

ENTRY FORM

(Block letters please)

Name

Address

1970

**ANNUAL
TOURNAMENT**

Club

Section

**FILEY GOLF CLUB
YORKSHIRE**

17th, 18th, 19th AUGUST

GOLF COURSE
SUPERINTENDENTS ELECT
OFFICERS FOR 1978

Their 90 per cent of the Voting membership of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America was present or represented by annual Election of Officers held at Texas, on 11th February. Norman W. Kramer was

superintendent of the Standard Club, Adams, Illinois, and Jerry Murphy, superintendent, Sutherland Country Club, St. Paul, Minnesota.

Director Robert W. Mitchell, superintendent of Sassa Country Club, St. Louis, Missouri, was reappointed Secretary of the Association in that capacity. As president, John J. ... superintendent of the West ... Country Club of Lakota, Ohio, assumes the title of President Emeritus. Other members of the Executive Committee for 1978 are:

Programme

17th am 18 Hole Stableford Competition

pm Annual General Meeting

18th 36 Hole Scratch Cup & Prize

36 Hole Senior Division Handicap

36 Hole Junior Division Handicap

18 Hole Coming of Age Cup

19th am 18 Hole Medal Competition

pm Prize Presentation

ENTRY FORM

(Block letters Please)

Name

Address

Club **S.S.S.**

Section

Handicap

- Tick Box if eligible for **Artisan Medal**
 Coming of Age Cup
(Age 60 and over)

Tick Box if requiring Caddy Car

Entries close 30th June 1970

**Conditions & Draw Sheets will be sent to
all entrants**

ENTRY FORM

(Block letters please)

Name

Programme

Address

17th Annual 18 Hole Stableford Competition

Send this entry form before 30th June to:

FOLD

Annual General Meeting

2.2.2

Club

18th

36 Hole Scratch Cup & Prize

Section

36 Hole Senior Division Handicap

Handicap

36 Hole Junior Division Handicap

Artisan Medal

Tick box if eligible for

FOLD

18 Hole Senior Cup

Coming of Age Cup

(Age 60 and over)

19th Annual 18 Hole Medal Competition

C. H. Dix, Esq.,
Hon. Secretary,
British Golf Greenkeepers' Association,
Addington Court Golf Club,
Featherbed Lane,
Addington,
Croydon CR0 9AA

STATISTICS

A quick review of the statistics of the recently concluded 41st International Turfgrass Conference and Show sponsored by the Golf Course Superintendents' Association of America in Houston, Texas, February 8-13, 1970, indicates another record-breaking success.

G.C.S.A.A. Conference and Show statistics are presented below, compared with those of previous years:

	1970 Houston Texas	1969 Miami Beach, Florida	1968 San Francisco, California	1967 Washington, D.C.
Members - - -	1182	1078	902	1066
Ladies - - -	592	620	610	565
Guests - - -	189	194	192	246
Greens Chairmen -	211	506	90	110
One Day Admission	419	285	286	315
Turf Students - -	52	57	13	—
Exhibitors - - -	975	771	730	738
<i>Total Registration:</i>	3620	3511	2823	3040
	Additional Statistics:			
Total Exhibit Booths	330	300	256	102
Companies Exhibiting	128	133	109	210

G.C.S.A.A. President Norman W. Kramer, superintendent of famed Point O'Woods Country Club in Benton Harbor, Michigan, said plans are already well along for the 42nd G.C.S.A.A. Annual Conference to be held in Denver, February 7-12, 1971. He said exhibit hall and hotel facilities are comparable to or better than those enjoyed in Houston and should result in another record-setting event.

AUTO-CUTTER & TURFMAN

the turf-cutter that's different

A self-propelled turf-cutter with depth adjustment that cuts turf at 90 feet per minute and up to 2 inches thick. Not so different? But that's only half the story. The Sisis Auto-Cutter and Turfman will also take a range of optional implements for slitting, brushing or raking turf. Versatile enough to be used the year round for turf maintenance as well as turf cutting! Now *that's* different! And the price? Only £285 for the basic unit—that's different too! Write for details.



sisis

Sisis Equipment (Macclesfield) Ltd.,
Macclesfield, Cheshire,
Tel. Macclesfield 6363

WALK ABOUT

By PATRICK SMARTT

I have for sometime thought it to be a pity that the head greenkeepers of neighbouring clubs do not visit each other's courses and exchange views. At the Annual General Meeting of the Association the matters discussed will be of a general nature, mainly, it may be supposed, on terms and conditions of employment. One is doubtful (I write in ignorance) if the art — and art it is — of cherishing a course is one of the items.

