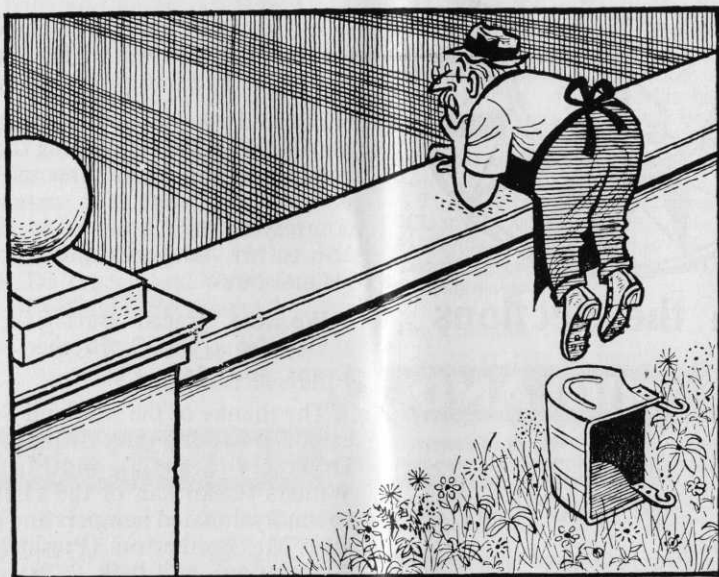


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Spring Tournament

AS YOU ALREADY KNOW THE SPRING Tournament will be played at Kirby Muxloe Golf Club on the 25th May, first tee 12.45 p.m. Will all members wishing to play please notify me by the 16th May in order to make catering arrangements. Any member travelling by bus via Leicester will catch it to Kirby Muxloe Station from Leicester College of Art and Technology in "The Newarkes" bus No. 219 or 664.

Subscriptions

Subscriptions are now due and it would be a great help if members would send them to save me having to write several times.

MIDLAND

Chairman:
G. HART
(Gay Hill)

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

Four Ball Alliance

THIS EVENT IS COVERED BY MR REG Pugh's report.

President's Match

Just a reminder of our President's Match at Handsworth on 28th June.

Spring Tournament

I hope to see you all at this event on 5th May

Annual Tournament

At Little Aston Golf Club, 8th to 10th August. Start to get your Chairman of the Greens Committee interested in this event to enable you to represent your Golf Club.

FOUR BALL ALLIANCE VICE-PRESIDENTS AND GREENKEEPERS

PLAYED AT HARBORNE GOLF
CLUB, ON WEDNESDAY,
16th MARCH, 1966

We were fortunate in having a fine day for the above event, when 30 players turned out and had a most enjoyable day

I would like to tender my thanks to Mr C. J Withers for making the arrangements and the Committee of the Harborne Golf Club for extending the courtesy of their course and clubhouse, also to Mr Ashworth, the Secretary, for his assistance.

We were "graced" during the day with a visit from Mr C. Bretherton, Mr F Evans, and Mr L. Foster

The thanks of the Midland Section are extended to Mr Frank Evans (President), Dr Tracey (Captain), and Mr Charles J Withers (Chairman of the Greens), who so kindly donated hampers and golf balls, also Mr Bretherton (President of the Association), golf balls.

After the Competition we were entertained to drinks for the entire evening, and the gentlemen responsible for this generous gesture were the Vice-President (Mr Len Price) and Mr Withers, who donated £10 and £5 respectively for this treat, thus rounding off a most enjoyable day

I carried out introductions at the presentation, and thanked all concerned, including the Greenkeeper and his staff, and also mentioned that this was the finest prize list we had received from one Club.

The same three gentlemen also gave us one dozen Penfold golf balls for the Spring Tournament to be played at Kidderminster on the 5th May, 1966.

Dr Tracey, assisted by Mr Withers, presented the prizes, and may I once again say "Thank you Harborne Golf Club" and the Association Chairman, Mr Frank Cashmore, for his assistance in officiating whilst I played a round in the Competition.

