# News



# from the Sections



 Chairman:
 By J. Parker

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### **Annual General Meeting**

THIS WAS HELD IN THE QUEEN'S Head, Bingley, on Tuesday, 6th June. There was a most disappointing attendance, only 14 members being present and this included two retired members, F. G. Smith and Tom Iveson. It was nice to see Tom looking so well after his recovery from illness. The chairman expressed in his opening remarks his disappointment at the lack of interest shown in the Section affairs. The secretary presented his report on the activities of the year and reported once again a favourable financial position. The following were elected officials for the year: President, Mr W. Mountain; Chairman, D. Roberts; Vice-Chairman, A. Robertshaw; Committee, Messrs A. Routledge, R. Thomas, J. Mawson, C. Garnett, S. Bailes, H. Marshall and I. Smith; Executive Representative, J. Parker.

### Subscriptions

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

### **Blazer Badges**

I now have a stock of blazer badges on hand and will be pleased to supply any member of the Association with one on receipt of  $\pounds 1$  12s. 6d. G. HERRINGTON

Chairman: (Lindrick)

### President's Prize

THE WHEATLEY PARK COURSE was in beautiful condition on 23rd May for the 23 members who took part in the President's Prize; a short thunderstorm during the round didn't dampen spirits and a delightfully prepared and served meal rounded off an enjoyable afternoon.

SHEFFIELD

Congratulations to the winners; J. Walker (Wheatley) net 70, G. Herrington (Lindrick) net 71, and R. Whitehead (Wheatley) net 73. A Hidden Prize, G. Herrington; best score over short holes.

The prizes, very kindly given by our president Mr Croft, who was introduced to those present by the retiring president Mr "Shardlow, were inscribed tankards for first and second and a tubular garden chair for third. The Hidden Prize, a "pop-up sprinkler", was donated by the company installing the pop-up system at Wheatley. The Wheatley Park Captain, Mr Hay,

The Wheatley Park Captain, Mr Hay, presented the prizes and we thank him and the Club Committee for allowing us the use of course and clubhouse.

### 'Ton-Up' Boys

Mr Shardlow presented a golf ball to the three members, who in Mr Shardlow's words "attained a cricketer's dream", 100 plus net.

### **Annual Tournament**

The section annual tournament will be held on Tuesday, 18th July, at Lees Hall Golf Club by kind permission of the captain and committee. An entry form will have been received by head greenkeepers who are asked to complete and return them as soon as possible. Only those entered will be eligible to play.

### V.I.P,

Along with our president Mr F. Crofts it was nice to see one of our vicepresidents Mr B. Elliott, and a life member, Mr P. Booker, at Wheatley. "Hope you enjoyed your day, gentlemen."

### Lecture

In the evening, following the President's Prize, a lecture and demonstration on the "Pop-Up" watering system in the course of installation at Wheatley Park was given by Mr G. Barnes of Cameron Irrigation Co. Ltd. and he certainly set tongues wagging and hearts longing. A pity more members weren't present. Suggestions for next winter lectures will

Suggestions for next winter lectures will be welcome.

### **New Members**

Welcome to E. Peniston and D. Chappell, both of Rotherham (Thrybergh Park) Golf Club.

By H. Gillespie Hon. Secretary: 63 Langsett Avenue Sheffield, 6



Chairman: J. K. GLASS (Thorpe Hall) By H. Ford Hon. Secretary: 68 Solcombe Gardens Mill Hill, N.W.7

### Subscriptions

OWING TO MY RESIGNATION, WILL all members who have not paid their subscriptions 1967-68 please send them direct to Mr H. Ford whose address is 68 Salcombe Gardens, Mill Hill, N.W. 7 who has now taken over the post of honorary secretary and treasurer. I should like to thank all those who have already paid.

### **Draw Books**

The draw books which Mr C. H. Dix mentioned in his notes in the June Journal will be with Mr Ford; would you please apply to him should you require any more.

### Autumn Tournament

The autumn tournament at Langley Park Golf Club is on Thursday, 14th September, a four-ball, better-ball Stapleford; as in previous years greenkeepers are to invite a member of their own club as a partner. Will you please, when sending your entries, state the name of your club and your own and partner's handicap; Mr Ford would appreciate an early reply. The closing date has not been decided yet.

### **New Members**

We should like to welcome to the section the following new members: J. Flint, Park House, High Road, East Finchley, N.2; E. Flyn, 26 Adison Road, Reading; S. Borg, 65 Cedar Lawn Avenue, Barnet, Herts.; R. B. Piggott, 4 Gillotts Hill, Harpenden, Henleyon-Thames, Oxon.

