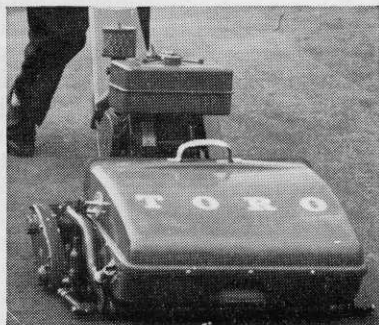
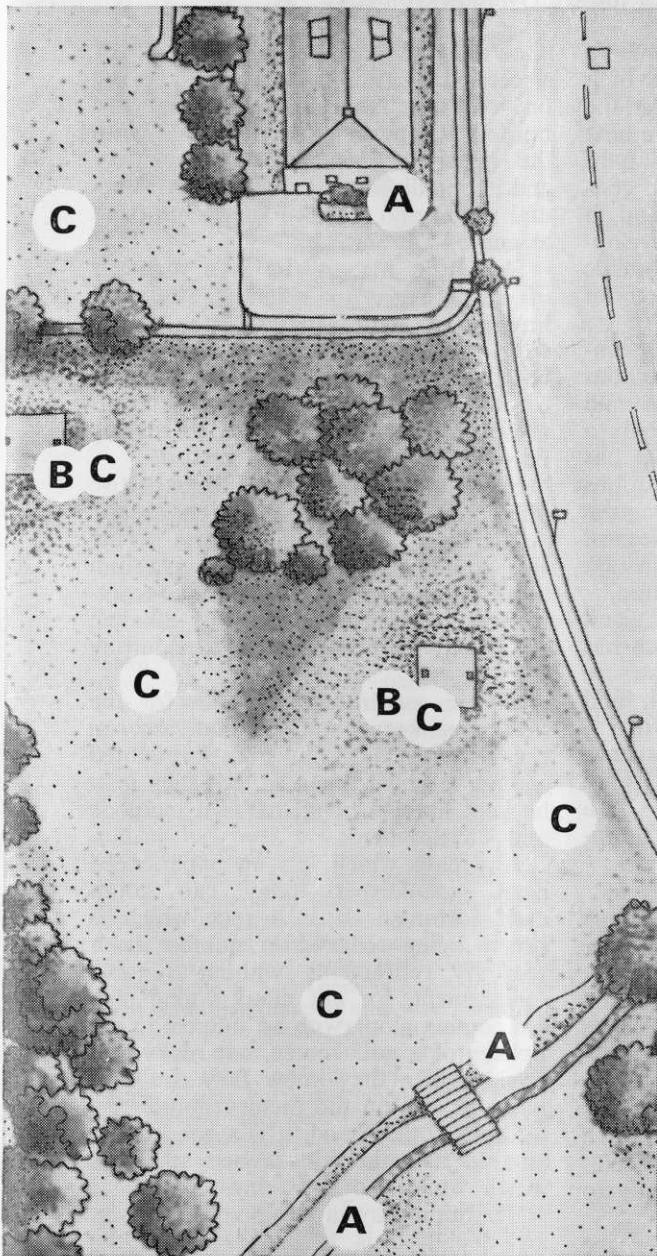


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SPARE A THOUGHT FOR GREENKEEPERS

by Bill Dunn

(from *Newmarket Journal*, 7th November 1968,
with acknowledgments)

Mr Bill Dunn is a well-known Cambridge county player and a past captain of the Gog Magog Golf Club

AT a time when most club members are relaxing from the rigours of a hard season's activity on the links the greenkeeping staff of golf clubs are now busy with the highly important job of restoring courses at least to their condition at the start of the season and in many cases to carrying out developments and improvements not possible earlier due to heavy occupation of courses.

This is the time when the head greenkeeper takes stock of his responsibilities in matters of course, equipment and staff potential, but the pause is only a brief one, for, month by month, he has a strict calendar sequence of operations just as pressing as those which require to be carried out by the keenest gardeners among us, and his constant care is to try to get ahead of nature.

This year has been a very difficult one due to excessive rainfall which has both resulted in courses being more heavily divot-scarred than usual, and a much greater rate of grass growth.

In these conditions, too, weeds have flourished and altogether there is cause for dismay. No wonder there is a shortage of greenkeeping staff nowadays.

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Give sympathetic and understanding thought therefore to those who, for your future enjoyment, rise early in all sort of weather and work thoughtfully and painstakingly to bring your course up to a standard which will satisfy them and are often maligned in their absence. The greenkeeper has no redress against members' complaints, although he has a pretty good buffer in the secretary (who is paid to listen patiently to complaints!)

Greenkeeping is a vocation for the enthusiast and of the dozen or so I

know in the area there is an air of sincere dedication displayed in every one of them. Nowadays, of course, his burden is considerably lightened with the rapid development of machinery and its intelligent use, effective fertilisers and worm and weedkilling agents (lead arsenate—£200 a ton!)