The Competition resulted as follows:—

1st prize

Mr C. J Withers and Mr R. J Pugh—
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Mr L. Price and Mr W Barton—1
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3rd prize

Dr M. Tracey and Mr V Smith—1½
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The following Vice-Presidents joined us in this game:—L. Price, C. J Withers, W H. R. Lloyds, J T Mitchley, L. Wheeler, E. Ballinger, R. Parker, Mr Ashworth, Dr Tracey, and W N Dudley-Evans (Warwickshire Secretary).

Signed REG PUGH,
Tournament Secretary

SOUTH-WEST

Chairman
H. SHEPPARD,
(Warminster G.C.)

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

A.G.M.

OUR A.G.M. WAS HELD AT HENBURY Golf Club on the 9th March. Items on the Agenda were to elect a new President in place of Mr Southgate who has retired, to invite Mr Payne and Mr Veals to become Vice-Presidents, and to elect the committee for the coming year.

Our new President is, I am honoured to say, Mr John Ireland the very popular match Secretary of Salford Golf Club. Mr Ireland has done an untold amount of work for golf in this district. Assisting at Alliance Meetings, running Junior competitions, and arranging fixtures for

Somerset Colts are just a few of his many interests. But perhaps his greatest joy has been the running and ever increasing success of the Saltford Golf Festival Week. There, on the Monday evening the Amateur/Greenkeeper competition is, without question, our most enjoyable event of the year.

Our retiring President, Mr Southgate, we regret to say, has not enjoyed the best of health for the past couple of years, but we all sincerely trust that a month or so of well-earned rest will only be the beginning of a long and happy retirement. Mr Southgate, like all Ransome's representatives, has in the past, done an enormous amount of work for the section in which he has been residing. In particular his assistance on competition days will always be greatly appreciated. Should he at any future date wish to come along to our meeting he will always be most welcome.

To Mr Payne, his successor, we extend a warm welcome. After many years in the Industrial Midlands we trust that his new life amidst the tranquil green hills around Cheddar will be long and enjoyable.

The Committee

In order that all members should have the opportunity of serving on the committee, it was decided that the senior member should retire each year. This being passed W Light takes the place of G Gilbert and S. Baber will take his place and represent the Assistant Greenkeepers at all meetings.

Congratulations

The news has recently been brought to my attention that Barry Reeves will shortly be forsaking his Greenkeeping career to become Assistant Professional at Clevedon Golf Club. To this fine young golfer, who in two successive years has won the Senior Prize at the National Tournament, also playing a major part in the South-West, winning the Jubilee Cup at Weston-super-Mare. We wish him every success.

Future Events

May 20th. President's Team v Greenkeepers—
Knowle Golf Club.

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Quiz

OUR QUIZ, HELD ON 16TH MARCH, was again most interesting with plenty of questions being asked, among which was the use of Chlordane for wormkilling and the best way to get rid of Thatch on the Greens. In all our Quiz Master, Mr Glass, was kept very busy

Annual Dinner

Quite a few took part in the golf in the afternoon preceding the Annual Dinner. It was nice to see our Chairman, Mr J Simpson, who made the long journey down from Newcastle. The usual toasts were given with a hearty vote of thanks to the North Middlesex Golf Club and staff for a most enjoyable dinner and get together. The Captain and President expressed to me the hope that we would come again. The winning pair for the afternoon golf was S. Battams and his professional from Finchley, Mr Tony Moore.

Visit to Bingley

My Committee have decided on a visit to Bingley which will take place in June. Arrangements will be made for a coach to take them down on Sunday, 12th June and return on Tuesday, 14th June. Will any member wishing to go let me know as early as possible so that arrangements can be made. Bingley say they will be pleased to do all they can for our visit and to find accommodation for the Sunday and Monday nights. The coach fares will be paid for out of Section Funds.

Annual General Meeting

A special note for your diary—The Annual General Meeting will take place on Wednesday, 8th June at the Stirling Castle, 50 London Wall, Moorgate, E.C.1 at 6.30 p.m. It is hoped that every effort will be made to attend.

SHEFFIELD

By J. J. Dearlove

Hon. Secretary:

Chairman:
G. HERRINGTON
(Lindrick)

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March Lecture

TO CONCLUDE THE LECTURE PROGRAMME for another season, we were treated to a talk on golf course construction and design. About 40 people turned up to listen to Mr F W Hawtree give a flowing commentary, with the aid of film slides, on this subject.

