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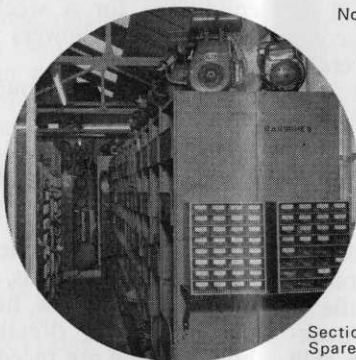
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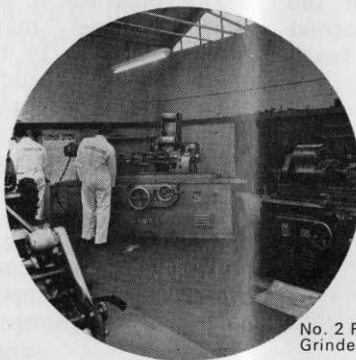
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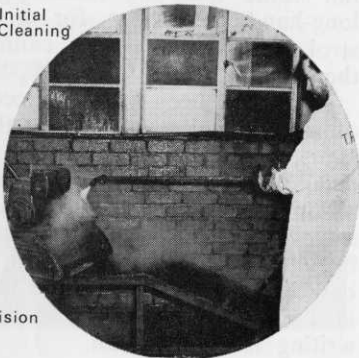
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A MODERN TREND

by PATRICK SMARTT

Slowly but perceptively the nature of many old established courses is changing. The architecture of new courses is following, or perhaps setting this trend.

This in its turn will produce a different form of golf; in particular amongst ordinary golfers, club members, artisans and young assistant professionals. It is from these that international players germinate.

I have in mind the near riddance of rough and as an antidote the imprisonment of the greens by additional bunkers. Closely guarded greens are nothing new; the barbering of the rough on either side of the fairway and in front of the teeing grounds has been creeping in for over a decade.

When driving off, the short-handicap golfer's mind was on the placement of the ball to give him the easiest second shot into the green. The average player's concern was to avoid the rough. Two understandable attitudes of mind. That will change, at any rate for the average player. The drive will lose its significance. Standing on the tee the dread of the rough will have faded. If the ball is going to lie in country from which a No. 4 wood or a medium iron can be used, little is lost by an inaccurate drive. The necklace of bunkers round the green will not come into the reckoning of the long-handicap player for his second stroke, the odds are he cannot reach them.

Much has been made in recent years of too much power spoiling the game. It is ironical that the new tendency should be one which will encourage all-out hitting from the tee. At present there are still plenty of tight courses, but it is held that rough in which a ball can be lost takes up too much time in these days of overcrowding. The writing is on the wall.

Trees are another matter. I cannot visualise those at Wentworth being cut back, on the other hand I know of old and new courses where they are being planted. They are impediments to the wild shot, and getting out of them can resemble a game of squash rackets. It is arguable that the element of luck is to great; the bounce into the fairway or the reverse into thicker forestry.

I am not proposing to enter into nostalgic memories of the "good old days", but I cannot let pass the Amateur Championship held at Royal St. George's in 1959. The rough had been allowed to grow nearly knee high, and I paced one fairway as being 25 yards wide. At the presentation the captain of the club thanked his members for having put up with these conditions for a week or so, and he promised the mowers would be out the next day.

That was, of course, the opposite extreme.

It also brings us to the greenkeeping and financial aspect of this no rough policy. Certain incontrovertible points stand out. Already, attenuated green staffs are fully stretched in mowing tees, fairways and greens, occasional trimmings of lush grass, heather or bracken, putting down dressings and cutting holes. They are faced with more work.

The rough has to be cut more often, therefore more "man hours". Sand bunkers have to be raked and cleared of extraneous matter, stones for example; more "man hours". On inland courses replacement of sand in the bunkers is necessary from time to time . . . expensive and more "man hours". By the way, how do you mow between trees? The constant turning must take up additional time, with the ever present chance of the tractor coming up against an "immovable

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Lectures and Film Shows

Messrs Ransomes, through their Area Representatives, have in the past given lectures and film shows to our various branches throughout the Country.

They have recently made a new film entitled "Keep on the Grass", which has been directed of those responsible for maintaining all grass areas and will be of special interest to our Members.

They are now building up their Winter programme of lectures and film shows for the 1970/71 Season, and would be pleased to arrange a film show and lecture based around their new film. These lectures can be arranged in conjunction with their Area Representative and local Distributor.

