf Club, Newall Hall, Rooley Lane, Bradford, at 7.15 p.m., and this will be a film show kindly presented by Carreras Ltd., showing one of the Golf Tournaments promoted under the title of Piccadilly

## Subscriptions

There are still quite a number of members who have not paid those that became due 1st May 1965. I would be much obliged if those "guilty" would forward them as soon as they see this notice and so save me writing my annual crop of individual letters.

# SOUTHERN

By **W. Mason**

*Hon. Secretary:*

*Chairman:*  
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## Lecture

WE HAD A MOST INTERESTING lecture on Wednesday, 12th January, given by Mr F. W. H. Pyne, representative from Messrs. Suttons. His main topic was drainage and the best methods of coping with it. The various pipes required, and how it should all be planned, he demonstrated by drawing on a blackboard.

The question of whether open or piped drainage was most convenient was discussed. Mr Pyne considered that piping would save a lot of labour, cleaning out, etc., and serve the same purpose.

We had a very good attendance thanks to the help of Mr John Field and D. Craig telling all the members they came in contact with, about the lecture. The Chairman in conclusion thanked Mr Pyne for a very educative lecture.

Mr William Finch will give us a lecture on Wednesday, 16th February—6.30 p.m.—at the Whitbread Club Rooms.

The committee have asked that all members wishing to take part in the friendly game on the day of the Annual Dinner please let them know in good time, to enable all arrangements to be made.

## New Member

We are pleased to welcome as a new member J McWilliam, Head Greenkeeper at the West Byfleet Golf Club.

# WELSH

By **S. A. Tucker**

*Hon. Secretary:*

*Chairman:*  
M. GEDDES  
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## Spring Meeting

I HAVE NOT YET HAD CONFIRMATION of the dates for the Spring Meeting, 6th or 13th April, but hope to have it in plenty of time for journal publication. I hope you all can arrange to be there.



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### George Brennan

I am very pleased to be able to tell you that George Brennan is home from hospital and is getting on, although very slowly. Let us hope that it is slow but sure. We are all very pleased about it, George, and hope you continue to improve.

## NORTH-WEST

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

*By H. M. Walsh*  
*Hon. Secretary:*  
 78 Hadfield Street,  
 Oldham, Lancs.

### Lectures

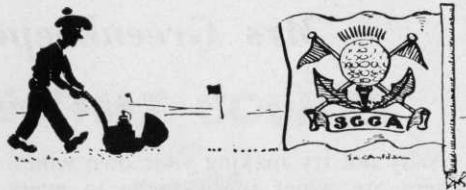
I WOULD LIKE TO THANK MR Lidgate of S.T.R.I. for the very instructive talk he gave the section on "Methods of Weed Control" I would also like to thank the members for the wonderful support we are now getting for these important occasions.

The next lecture will be carried out with the help of films and will be given by the Longton Service Branch of Messrs Charles H. Pugh Ltd., on 7th February at 7.45 p.m.

The last of this series of lectures will be given by Mr Joss of S.T.R.I. on the 1st March and I am looking for the same kind of support you have given for previous talks.

### New Member

We are pleased to welcome to the section K. Howe of Romiley Golf Club.



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### Winter Lectures

WITH ONLY ONE LECTURE LEFT ON this year's programme, I hope we will have as good numbers as at the last three. In December we had a very interesting talk given by Mr Kitson of S.A.I. on the work done producing new fertilisers and weedkillers.

In January we once again had a very interesting talk by Mr Palin of Suttons. This was more a question and answer night than a lecture, which I am sure everyone enjoyed. I am sure all who turned out on this cold and frosty night will agree with me when I say, it was a night when Greens' Conveners and Club Committees would have learnt a lot about damage done to courses during winter conditions. To both these speakers I send the Association's thanks.



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## Hock

3 oranges, 3 lemons, 6 small potatoes, 4 lb. sugar, 1 gallon warm water, 1 lb. raisins,  $\frac{1}{2}$  oz. yeast.

Pour the warm water over the above ingredients (cut the raisins open). Let the liquor stand for two weeks. Take off the top, strain and bottle, but do not cork tightly until all hissing ceases. Cork up.

## Potato Wine

1 gallon boiling water, 3 lb. old potatoes,  $\frac{1}{2}$  oz. yeast, 1 lb. raisins,  $\frac{1}{2}$  oz. hops, 4 lb. demerara sugar

Wash the potatoes well, but do not peel them. Cut them up into very small pieces then put them in a large bowl. Add the sugar, raisins and hops, pour over the gallon of boiling water and stir well with a wooden spoon. When the contents of the bowl are lukewarm, stir in the yeast. Cover the bowl and leave for two weeks, but you must stir daily. After two weeks, strain the liquid off through muslin, do not

squeeze, and bottle. Cork loosely at first, have some wine spare in a bottle to fill the bottles if the wine should ferment over the top. Add some sugar candy to each bottle at intervals of about 4 weeks until fermentation has finished. You will realise that fermentation has finished when you add a piece of sugar candy to a bottle and the wine remains clear, does not fizz or bubble. This means the yeast has finished working and cannot absorb any more sugar. The wine should be ready in six months.

## Lemon Wine

9 lemons,  $3\frac{1}{2}$  lb. sugar, 1 gallon water,  $\frac{1}{2}$  oz. yeast.

Put the thinly peeled rind of half the lemons into a pan and bring to the boil with the water. Simmer for 15 minutes. Put the juice of all the lemons and the sugar into a large bowl and pour over the hot liquid, stir well. When lukewarm add the yeast mixed with a little of the liquid. Cover and leave for 24 hours in a warm place. Pour all into a fermenting jar and insert an air lock. Leave to ferment to a finish, then bottle. Remember these are wines and not cordials and can be very intoxicating.

—Until March

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S.G.G.A News—contd.

## Apprenticeship Scheme

I was very interested to learn from the Joint Council that another three clubs in Scotland are interested enough in their apprentice and the future of greenkeeping to register them with the Joint Council. I only wish all Superintendents would ask their club to do this. I am sure if any club would like information on the scheme, Mr Wood the Secretary, or myself would be only too pleased to hear from them.

It was very interesting to see that clubs as far away as Stornoway and Nairn were interested, yet only a very small number, not more than about twelve in Scotland, including these two, have registered an apprentice. I think the time has come when every club should have an apprentice under the Joint Council as a lot of time and money has gone

to the introduction of this scheme. We in your committee are always being asked when are we going to do something for greenkeepers. I can only say in these past three years since I was elected to the position of General Secretary of the Association this scheme has been one of the main objects of our work, along with wages which are now much higher and in line with most industries. I now think it is time we had the support of all Superintendents and at this point I ask for more registrations with the Joint Council.

## Re-Employment

Any member of the Association who would like his name put on the list for a position either as Superintendent, Foreman or Assistant, please let me have his name and position wanted. I am always being notified of positions available, mostly from English clubs and my list is very small.

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