### Handicap Revision

The Handicap Committee have revised the following handicaps: F. Ainsworth 18 to 12, P. Ainsworth 14 to 12, E. J. Cox 16, L. Cote 18, S. Freeman 5 to 4, D. Heaton 18, F. Haytor 7 to 8, D. W. Keen 24 to 16, J. Kirkpatrick 1 to 2, D. Kirkland 4, W. Kingston 18 to 17, D. Major 6 to 5, C. J. Maidment 9 to 12, I. Smith 15, P. Staines 10 to 8. Signed—H. G. Dixon, E. Foulkes, J. Stobbs.



Chairman: M. GEDDES (Royal Porthcawl)

By S. A. Tucker H/Sec. and Treasurer: 36 Close Road Morriston, Swansea Glam.

### Autumn Meeting

OUR AUTUMN MEETING WILL BE held at the Pennard Golf Club, by kind permission of the Captain and Committee, on 4th October 1967. Will all wishing to attend get in touch with me not later than



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### **Annual Draw**

I thank you all for the effort you put into this last year. By the time you read this you will have had your tickets and I hope will have sold them and sent for more. Please do your best lads as it is a big help to the Section apart from the general fund and let me have all counterfoils, money and any unsold tickets, which I hope will be none, not later than 24th July, and be sure to send them to me and not to Head Office. Thank you all again.



Chairman: F. HALSTEAD (Bury Golf Club)

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

### Spring Tournament

DUE TO THE KINDNESS OF THE Captain and Council we held our spring tournament and A.G.M. at the Davyhulme Park Golf Club. On behalf of all the members who took part I would like once again to thank the Captain and Council for granting us the courtesy of the course and the facilities of the clubhouse.

I would like to say "Thank you very much" to the following donors of prizes, I can assure you, gentlemen, they were greatly appreciated and brought much pleasure to the winners. The donors were as follows: Messrs F. Halstead; O. P. Jones; R. Fielding, M. Bishop; The Captain, Bramhall Golf Club; Messrs W. Burrows Ltd.; Carters Tested Seeds Ltd.; Fisons Ltd.; Lunevale Products Ltd.; Rigby Taylor Ltd.; Sutton & Sons; W. E. Sowerbutts; W. Wilcock & Son; Scottish Agricultural Industries Ltd.

Prize-winners were as follows: 1st prize, W. Bridges, rose bowl and tumblers, net score 100<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>; 2nd, H. M. Walsh, tartan rug, 104; 3rd, D. Pate, travelling clock, 107; 4th, J. Mc-Donald, tankard, 107; 5th, K. Gardener, tankard, 111<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>; 6th, J. Catlow, cigarette case, 112; 7th, G. Davey, set of knives, 114; 8th, R. Hayhurst, bottle of whisky, 1162; 9th, F. Halstead, bottle of gin, 117; 10th, R. Fielding, alarm clock, 117<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>; 11th, T. Brennan, bottle of sherry, 118; 12th, E. Macavoy, map case, 1191.

President's Cup-H. M. Walsh, 104. Scratch prize-W. Bridges, travelling case, gross score 102. This competition was over 27 holes.

The visitors had a competition in the afternoon and this was won by G. Vaughan with a net score of 63: a bottle of gin.

The weather in the morning was not very kind to us, there being one or two heavy showers, but the afternoon was much better when we all managed to play in fine weather. All in all I think we had another good day to add to the rest of our successful ventures this season. The prizes were presented by the President of the Daveyhulme Park Golf Club who said how pleased he was to welcome

so many members of the greenkeeping profession to his club. Mr Halstead, our chairman, suitably replied and thanked the Presi-dent for presenting the prizes, also the Captain and Council for allowing us to play there, the ground staff for the work they had put in on the course, and the Steward and Stewardess for the two excellent meals which were provided. Our thanks also to Mr Earnshaw for his work in seeing to the cards and meal tickets, etc., also to Mr Barlow for his welcome assistance.

The election of the following officers took place at the A.G.M. which followed the prizegiving and were as follows: President W. Kinsey, Vice-Presidents en bloc, Chairman F. Halstead, Vice-Chairman O. P. Jones, Secre-tary H. M. Walsh, Treasurer E. Macavoy. There were six nominations for the five places on the committee and the following were elected: Messrs D. Pate, M. Vigard, T. Bren-nan, W. Earnshaw and W. Bridges.

### Autumn Tournament

The autumn tournament will be held at the Haydock Park Golf Club on 4th October. Details will be given nearer the time.

### New Member

We welcome to the section R. Matthews of the Havdock Park Golf Club.



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

By D. Earsman Hon. Secretary: Arcot Hall Cottage Dudley Newcastle on Tyne 3

### **Annual Competition**

OUR ANNUAL COMPETITION WILL be held at the Northumberland Golf Club, Gosforth Park, Newcastle, on Thursday, 28th September, by kind permission of their Committee. This will be a 27-hole competition and we hope that all our new members, whom we would all like to meet, will come along.