Ransomes Appoint New Press Officer

Mr L. C. Howard (23) has been appointed Press Officer by Ransomes Sims & Jefferies Ltd., of Ipswich. He will be responsible to Mr W. D. Akester, Director-in-charge, Farm Machinery and Public Relations, for conducting the organisation's press relations, maintaining contact with the trade, technical and general press in editorial matters, arranging press conferences and other public relations functions.

Mr Howard, who was formerly Group Publicity Officer at Fisons Ltd., London headquarters, will also edit and produce Ransomes house journal — *Roundabout*.

Before joining Fisons in 1966 he worked for Bexford Ltd., of Brantham.

Educated at Woodbridge School, he is an associate of the Institute of Public Relations and a member of the British Association of Industrial Editors.

Les Howard took over his new post on 29th June and is moving his house from London to the East Anglian area.

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ASSISTANT GREENKEEPER required. Experienced man or youngster willing to learn. Apply: Secretary, Guildford Golf Club, High Path Road, Merrow, Guildford. Tel. No. Guildford 63941.

HEAD GREENKEEPER required. Accommodation available. Application with references to the Secretary, Fleetwood Golf Club, Princes Way, Fleetwood.

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obstruction" to the detriment of both. Green staff are hard enough to come by in the country, in clubs near cities it is an even more serious problem. Some have resorted to placing course upkeep in the hands of contractors. I have had experience of this. It is but

natural that a firm under contract wish to get the job over as quickly as possible.

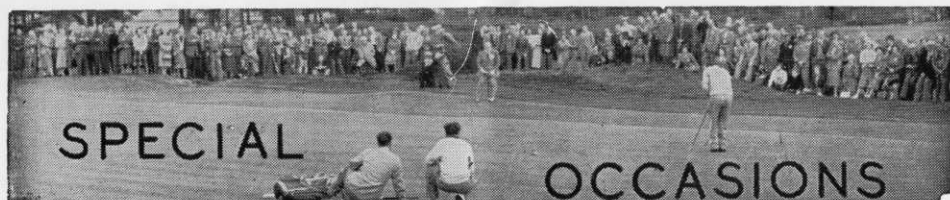
Neither farming, gardening or the care of a course can be done in a hurry. Whimsical as it may seem, a course or a links loses something when the personal touch, with its pride and intimate knowledge, is discarded.

Firemen stood by, ready to swill away poisonous and inflammable liquid, on Sunday, after a lorry carrying 19 tons of "Octel" ploughed through a wall on Mossley Road, Ashton-under-Lyme, and landed on its side on the golf course.

Play stopped on the sixth and seventh fairways of the golf course and the area was declared out of bounds for the rest of the day, because of possible dangers consequent upon the crash.

A suggestion that Lullingstone Golf Course be broken up into two nine-hole courses for the convenience of beginners appalled Mr Leslie Reeves at last week's meeting of the Estates Committee of Dartford Rural Council.

Mr Jones thought it would help beginners who found the full 18-holes too long, and also help ease congestion. By breaking the course into two nine-hole courses, more people could get round.



- AUGUST 17th } Annual Tournament Filey Golf Club
 18th }
 19th }
- SEPT. 9th Southern Section Autumn Tournament
 10th North-East Section Autumn Tournament
 29th Midland Section Autumn Tournament
- OCT. 6th South Coast Section Meeting
 6th North-West Section Autumn Tournament
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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Filey Golf Club, 17th August 1970, at 2.30 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting.
2. Annual Report.
3. Financial Statement.
4. Executive Committee Report.
5. Election of Officers.
6. Proposition from 1969 A.G.M. that Messrs P. Marshall and W. Payne of Messrs Ransomes, Sims & Jefferies be elected Vice-Presidents of the Association in appreciation of their continuous support and assistance for the Association Tournaments
7. Any Other Business.

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from the Sections

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M. GEDDES,
23 Fenton Place,
Porthcawl, Glamorgan.

By S. A. Tucker
Hon. Secretary:
36 Clase Road,
Morrleston,
Swansea, Glam.

Please note Mr S. A. Tucker is Hon. Secretary of this Section and not Hon. Secretary and Treasurer as previously stated. His address is 36 Clase Road, Morrleston, Swansea, Glam. SA6 8DS.

A.G.M.

Our Annual Meeting was held at the Southerndown Golf Club on the 30th June, 1970. It was a well-attended meeting. Mr C. Murphy, our President, took the chair. The Minutes and Balance Sheet were read and proved very satisfactory.

We held 18 hole Medal Round before lunch and were lucky to do so as it turned out a very wet afternoon. The Course seemed to play short as there were some good cards handed in.