Skilled in his art, he is a manager of men, chemist and scientist, an expert in Critical Path Analysis (the "in" word for organisation). He has to be a book-keeper and scribe into the bargain for he registers all activities, materials used, time taken and so on in his log book—his most important record.

He can also call on the expertise offered to him free by the Greenkeepers' Association and the Sports Turf Research Institute who will give him Soil Analysis Reports and recommendations for curing acid or alkaline conditions particularly on the putting greens.

Courses of instruction both for the head greenkeeper and his staff are run regularly and most clubs are foresighted enough to enrol them, so that they may be kept abreast of all modern methods and developments.

Any club which has an experienced head greenkeeper today can count itself fortunate. It is a race which is slowly being reduced in number each year by retirements without suitable replacement, for not many young men are coming along with an interest in the upkeep of a golf course, not really surprising when they know they can earn more money on the factory floor.

On the other hand, it is a good open-air life and the job is one which is worth while and satisfying.

Tradition plays a large part, however, and locally this is borne out in the
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News



from the Sections

WELSH

By S. A. Tucker

Chairman:
M. GEDDES
(Royal Porthcawl)

Hon. Sec. and Treasurer:
36 Close Road, Morriston,
Swansea, Glamorgan.

I AM SORRY FOR THE DELAY IN letting you all know of the course and dates for the Annual General Meeting; after a long wait for an answer from the Southern-down Golf Club our request was turned down with pressure of fixtures for the season. We did not receive this answer until November. Mr Fry and I made a few visits to the club and I telephoned a couple of times; we still could not get an early answer. I then tried Royal Porthcawl Golf Club; our chairman, Mr Geddes, made the inquiry but still no luck so I had to write to the Pyle and Kenfig Golf Club which has very kindly permitted us to hold the meeting there. We are very grateful to them for their kindness.

A few words now about the course. Since the last meeting Mr Bert Jones and his staff have worked very hard and changed the course quite a bit. There is a big improvement now that the post and wire have been taken from the greens. The cattle, too, have been taken away. We look forward to you all having a good and enjoyable meeting. This course is near Porthcawl which would be the best place to stay, and I hope to see all the old faces and many new ones at this meeting. I am sure you will enjoy the course and good luck to you all.

A very Happy New Year to all members of the Association and a Prosperous New Year from all members of the Welsh Section.

SOUTHERN

By F. W. Ford

Hon. Secretary:
68 Salcombe Gardens
Mill Hill, N.W.7
Tel: 01-959 2847

December Lecture

ON WEDNESDAY, 4th DECEMBER, about forty members were present for the talk given by Mr J. Wellington who talked about the beginnings and progress of Charles H. Pugh Limited. With the aid of two moral supporters and leaflets he introduced the range of ATCO mowers, the 20" "SPECIAL" creating most interest. Question time was interrupted by the running out of time and the showing of two films, after which the Chairman thanked Mr Wellington for coming along and he in turn invited all present to drinks and sandwiches.

New Members

The following new members are welcomed to the Section and we invite them to come along to our meetings to meet new friends: J. H. Sargent (Hartsbourne), J. Cousin (Hayling Island), R. Smith and G. F. Child (Richmond).

Annual Dinner

The Annual Dinner will be held at the Finchley Golf Club on Friday, 14th March 1969 and as in previous years it will be preceded by an 18-hole Stableford competition. Full details in the March issue of the journal.

February Lecture

On Wednesday the 5th February, 6.30 p.m. at the Stirling Castle, London Wall, Moor-gate, there will be a lecture by S. D. Tyldesley of the Synchemical Limited.

EAST MIDLAND

By S. Fretter

Hon. Secretary:
4 Queens Drive,
Leicester Forest East,
Leicester.

Chairman:
J. BURNHAM

Annual Subscriptions

WOULD MEMBERS WHO HAVE NOT paid their subscriptions please forward them to me as soon as possible as they are now overdue.

Annual Spring Tournament

The Annual Spring Tournament will be held at Kettering Golf Club on Wednesday, 14th May 1969.

New Member

We welcome to this Section W. Woods, Esq., 94 Fairways, Keyworth, Notts.

NORTH-WEST

By H. M. Walsh

Chairman:
O. P. JONES
(Bramhall G.C.)

Hon. Secretary:
78 Hadfield Street,
Oldham, Lancs.

Greetings

MAY 1 ON BEHALF OF THE members of the North-West Section extend to the Editor, Hon. Secretary, our friends in the trade and all members of the B.G.G.A. the Season's Greetings and Good Luck for the future.

Lectures

Our thanks to Mr R. Dagnall of Fisons for making the journey to Manchester in very poor weather to give us a very instructive and enjoyable talk, which covered a wide range of subjects.

Our next talk will be given by Mr Fairhurst of Fosters & Co. The date will be 13th January but the venue has been changed and will now be given at the Brunswick Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester, and NOT at the Garrick Hotel as stated in last month's Journal. Time 7.30 p.m. The February talk will be given by B. Metcalf of J. Metcalf & Co. on 10th February. I would like to say here that there will be no more talks given at the Garrick Hotel.