### New Members

We welcome to the Section the following new members: N. T. Fineran, J. McDonald-Huish, D. A. Harris, K. Leeson, P. Murray, A. J. Reid.



Chairman: G. HART (Gay Hill)

By R. Goodwin Hon. Secretary: 167 Birmingham Road Lichfield, Staffs.

### Spring Tournament

THE MIDLAND SECTION PLAYED their annual spring tournament at the Whittington Barracks Golf Club on Tuesday, 23rd May.

We were blessed with very good weather for this event and played over what is surely one of the hardest tests of golf in the

Midlands through gorse and heather over a testing 6,500 yards. A compliment must be paid to Bob Goodwin and his staff for the condition of this natural course; it was in first-class condition.

I would like to pay a compliment also to the following gentlemen of the Whittington Club who stayed with us and not only assisted all day in helping to run this event but also in giving us such wonderful prizes: Mr D. Bowden (Captain), Mr A. Onions (Chairman Greens Committee), Mr Lloyd (Vice-Captain), Mr R. H. Jacob (Treasurer), Mr J. Johnson (Committee), and Lt.-Col. Owen, M.C., Hon. Sec. The liaison by these gentlemen together with Mr Bill Payne of Ransomes and David

The liaison by these gentlemen together with Mr Bill Payne of Ransomes and David Davies of *Birmingham Post and Mail* who undertook to do the score sheets; and the tournament side prior to the event by Bob Goodwin. The assistance of these gentlemen made it possible for me to have a game myself and I can only express my thanks to them all for their most valuable help.

### **Prize-giving**

Mr Hart (chairman) thanked the Whittington Golf Club for allowing the Section the courtesy of the course and clubhouse and the invitation to all greenkeepers to lunch and tea gratis and thanked Mr Brown, the captain, for the generosity shown to everyone; he went on to thank also Mr and Mrs Heart, steward and stewardess; Lt.-Col. Owens, M.C., hon. sec., for his valued assistance to Bob Goodwin, and his staff for the condition of the course and Mr Fox. the professional, for allowing us the use of caddy cars free, and Bill Payne and David Davies for the scoring.

Mr Bowen, the captain, presented the prizes; prior to doing so, he was mildly surprised that we had never, since the formation of the section in 1933, paid a visit to Whittington before today, and stressed that we would be welcome at any time in the near future. After the presentation of prizes Mr Onions (chairman of Greens) invited everyone present to join him in a drink and so ended what was a very happy event for all concerned. Thank you, Whittington, for everything.

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Chairman: F. FROST (Derby G.C.) By S. Fretter Hon. Secretary: 20 Woodcote Road Kingsway Narborough Road South Leicester

# Spring Meeting

OUR SPRING MEETING WAS HELD by kind permission of the Captain and Committee of the Leicestershire Golf Club on Monday, 8th May 1967. The weather was good and the course in perfect condition. We would like to thank again all who made it a successful day, especially the Captain and Committee, the outside staff, and the inside staff for a wonderful meal.

The winners were as follows: Greenkeepers —Ist prize, I. Toon, 72 net; 2nd, B. Mott, 74 (last nine); 3rd, P. McCarron, 74; 4th, D. Bagshaw, 74; 5th, J. Burham, 78 (last nine); 6th, S. Fretter, 78; 7th, Z. Socha, 80; 8th, F. Frost, 80; 9th, D. G. Whitehead, 82; 10th, F. Oliver, 83; 11th, D. Bull, 84; 12th, D. Warrington, 85; 13th, G. Arnold, 87; 14th, D. W. Topley, 88 (last nine). Vice-Presidents—1st prize, D. Frand, 70 pet

Vice-Presidents—1st prize, D. Ezard, 79 net; 2nd, A. J. E. Cook, 82 net.

Visitors—1st prize, S. O. Gott, 74 net; 2nd, M. Scotney, 75 net. We wish to thank the following for the

We wish to thank the following for the wonderful prizes: Messrs Ransomes, Sim & Jeffries Ltd.; Rigby Taylor Ltd.; H. Pattisson & Co.; J. Players & Sons Ltd.; Leicestershire and Rutland Golf Alliance; Leicester Horticultural Engineering; Leicestershire Golf Club; F. Beck, esq.; S. Long, esq.; and D. Ezard, esq.