The John Duncan Cup was won by E. C. Williams with a gold watch given by Ransomes, Sims & Jefferies, 62 net. There were two 66 net cards sent in — A. Sarsby, winning on the last 9 holes, won the John O'Gorman Cup and a pair of bath towels given by R. S. Bird, our Vice-President. Third went to M. Jones with a holdhall given by J. C. Clay, Vice-President; fourth E. J. Thompson with 68 net one dozen golf balls given by Royal Porthcawl Golf Club. 19-24 handicap was won by D. Chillery. He won Birdie Cup and one dozen golf balls given by Flymo & Co.

It was a very pleasant day with 18 holes of golf; the A.G.M. in the late afternoon and being entertained to supper with the Secretaries by the Welsh Golfing Union. I would like to thank our Vice-Presidents, Trades and Golf Clubs; also the Golfing Union for the prizes and the evening entertainment.

Hon. Treasurer

Will members please note that Mr M. Geddes, "Hafod", 23 Fenton Place, Porthcawl, Glam., is the Section Hon. Treasurer and S. Tucker is Hon. Secretary of the Section.

NORTH-WEST

By H. M. Walsh

Chairman:
T. BRENNAN

Hon. Secretary:
Horrobin Cottage,
Old Links Golf Club,
Montserrat, Bolton, Lancs.

Autumn Tournament

Due to the kindness of the Captain and Council of Swinton Park Golf Club, our Autumn Tournament will be played over their course on Tuesday, October 6th, 1970. I would be grateful if Members who are taking part would let me know as early as possible so that I can make the necessary catering arrangements. Further details nearer the time.

Annual Trip

A visit will be made to the Birmingham factory of Charles H. Pugh (Atco) Ltd., on Tuesday, November 10th, 1970. Any Member desirous of going on this trip, please let me have your name as soon as possible. A deposit will be required of 10s. On the last occasion when we visited Atco's, a really wonderful time was had by all and I think this occasion will be just as good.

Winter Lectures

Mr Ratcliff of Rigby Taylor Limited, Bolton, will be the first of our speakers in this Winter series of lectures. The date 26th October, 1970; Venue — Brunswick Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester; time 7.30 p.m. Please put these dates in your diary and make the various occasions as successful as the previous ones.

National Tournament

I would be very pleased to see a larger number of Members of the North West Section at the National Tournament at Filey this year. How about it friends?

Best Wishes

On behalf of the Members, I would like to extend our Very Best Wishes to Len Partridge who recently emigrated to Australia. Good luck, Len.

SOUTH COAST

Chairman :
P. MALIA
(Lee-on-Solent)

By Tom Graham
Hon. Secretary:
"Waverley",
West Lane,
Hayling Island,
Hants.

Mr J. H. Fry

The Committee and members wish a speedy recovery to good health to our President Mr J. H. Fry who has recently undergone an operation.

Course

Our Chairman attended the three day course sponsored by the Surrey County Council at Guildford. He was most praiseworthy to the organisers for the way in which such a great service was applied for the benefit of greenkeepers and groundsmen. He remarked on what a good idea it would be if other authorities contributed similar courses in their respective areas.

Progress

I am delighted to report on the very satisfactory growth of the section and the healthy growth of our funds.

The Section honour the acceptance to our invitation of all Vice-Presidents.

Two well-known members of the golf fraternity have honoured the section with the acceptance of Hon. Vice-Presidency, Rear Admiral H. G. Benson, D.S.O., a member for many years of the R. & A. and a notable member of the Senior Golfers' Society; Mr Jack Smith retired ex-professional golfer who for many years has worked so much for the benefit of golf in the numerous offices he has held. We wish both a long and happy retirement and association with the B.G.G.A.

New Members

Welcome to Mr T. Keeping of Broadstone transferring from the Southern Section also a welcome to Dick Bowie of the Royal Winchester Golf Club.

News

Any members having news, tit-bits or information which they think would be of interest to the section please drop me a line and I will pass it on through the Journal.

New Trophy

We have been donated a wonderful trophy from Mr T. Tregunna of the Ampfield Golf and Country Club to whom I wish to express our delight and thanks.

NORTHERN

Chairman:
A. ROBERTSHAW

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

President's Prize

The Annual Competition for the President's Prize was played over the course of

the Sandmoor Golf Club on Tuesday, 16th June, 1970 (by courtesy of the Club Committee), over fifty members taking part.

Winners were:—

1st—J. Doull 74-10=64

2nd—D. Roberts 77-8=69

3rd—D. Storey 79-8=71

4th—E. Paley 84-12=72

Visitors—A. Brophy 81-9=72

A vote of thanks for his generosity proposed by the Chairman Mr A. Robertshaw to the President, Mr W. Mountain, was heartily endorsed by all present. Our thanks were also due to all the staff at Sandmoor for their co-operation in making a successful tournament.