Mr A. Shardlow, our President, was detained at a late hour and, unfortunately, could not attend. He did, however, telegram his apologies to Mr Hawtree and the assembled company.

On opening the meeting, Mr George Herrington remarked on the good attendance and said how pleased he was to have a number of club officials in our company. He then introduced Mr B. Elliott who in turn welcomed the Speaker and those present.

Mr Elliott, a keen supporter for a new course in the area, recalled Mr Hawtree's last visit of four years ago and said how he'd looked forward to this evening. He also stressed during his opening remarks that every method should be explored in order to keep courses playable in the winter months.

Mr Hawtree was soon in action and left no one in doubt as what golf course making was all about. We were slightly surprised, however, to learn that the cost of the average golf hole is similar to four years ago. There was the usual question and answer time before Mr Elliott moved a vote of thanks which was ably seconded by Mr Herrington.

New Members

A hearty welcome to the section for the Tankersley Park Club staff of Charlie Grimley and his assistants George Travis and apprentice Malcolm Beardshall. We look forward to seeing you at our meetings.

Change of Club

Congratulations to Harry Herrington (son of George) on his appointment as Head Greenkeeper to the Thrybergh Park Club after four years in the same capacity at Sherwood Forest.

Obituary

It is sad to note the death of Mr Fred Key, a life member of the section, at the age of 78. Fred was not in the best of health in the latter years but will be well remembered by the older members for his keen support of the section. We send our deepest sympathy to Mrs Key and family.

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Annual General Meeting

THIS WILL BE HELD IN THE MANSION, St Ives, Bingley, on Tuesday, 7th June at 6 p.m. Arrangements have been made for members to visit The Sports Turf Research Institute during the afternoon preceding the meeting. Those members making the visit are requested to assemble outside the offices at 1.45 p.m. Afternoon tea will be available in the Mansion following the visit.

Subscriptions

Members are reminded that subscriptions became due on 1st May and prompt payment would be much appreciated.

New Members

We welcome to the section the following new members, K. Dakin of Sand Moor Golf Club and H. A. Lees of Wilton Golf Club.

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Spring Meeting

OUR SPRING MEETING WAS HELD, BY kind permission of the Captain and Committee of the Whitchurch Golf Club, on Wednesday the 13th April. The Course was in very good shape and we thank the Steward and Stewardess for looking after us so well. The only thing that was not so good was the weather but I am sure that everyone enjoyed themselves. Under such conditions the scores were very good. We played a 27 hole aggregate and our Cup winner was Jack Rees with a score of 111½ net, he received the Cardiff Cup and an umbrella given by Mr J Clay

Our next winners were as follows:—D. H. Jones 114 net who received a blanket, G Phillips 115 net—pair of towels, D. Jones 116 net—80 cigarettes. 2nd Division—T Finch 122—pair sheets, J Beaumont 129—pair of towels, D. Keaneally 143—tankard. There was no prize for the highest score or I may have stood a chance of getting a prize. Many thanks to Mr Payne of Ransome and Mr Jones of Whitchurch Golf Club for their help in doing all the work with the cards and cash for me.

News of Members

I am sorry I did not let you know in last month's issue about Mr Geddes. He has been ill in hospital for a few weeks but I am pleased to report he is out and getting along nicely. He has retired from work now, so on behalf of members and friends we wish him a long and happy retirement, and, good health and good luck Mac.

I have not heard from Mr George Brennan for a while but I understand that he is getting on nicely. I had hoped to see him at Whitchurch but since the weather was so bad he was wise not to come out in it. So, George, from all the members, we hope to see you at the A.G.M. later on when the weather will be warmer—we hope.

Spring Tournament

BY THE TIME MEMBERS READ THIS we shall have played our Spring Tournament, and I can only hope that the weather will have been much kinder to us than it is at the moment of writing, bitter cold winds, snow and sleet showers—not a bit the kind of weather we greenkeepers wish for at this time of year, but still I am keeping my fingers crossed and hoping for the best.

New Members

We welcome to the section the following new members:—

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Winter Lectures

I APOLOGISE FOR THE DELAY IN thanking Mr Escritt for the very interesting Lecture which we enjoyed very much. I would like to add that this is the first time Mr Escritt has been with us in Scotland since he became Director of the S.T.R.I. On behalf of all members of the S.G.G.A. I wish Mr Escritt many happy years as Director and hope to see a lot of him in Scotland.