### New Member

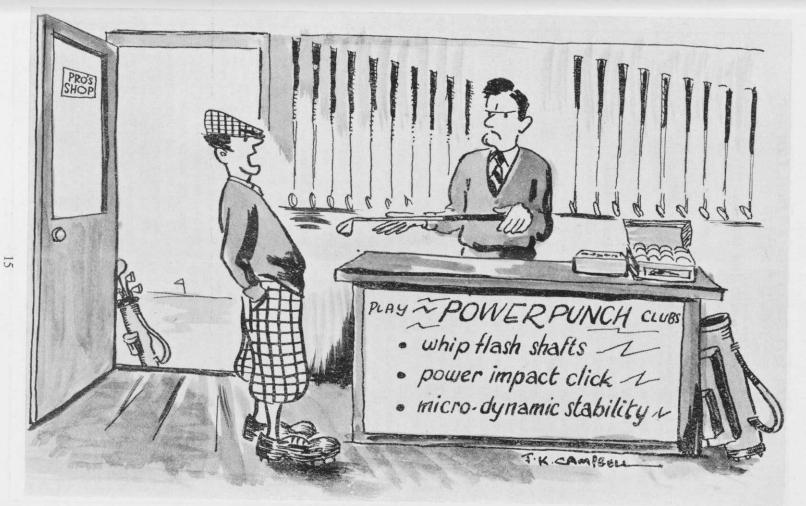
We welcome to the section the following new member, may he have a long and happy stay with us: A. Shaw, 2 Station Terrace, Radcliffe on Sea.

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# Mrs Greenkeeper's Own Corner

### with Ann Mawson

Damsons should be in the shops now, so here are a few recipes for them.

### **Damson Charlotte**

 $\frac{1}{4}$  pint of cream,  $\frac{1}{2}$  pint of milk,  $\frac{1}{2}$  oz. of powdered gelatine, 6 sponge fingers,  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. of sugar, 1 tablespoonful of water,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  lb. damsons.

Stone the damsons. Put them in a stewpan, moisten with a tablespoonful of water, add the sugar, stir until the sugar has melted, then cook very gently until very soft, stirring all the time. Rub through a sieve. Take a round mould, split the sponge fingers into halves, and smear the sides of them with the damson puree. Use them to line the mould, joining them close together. Melt the gelatine in the milk, over a gentle heat; strain and mix it with the sieved damsons. Whip together for two minutes. Whip the cream, and stir it in; continue whipping until the mixture is quite stiff. Turn it gently into the lined mould, and leave until it is set. Turn out carefully.

To serve four people.

### **Damson Meringue Pudding**

3 oz. of castor sugar, 2 tablespoonfuls of water, 1lb. of ripe damsons, 1 pint of milk, 2 eggs, 3 oz. of sugar, 1 breakfastcupful of fine breadcrumbs.

Mix the breadcrumbs with one ounce of sugar. Beat the egg yolks, mix them with the milk, pour into the breadcrumbs and let it soak for half an hour. Stone the damsons, put them in a saucepan, with two tablespoonfuls of water and simmer until they are soft. Put them through a sieve. Add the remaining two ounces of sugar and stir over a gentle heat, until the sugar has dissolved. Blanch about 10 damson kernels and add them to the puree. Put it into a pie dish and cover with the breadcrumb mixture. Bake for 20 minutes. Meanwhile beat the whites of the eggs until quite stiff. Fold in the castor sugar. Pile this roughly on the pudding, return to the oven and bake until golden brown.

To serve four people.

### **Damson Pickle**

This pickle is particularly good with cold mutton. You require: —

 $\frac{1}{4}$  oz. of whole cinnamon, 8 cloves, 4 lb. of ripe damsons, 1 gill of vinegar, 2 lb. of loaf sugar.

Put the sugar and vinegar in an earthenware or enamelled pan. Place it in a moderate oven and leave until the sugar has dissolved. Remove any stalks from the damsons, and wipe with a cloth. Prick them well with a needle, add the syrup to them, also the spices (tied in a muslin bag) bring to the boil and gently boil for a quarter of an hour. Remove the spices, squeezing as much juice out as possible. Pack the fruit tightly in warm, dry jars, cover with the juice, cork and seal. When cold, cover with parchment.

### **Damson Chutney**

I pint of white vinegar, 2 lb. of demerara sugar,  $\frac{1}{2}$  teaspoonful of salt, 6 peppercorns, 8 cloves, a good pinch of mace, 4 lb. of ripe damsons.

Remove any stalks from the damsons. Wash and dry them in a cloth. Put them in a saucepan with the peppercorns, cloves and mace, tied in a muslin bag. Add the salt and sugar, pour on the white vinegar and simmer for half an hour, or until the fruit is soft. Remove the bag of spices. Rub the fruit and liquid through a coarse sieve. Return the pulp to the saucepan and boil gently for 10 minutes, stirring all the time. Turn into wide-necked pickle jars. When cold, tie down with parchment.

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