Annual General Meeting

The A.G.M. of the Section was held at the Old Queen's Head, Bingley, on Wednesday, 24th June, 1970. In marked contrast to the attendance at the President's Tournament the previous week, eight members were present at the time the meeting was called for. After a delay of half an hour, this total rose to fourteen. Strong feeling was expressed by those present at the lack of interest in the Section's affairs. I feel sure that the same people who have kept the Section running for the last few years will not do so much longer, then we shall see if the Section keeps functioning.

Officers elected

President, Mr W. Mountain; Chairman, Mr A. Robertshaw; Vice-Chairman, Mr J. Scott; Committee — Messrs J. Mawson, H. Marshall, C. Garnett, J. Doull, S. Benneson, D. Roberts, D. Hannam, W. Heeles, G. Mason and D. Todd.

The Secretary reported a strong financial position despite increased costs but there had been a steady decline in membership.

SOUTHERN

Chairman:
J. K. GLASS
(Thorpe Hall)

By F. W. Ford
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Autumn Tournament

May I remind Members who have not yet posted their Entries for the Tournament at Orsett that the closing date is Monday, 24th August, 1970 and that their Partners must be Members from their own Club.

New Members

We welcome to the Section the following new Members:

D. G. Heath of Gatton Manor G.C.

P. D. Lowe of T. Parker & Sons.

Draw Tickets

A special thank-you to all the Members who have contributed towards the funds of the Association by selling the Draw Tickets and returning the counterfoils and monies to me.

Handicaps

The following is a revised list submitted by Mr D. H. Major, Chairman of the Handicapping Committee:—

Name	H'Cap.
P. Ainsworth	4
E. Brown	15
W. Cavanagh	2
R. E. Claydon	11
M. Claydon	15
A. Collis	20
L. Coyte	13
R. M. Cooke	6
F. W. Corner	6
F. Dulake	10
H. F. Emery	6
E. Folkes	9
F. W. Ford	13
B. V. Fordham	6
J. K. Glass	11
D. Gould	12
E. Hall	10
F. Hayter	9
D. Keen	13
S. Kilby	14
D. Kirkland	6
J. Kirkpatrick	2
M. Lathrope	20
A. Lomox	16
W. Machin	10
D. Major	5
C. A. Moore	14
P. Moore	22
S. Morton	16
J. Ness	11
J. Noakes	6
B. Payne	3
G. Payne	9
P. Piggott	17
G. Piggott	11
R. Plain	5
H. Rogers	24
I. Smith	7
P. Staines	8
A. Watson	10
P. Whitehead	13

Allotted Handicaps to 1st year Competitors

Name	H'Cap.
R. Cheek	24
W. Cutts	24
C. Dennis	12
J. Helsey	24
D. Manning	24
D. Mason	24
C. Mitchell	24
C. P. Osgood	4
D. Page	15
B. Richardson	22
D. J. Wilde	10
W. Wilkinson	20

MIDLAND

By **R. Goodwin**

Hon. Secretary:
4 Burton Old Road,
Streethay, Lichfield,
Staffs.

Chairman:
G. HART
(Gay Hill)

Presidents Match at Handsworth Golf Club

All members of the Presidents Team and

Greenkeepers were very sorry that Mr Bretherton was not well enough to attend the Annual Match at Handsworth Golf Club on Thursday, 25th June.

Mr Alf Darbyshire, the Captain of the Handsworth Golf Club, took the chair and gave everyone a warm welcome to the Handsworth Golf Club.

Everyone in attendance expressed their feelings and wished Mr Bretherton a speedy return to complete health.

Mr Leslie Foster, Vice-President of the Midland Counties, paid tribute to Mr Bretherton for his work over the years for Midland golfers and thanked Mr Bretherton for his hospitality which everyone had so much enjoyed.

Mr Henry Fry, for the Association, thanked Mr Bretherton and the Handsworth Golf Club for all they had done for the Greenkeepers. Mr Bob Yates for the Midland Counties expressed his thanks to Greenkeepers for the excellent job they were doing on Midland golf courses. Mr George Hart for the Midland Greenkeepers thanked Mr Bretherton for providing Greenkeepers with a very good evening's golf and first-class meal. He also thanked the Presidents Team for a most sporting evening, and the steward and stewardess, Mr and Mrs Thistleton, and Vic Smith and the groundstaff for the excellent condition of the course.

Mr Bill Dudley-Evans thanked Mr Darbyshire for presiding and thanked the Greenkeepers for their excellent work.