North and Midland Social

Once again I would like to thank Mr Milton and all members of the North and Midland Section for the very enjoyable time Mrs Moffatt and I had on this occasion. Again I would like to see the other two Sections having a night like this when members and their wives could meet and enjoy themselves.

Annual Tournament

The date of the Annual Tournament has now been arranged for Thursday, the 9th June 1966. It will be held by courtesy of the Committee of the Ralston Golf Club over the Ralston Course, Paisley. Entry forms will be sent to all Members.

"Open" Sweep

Once again it has been agreed to have a sweep for the "OPEN" to be played in July. Members will be sent tickets and the Committee hope they will all be sold to help the funds and keep the work of the Association going.

Membership

The Executive Committee has proposed that Section Committees send all Greenkeepers with Golf Clubs in Scotland, who are not members of the Association, a letter inviting them to join. This will mean a lot of work for the Committees and I appeal to any member who knows a Greenkeeper near him who is not a member, to ask him to join. It is only by having a strong membership that the Committee can help in the improvements and conditions for Greenkeepers. I also ask all Greenkeepers with boys under 18 years of age to have the Clubs register them with the Joint Council for Apprentices. I will be only too pleased to let you have information on the scheme.

In Memoriam

It is with regret that we learned of the death of Mrs Morris, wife of Mr G. Morris, Greenkeeper at Milngavie for many years. Mr Morris is a very old member of the Association and has served on committees. I send the sympathy of all members to Mr Morris and family

MR HERBERT MORE

It is with regret that we have heard of the death of Herbert More, indefatigable Greenkeeper of the Swanston Golf Club, Edinburgh. This is the Course he built by himself in 1927 and he has been there ever since. In 1937 he won his match (4 and 3) in the British Golf Greenkeepers International Matches but gave up playing after that because of his love for his work. A measure of his esteem is the fact that 150 people attended his funeral.

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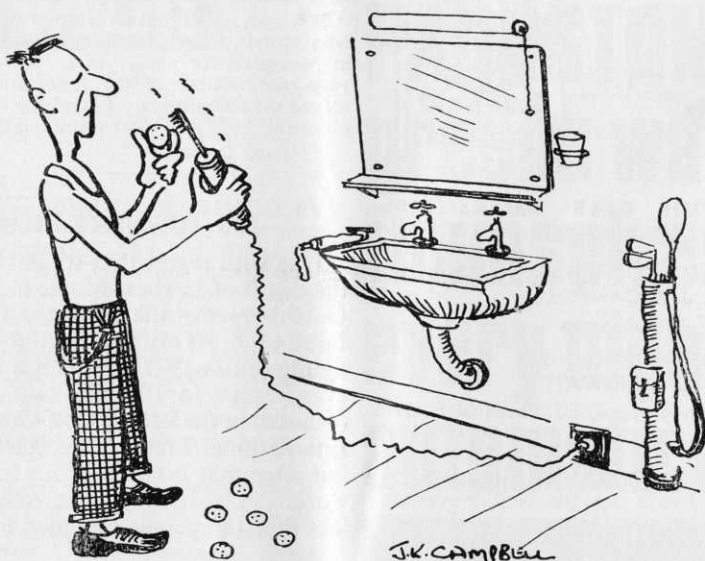
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APPRENTICESHIP COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Joint Council for Golf Greenkeeper Apprenticeship was held at Bingley on 25th April.

It was reported that since the scheme began in January 1964, 48 apprenticeships had been registered of which three had been completed.

Reference is made in the annual report to training, which is naturally an integral part of the scheme. Apprentices receive practical instruction from their own head greenkeepers on their courses but as a supplement to this some general theoretical instruction in the background sciences, e.g., elementary botany and soil science, is regarded as essential.

The report refers also to the value of educational visits to selected trade firms and pays tribute to those which have already extended such facilities.