There are, as everyone knows, courses in greenkeeping. I have never come across such educational gatherings, civil or military that were as useful as personal discussions.

Courses, to point the obvious, differ: the links, the heath, the chalk downland and the lush park. Each calls for a different treatment, as does altitude which can expose the land to all the elements. Despite the differing conditions, one greenkeeper will increase his knowledge and widen his views in a day spent with another, who will also benefit.

I hold the belief that in this peculiar world of ours there is always something to be learned from another, either from mistakes made or something new.

“Whatever ignorance man may show
From none disdainful turn
For everyone doth something know
That you have yet to learn.”

Some 16 years ago I had cause to visit a links. I was secretary of a heath course which, at its highest point is 700 feet above sea level. I asked my opposite number if I might bring down my head greenkeeper to see a links, and converse with his head man — one who receives an annual accolade from Leonard Crawley in his reports on the President's Putter.

A. P. Arnold entertained his visitor royally, lurching him and they quaffed a beer or two followed by a tour of the course, inspection of machinery, stocks of dressing, etc. It is not

unreasonable to suppose they discussed their respective secretaries (I hope not too critically), with some derogatory remarks on the subject of people who, mowing their lawns at week-ends, as members of the green committee offer advice on course upkeep.

I do know that my old friend enjoyed his day and that he absorbed the difference, the distinct difference there is in a sandy sub-soil and the one of clay to which he was accustomed. He learned there were problems other than his own, even the air with its ozone was unlike that inland. A call at a downland or park course would have created new impressions. The reverse holds good, visits from those responsible for these courses would add to their knowledge in seeing a high, heath course.

There is a risk, if you have been to a wealthy club, of your man coming back seething with envy over the mechanisation he has seen. At the time of that visit to Rye, there were many occasions on our home course when I used to hold the gears in the engaged position while Harry Gates drove the ancient tractor which, in our more placid moments we called “the old lady”. Today, with the club substantially better off, he and I, both retired, watch several mechanical vehicles trundling about the place. I suspect there is an unspoken opinion in his mind that “in his day” they did a man's job. A remark that cannot apply to his successor who had been his No. 2.

Greenkeepers are a race of their own; they speak the same language. They are men of the earth, like farmers, gamekeepers, shepherds and the true gardener — they all have mud on their boots.

This scheme, if that is not too grandiose a title, must depend on secre-

continued on page 18

LEYLAND 154

the 'PERFORMANCE' lightweight

Versatile, and economical in operation, the Leyland 154 is ideal for turf maintenance work. Its light weight is a great advantage when working on grass where heavy tractor wheel pressures are to be avoided. With 25 h.p., compact dimensions and the ability to manoeuvre in confined spaces, the 154 is the 'PERFORMANCE' lightweight tractor for work on golf courses, parks and sports grounds. Leyland 154 features include 9-speed gearbox with 3 reverse gears, independent hydraulics and 2-speed P.T.O. There's a wide range of optional extras and specialised equipment. Arrange a demonstration with your Leyland tractor distributor or write for information to:—

TRUCK & BUS DIVISION, LEYLAND MOTORS (SCOTLAND) LTD., TRACTOR GROUP, BATHGATE, SCOTLAND.



taries. Firstly in seeking the opinion of the other, and secondly by tactful enquiry making certain that one greenkeeper will not resent a visit from another, and that they are of compatible character. Nor should there be any suggestion that one is going to be taught by the other. Obviously the greenkeeper cannot be expected to pay for transport, or entertain out of his own pocket, and it should not be on his day off.

A secretary worth his salt takes a pride in his course, and leads rather than commands his staff. Thus, these interchanges should present little difficulty.

A further advantage is the break from parochialism . . . the day after day effort to coax the best from the sandy, the mud and wormcast course, the east wind emaciated grass — in many instances mis-called turf.

Looking back, I can only wish I had taken the responsible man with me on more occasions when I went to watch tournaments. I am convinced there is profit to the man, a day out for one thing, and therefore to the course if he has an occasional walk around with one of his profession at a club foreign to him.