Result—Presidents Team 6, Greenkeepers 3 (four matches halved).

R. Hiatt and R. Kirby beat G. Woodward and R. Goodwin, 4 and 2; A. Pullan and J. L. Whitworth beat E. Benbow and Ray Smith, 6 and 5; R. Yates and J. Price halved with H. Fry and G. Hart; T. Hodgetts and E. Moggs-Wright halved with V. Smith and T. Morris; J. Mitchley and E. Fiddian beat T. Jones and H. Drewitt, 4 and 2; P. Hopkins and H. Mitchel beat J. Bevan and A. Hastilow, 2 and 1; E. Williamson and C. Alger lost to D. Haynes and A. Boffy, 1 hole; G. Stubbings and C. Gold beat K. Thacker and M. Bladen, 3 and 2; T. Phillips and C. Moore halved with R. Parker and D. J. Moore; H. Lunt and W. Lawley halved with W. Barton and G. Smith; D. V. Milne and D. Davies beat A. Boraston and E. Leeson, 3 and 2; P. Ricketts and R. Ramsden lost to A. Cutler and T. Cutler, 3 and 2; G. Morris and D. Birch lost to W. Trevor and W. N. Dudley Evans, 1 up.

Massey Ferguson Day Trip

The attendance for the visit to Massey Ferguson Tractors Limited, Coventry, on 23rd July was a big disappointment. Only 11 greenkeepers came along to what was a most interesting tour of the factory and training ground.

Our thanks to Massey Ferguson for the warm welcome and hospitality throughout the day, and in particular for Mr Gwilliam

for conducting the tour and making the arrangements for this trip.

Autumn Tournament

Will members wishing to play in the Autumn Tournament at the Walsall Golf Club on Tuesday, 29th September, please send their entries to me by Friday 18th September, and please state their requirements for lunch and tea. Entries not received will not be booked for meals.

Harold Lewis joins Copt Heath

Members will be pleased to hear that Harold Lewis has settled in, as Head Greenkeeper to the Copt Heath Golf Club, very well. Harold had previously been at the Oswestry Golf Club for 12 years where he had done a first-class job of maintaining the course.

All greenkeepers send their best wishes to you Harold and hope your new job will be a long and happy one.

New Members

We welcome to the Section the following new members:—

J. Humphreys, who has taken over as Head Greenkeeper to the Oswestry Golf Club.

Walter Drewitt, Head Greenkeeper to the Droitwich Golf and Country Club.

Matthew Bladen, Assistant Greenkeeper to the Copt Heath Golf Club.

NORTH-EAST

By G. Jeffries

Chairman:
J. SIMPSON

Hon. Secretary:
55 Brackenfield Road,
Framwell Gate Moor, Durham.

Annual General Meeting

Our Annual General Meeting was held on Saturday, June 27th, 1970, at the Duke of Wellington Hotel, Newcastle, 18 members being present.

Our Chairman, Mr J. Simpson, opened the meeting and in his remarks thanked the Committee and the members for their support during the past year.

Report of the year's working was given by the Secretary and Treasurer, and was considered satisfactory. Paying Members 50 and seven Honorary Members, making a total of 57.

Officers elected for the ensuing year were as follows:—

President, Mr C. N. Storey; Vice-Presidents were returned en bloc with the exception of Mr W. R. Atkinson; Chairman, Mr J. Simpson; Vice-Chairman, Mr N. Fraser; Secretary and Treasurer, Mr G. Jeffries; Committee were returned en bloc. Hon. Auditors, Messrs Martin, Hilton and Blakey.

The Chairman, on behalf of the Committee and members, thanked our Hon. Auditors for their work with the accounts and Mr Lowery for his help with the cards

at our golf competitions and Vice-President T. Oliver for his work with the sweep tickets.

As you may know our Autumn Tournament is being held on the Boldon Golf Course. This will be a 27-hole event, play starting approximately at 9 a.m., September 10th, lunch and tea being available.

New Members

We welcome to the Section the following new members and hope their association will be long and happy.

L. E. Self, Arcot Hall Golf Club; A. Paterson, Tynemouth Golf Club; J. Burnell, Eaglescliffe Golf Club.

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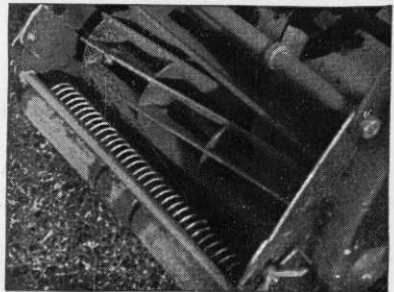
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