

EAST MIDLAND

By S. Fretter

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4 Queens Drive,
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Chairman:
G. ARNOLD

Annual Spring Tournament

THE ANNUAL SPRING TOURNAMENT is being held at the Kettering Golf Club on Wednesday, 14th May 1969. First tee 12.45 p.m. Will members wishing to play and have a meal please let me know by the 7th May 1969.

New Members

We wish to welcome to this section R. F. Kempster and F. A. Kempster of Glen Gorse Golf Club.

Will all head greenkeepers please notify me when any of their staff leave, as this will be a great help to myself and Head Office.

MIDLAND

By R. Goodwin

Hon. Secretary:

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Chairman:
G. HART
(Gay Hill)

Spring Tournament

WILL ALL MEMBERS WISHING TO play in the Spring Tournament at the Coventry Golf Club, Finham Park, on Wednesday, 7th May, please send me their names by Friday, 25th April.

President's Match

The annual match at Handsworth Golf Club, against the President's Team, will be on the 26th June 1969.

SOUTHERN

By F. W. Ford

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(Thorpe Hall)

March Lecture

THE SOUTHERN SECTION SHOWED their appreciation of W. H. Bartle's last visit by turning up in larger numbers than ever to hear him talk on "Greenkeeping in General". Over 60 members managed to squeeze into the Stirling

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Castle, a considerable number of them being from the younger end, which is always most encouraging. Directed mainly at the younger members Mr Bartle's talk began with a good head greenkeeper's requirements and then he proceeded on subjects generally from tee to green. Referring to the problem of winter play on golf greens and tees he said that he believed the day would come when there would be a course within a course. Another point he made regarding tees was that they should have an area of at least 300 sq. yds. and that by doubling the width the usable surface could be almost trebled. During question time a certain writer in *Golf Illustrated* came under the hammer; too much solid tines spiking of greens cannot be done, soil samples should be sent to the Research Station every third year and automatic sprinklers can encourage over-watering. Several members had to leave to catch trains but Mr Bartle kindly consented to continue answering questions. The meeting finally closed at 8.30 p.m. with a vote of thanks to the speaker.

Spring Tournament

A new cup has been presented to the section by our president, J. Wallis-Arthur. He will present the President's Cup each year for the best combined score of the spring and autumn tournaments. Please note that the closing date for the spring tournament will be Monday, 21st April, and also that no entries will be accepted from members who are in arrears with their subscriptions (Rule 7 (c)).

Visit to Atcos

A coach will be laid on for members wishing to visit the Atcos Works at Birmingham on Thursday, 25th September. On arrival there will be a tour of the works followed by lunch. If weather permits this will be followed by a field demonstration of machines in the afternoon, leaving plenty of time for discussion. These trips in the past have proved most interesting and enjoyable so please let me know those wishing to take advantage of the opportunity. This will enable me to get cracking with the final arrangements.

Match in October

The Southern Section Greenkeepers versus Southern Section Secretaries 12-a-side match will be on Wednesday, 15th October, at Beaconsfield Golf Club. Members wishing to be included in the team please let me know together with the name of club and handicap.

New Member

We welcome Brian Piggott of Henley Golf Club to the section.

Subscriptions

May I remind members that subscriptions for 1969-70 are due on 1st May, and I would appreciate your cheques or postal orders at your earliest convenience.

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Annual Draw

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Thank you.

Annual Dinner

The Annual Dinner at Finchley Golf Club was once again a great success with 84 members and guests sitting down to an excellent meal. The seating room was a little on the tight side but the cheerfulness, helpfulness and friendliness of all the staff more than made up for this. Our president, Mr J. Wallis-Arthur, read out apologies for absence from Mr Carl Bretherton, president of the B.G.G.A. and Mr F. W. Hawtree, editor of the B.G.G. Journal, and then presented the prizes for the afternoon's golf. Despite the weather and a misunderstanding with some of the would-be golfers, there was an entry of 30 competitors. First prize was won by Tony Moore (Finchley) and David Page (South Herts) with 47 points. The runners-up with 40 points were Mr R. H. Davies and Stan Kilby (South Herts). A very grateful thanks to John Field for collecting and organising the sweep money

etc. Mr M. Abbey, captain of the Finchley Golf Club, proposed the toast to the Association and told some very amusing stories to get everyone in the right mood and in this he succeeded admirably. The reply came from Mr G. Herrington, chairman of the B.G.G.A. who, after apologising for being late due to the bad weather conditions and the dimness of the local inhabitants of Finchley, talked about the apprenticeship scheme. "The Guests" this year was proposed by David Craig who welcomed them and mentioned some by name by way of introduction to the assembly. The captain and secretary of the London Golf Captains, Mr McGregor and Mr John Fisher, captain of the Essex Golf Captains Mr Benton, the captain and chairman of the Finchley Golf Club, Mr M. Abbey and Mr Cranshaw, the secretary of the B.G.G.A. Mr Dix, Dai Rees, Tony Moore, Bill and Tom Mason. On behalf of the guests Dai Rees replied saying how much he had enjoyed the day and being among the Southern Section at their Annual Dinner and hoped it would be a forerunner to many more such invitations. In concluding the dinner Mr J Wallis-Arthur said he hoped we would all meet again in the bar and thanked everyone who had helped to make the event such a success.

NORTH-WEST

By H. M. Walsh

Chairman:
O. P. JONES

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

Lectures

OUR THANKS TO MR WHYATT OF Messrs Pattison & Co. Ltd. for the very interesting talk which he gave on "Equipment and Requisites for Golf Courses", also for the refreshments provided by the company. This talk was the last in the present series of winter lectures and it was perhaps fitting that we should have had a very good attendance — in fact the best turnout of the series. Thank you, gentlemen. I would like to thank, on behalf of the members, all the speakers who gave their valuable time etc to come and speak to us, in some cases in really vile weather.

Spring Meeting

This as stated in previous journals will take place on Tuesday, 13th May at the Southport and Ainsdale Golf Club, teeing off from 9 a.m. All members are allowed to bring one visitor. Visitors competition will be over 18 holes in the afternoon. Members competition will be 27 holes, 9 in the morning and 18 in the afternoon, followed by the A.G.M. I must stress over again that it is important that you inform me if you are intending to be present so that the catering arrangements can be made before the event.

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With the seasonings, place the three hard-boiled eggs in a basin, pound with a wooden spoon until the mixture is very smooth; add the oil and vinegar slowly, mixing well; stir in the condensed milk last. Pour into a glass jar and cork tightly. When required for use add sufficient water to make the required consistency.

Mayonnaise

1½ cups of milk, ½ cup of vinegar, 2 oz. butter, 1 tablespoonful of cornflour, 2

tablespoonfuls of sugar, 1 level teaspoonful of salt, 2 teaspoonfuls mustard.

Mix all dry ingredients; add milk gradually, and butter. Stir over a low heat; add vinegar when the mixture is hot. This may curdle, but keep stirring and it will be smooth when it boils. Bottle immediately in warm jars.

Tartare Sauce

¼ pint of mayonnaise, 1 level dessertspoonful of olives, 1 dessertspoonful of white cocktail onions, 1 level dessertspoonful of capers, teaspoonful of parsley.

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