Spring Tournament

The venue for the Spring Tournament has now been fixed; due to the kindness of the Captain and Council of the Southport and Ainsdale Golf Club we will be holding the above Tournament on their course. Date 13th May. I will inform members of any further details nearer the time.

Congratulations

Congratulations to F. Halstead on his retirement after more than 20 years at Bury Golf Club. Happy days, Frank.

We welcome back to the Section R. Janovskis, who a short time ago went to the

Midland Section, but is now back with the North-West having taken over as Head Greenkeeper at the Swinton Park Golf Club, Manchester.

NORTHERN

By J. Parker

Chairman:
A. ROBERTSHAW

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

November Meeting

THE FIRST MEETING OF THE winter session was held in the clubhouse of the Horsforth Golf Club on Wednesday, 15th November. Thirty-five members attended.

The meeting was in the form of an open discussion and to start the ball rolling the letter written by our Chairman, A. Robertshaw, in the journal was put before the members. Many members expressed their views on the contents. The discussion was made more interesting by the presence of Mr Sanderson, Chairman of the Green Committee at Horsforth Golf Club, who was able to put the other side's views on certain aspects. After this had been given a good and useful airing other subjects were discussed to conclude an interesting evening.

Meetings

Members are asked to note the dates for meetings in the New Year, all to be held at Horsforth Golf Club: Wednesday, 22nd January; Wednesday, 26th February; Wednesday, 12th March.

The Annual Dinner will be held on Friday, 28th March.

Grand National Sweep

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S.T.R.I.

THE NOVEMBER LECTURE BY Mr W. H. Bartle of the Sports Turf Research Institute was a repeat of that he gave to our members last January which was said at that time to be the best presented to the Section. The subject was "Greenkeeping in General" and the idea of a repeat was to invite the Chairmen of Green Committees of all Sheffield and District Golf Clubs. However, only seven clubs were represented at the lecture along with thirty-two of our members to hear Mr Bartle present ideas and recommendations on course maintenance, work planning, management and staff relationship, etc. The evening had to be brought to a close at 10.30 p.m. after three hours of discussion and questions which was in itself proof of the popularity of the lecture.

Tractors

The February lecture to be held on Thursday the 27th will be given by Messrs. J. I. Fearn (Agricultural) Ltd., and the subject will be "Tractors" Maintenance and Handling Tips.

We wish all our friends both old and new a happy and prosperous New Year and may 1969 bring more favourable weather conditions than its predecessor.

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person of the head greenkeeper at "The Gogs", Douglas Neville. He is the son of a present greenkeeper in Buckinghamshire and his own son, Andrew, has joined him and is making the progress under his watchful eye.

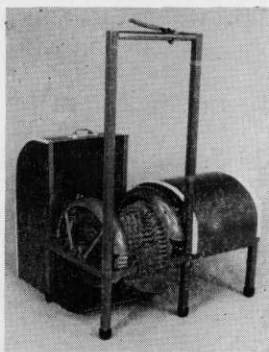
Nearer home and with a splendid record of service to the Links Golf Club is my old friend "Ted" Scrivener. Working with his brother who has now retired, Ted can be considered the doyen of his profession in this area.

The splendid condition of the course is a testament to his hard work and enthusiasm and he has the best of both worlds for he is a keen golfer himself.

Talking with him recently, he told me that next year he completes 50 years with the club. I shouldn't think there are many greenkeepers in this country to beat that.

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Old Fashioned Marmalade

Take 14 Seville oranges, divide into quarters, take out the pips, cover the latter with water and allow to stand all night; cut the fruit into fine shreds, put into a deep dish and add 3 pints of water to each pound of fruit; let it stand 24 hours, then boil till tender (about an hour); let it stand all night, add liquid from the pips, then weigh and allow $1\frac{1}{4}$ lb. of castor sugar to each pound. Boil together $\frac{3}{4}$ of an hour, or until the juice is well set. Put into jars and cover, the juice of 2 lemons added is an improvement. If there is a

tendency for the peel to rise to the top of the jars, leave to cool a little longer, then stir well to distribute the peel evenly.

Marmalade Pudding

$\frac{1}{4}$ lb. breadcrumbs, $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. finely mixed suet, 2 oz. butter, $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. flour, pinch of salt, 1 large egg, 5 oz. marmalade, $\frac{1}{3}$ of a teaspoonful of bicarbonate of soda, a little milk, $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. of demerara sugar.

Rub the butter into the flour, add the sugar, breadcrumbs, suet, egg beaten, madmalade and soda dissolved in the milk, mix thoroughly, pour into a well-buttered mould dusted with brown sugar, cover, with buttered paper, and steam for 2 hours; then turn out and serve with marmalade sauce.

Marmalade Sauce

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