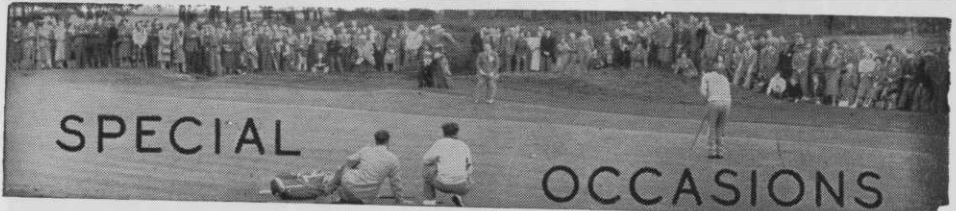


HON. SECRETARY'S NOTES

Annual Draw

This year the draw will be run on the Dunlop Masters Tournament and the books of tickets are now in the hands of the Section Secretaries.

It is hoped that every member will do his utmost to promote the sale of these tickets to ensure the financial stability of our association.



MAY	6th	Midland Section Tournament—Oswestry G.C.
	13th	East Midland Spring Tournament—Stanton on the Wold G.C.
	13th	North-East Section—Visit to S.T.R.I.
	19th	Sheffield Section President's Trophy
	27th	Southern Section A.G.M.
JUNE	15th	Sheffield Section Union Match
	16th	Northern Section President's Prize
	22nd	South-West Section Am/Greenkeeper foursome
	23rd	Midland Section—Visit to Massey-Ferguson
	25th	Midland Section Annual Match
30th	Welsh Section A.G.M.	
JULY	8th	Sheffield Section Annual Tournament
	16th	South-West Section Summer Tournament



NEW MACHINE REMOVES A TREE STUMP IN 15 MINUTES

A Vermeer Stump Cutter, which can remove a normal tree stump in 15 minutes with the minimum of site disturbance, has come into service with the Landscaping and Tree Transplanting Division of Scottish Land (Contracts) Ltd.

As well as using the machine on sites which are being landscaped, the company is also undertaking tree stump removal from parks, golf courses and sports grounds on a contract basis.

Says Mr George Christie, landscaping

director of Scottish Land: "Tree stumps are not only unsightly but expensive in terms of the extra time involved in cutting grass or cultivating ground around them. Until the Vermeer machine became available their removal was costly, too, because of the site disturbance caused by digging or blasting them out."

The stump cutter, which can be towed by a Landrover, simply grinds the stumps away leaving a neat pile of chippings.

R. C. CRAIG

AND CO. LTD.

SPECIALISTS IN THE REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE OF ALL TYPES OF MOWERS

★ Agents for: RANSOMES SIMS & JEFFERIES Ltd

★ LLOYDS & Co. Ltd. WEBBS LAWN MOWERS

★ Distributors: DENNIS BROS Ltd.

★ GANG MOWERS FOR HIRE

We will gladly call on you to advise on your grass cutting equipment or arrange demonstrations. Ring us now.

★

153 Arch Stamford Brook Station, LONDON, W.6.

RIVERSIDE 5415

COURSE FOR GREENKEEPERS

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday
2nd, 3rd and 4th June 1970

Merrist Wood Agricultural College,
Worplesdon, Nr. Guildford, Surrey.

This course on greenkeeping is designed to cover, in a very brief way, the fundamentals of grass culture and the maintenance of playing areas. It is open to all interested in the subject.

Fee, including Lunch, Tea and Coffee each day = £3 0s. 0d.

The programme is as follows:—

TUESDAY, 2nd JUNE, 1970

- 9.30 a.m. Address of Welcome.
Mr A. G. Harris, Principal.
- 9.45 a.m. *Lecture*: Duties of a Golf Club Secretary
Capt. I. T. Roes, Burhill Golf Club.
- 11.00 a.m. Coffee.
- 11.30 a.m. *Lecture*: New Advances in Chemicals for Turf Culture.
Mr D. H. Gooding, Synchemicals Ltd.
- 12.45 p.m. Lunch.
- 2.00 p.m. *Lecture/Demonstration*—Turf Handling.
Mr G. Warwick, G.L.C. Parks Department.
- 4.00 p.m. Tea.
- 4.30 p.m. *Lecture*: Irrigation of Grassland.
Mr A. D. Chatfield, Camaron Irrigation Co.
Followed by a visit to Worplesdon Golf Course to inspect recent installations of irrigation equipment.

WEDNESDAY, 3rd June, 1970

- 9.30 a.m. Film—"Keep on the Grass".
- 11.00 a.m. Coffee.
- 11.30 a.m. *Lecture*: Grasses for Sports fields and Greens.
Mr R. Palin, Sutton and Sons.
- 12.45 p.m. Lunch.
- 2.00 p.m. Machinery Demonstration.
Merrist Wood Staff.
- 4.00 p.m. Tea.
- 4.30 p.m. Machinery Demonstration contd.

continued on opposite page