In certain circumstances, the report goes on, training allowance grants may be available to enable boys to become apprentices at clubs away from their homes. The report concludes that whilst some progress has been made there is a long way to go and that meanwhile retirement by a large number of key men looms ever nearer. Whilst wages are not the concern of the Joint Council it is obvious that unless clubs adopt a realistic approach to them the present dearth of recruits will continue.

Offices re-elected were Mr F W Hawtree (E.G.U representative) as Chairman, Mr John Parker (a B.G.G.A. representative) as Vice-Chairman and Mr B. M. Wood of St Ives Research Station, Bingley as Honorary Secretary

For further information on
any item please speak (or write) to
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A short ceremony at the club, when Mr T. R. Hilton, managing director of British Overhead Irrigation Limited, presented Mr J. K. Peppercorn, club captain, with an illustrated brochure commemorating the occasion, was followed by a demonstration.

Ploughed in

The installation, also carried out by British Overhead, involved the laying by mole plough of eight miles of underground PVC water mains, siting 250 underground "pop-up" sprinkler heads and two pumps, together with electrical automatic control apparatus. Installation commenced in late January, and the new practice of laying water mains in a golf course by mole plough resulted in faster completion with little or no disturbance to players.

Says Col. Ronnie Yeldham, club secretary "It will save us the equivalent of one man's time and will be more economical in the use of water. Certainly watering will take place when we want it to and because it will take place at night it will not inconvenience players, nor be unduly affected by evaporation or wind.

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Mrs Greenkeeper's Own Corner

with Ann Mawson

For a light mid-day meal, how about an omelette? If possible a special pan for this purpose and wipe out with paper after use to preserve an oily surface. For a 3 to 4-egg omelette you will need a pan about 9 in. in diameter, and for 6 eggs or more the pan should be 10 in. in diameter. Eggs for omelettes should not be beaten too much, 30 seconds beating with a fork is sufficient. Avoid making the eggs too frothy by beating too long with an egg beater. Do not let the butter in the pan brown or the omelette may stick. Never mix milk with the eggs as it will make them tough. A little water (3 teaspoons to 6 eggs) will do no harm and will make it tender.

Basic Omelette

6 eggs, 1 oz. butter, 3 teaspoons of cold water, salt, pepper

Beat the eggs and water for 30 seconds, add salt and pepper. Melt the butter in the pan and pour in the eggs, when it is sizzling hot but not brown. Stir once or twice with a fork lifting the edges so that the uncooked part can run underneath. When cooked but still soft on top, turn the left side to the centre, slide the omelette to the right and turn out in three folds on to a warm plate. If you are making a smaller omelette one fold will be sufficient.

Cheese Omelette

6 eggs, 2 oz. grated cheese, 1 oz. butter, salt, pepper

Follow the instructions for the basic omelette, adding the cheese when you have poured the eggs into the pan. Fold the omelette over the cheese and serve.

Herb Omelette

6 eggs, 1 oz. butter, 1 teaspoon of mixed herbs, salt, pepper

Make the omelette as for basic, beating in the mixed herbs (dried or fresh according to the time of year) when you beat the eggs.

Ham Omelette

4 eggs, 2 oz. lean ham, 1½ oz. butter, salt, pepper

Mince the ham, break the eggs over it and add the salt and pepper, beat well. Melt the butter in the pan and pour in the eggs and ham, stir until these begin to set then fold over and serve.

Luncheon Omelette

5 eggs, 3 tomatoes, 4 oz. mushrooms, 3 rashers bacon (streaky), 1 shallot, 1 teaspoon chopped herbs, 3 oz. butter

Chop the tomatoes, bacon, mushrooms and shallot. Fry the shallot in 2 oz. butter until golden brown, then add the mushrooms and cook for a few more minutes. Add the tomatoes and bacon and fry a little longer. Make an omelette in the usual way with the other 1 oz. butter and when it is cooked put the fried mixture on the top, having stirred in the chopped herbs at the last minute. Fold the omelette over the filling and serve.

Smoked Haddock Omelette

4 eggs, 1 oz. butter, salt, pepper, 1 oz. grated cheese, 1 smoked haddock.

Chop the cooked haddock and beat the eggs into it, adding the salt and pepper. Heat the butter in the frying pan and cook the omelette, keeping the top runny. Do not fold but turn on to a flat plate. Scatter with grated cheese and brown under the grill for one minute.

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