

News



from the Sections

NORTH-WEST

Chairman:
J. GILLETT,
(St Anne's Old Links)

By H. M. Walsh
Hon. Secretary:
Horrobin Cottage,
Old Links Golf Club,
Montserrat, Bolton, Lancs.

Autumn Tournament

Our thanks to the captain and council of the Childwell Golf Club for their kindness in granting us the courtesy of their course for the playing of our autumn tournament on the 7th October and also the facilities of the clubhouse. Our thanks also to the ground staff, E. Walsh and his men, for the excellent condition of the course, to the stewardess and the kitchen staff for the two splendid meals, to Messrs Vaughan and Whyatt for the valuable help with the scorecards and moneys and to our friends in the trade who donated prizes and to all other prize donors. Thank you all.

Prize Winners (over 27 holes)

Scratch prize, E. Walsh, 107; 1st nett, J. Gillett, 106½; 2nd, E. Walsh, 107; 3rd, W. Summers, 107-1/9 (C.P.); 4th, M. Owen, 107½ (C.P.); 5th, J. Robinson, 107½ (C.P.); 6th, D. Pate, 109; 7th, R. Vickers, 111 (C.P.); 8th, E. Macavoy, 111 (C.P.); 9th, J. Macdonald, 112 (C.P.); 10th, A. Leonard, 112 (C.P.); 11th, D. Robinson, 114 (C.P.); 12th, J. Rhodes, 114 (C.P.); 13th, H. McAddy, 114½; 14th, E. Drage, 115; 15th, R. Janovski, 116; 16th, A. Fyldes, 116½; 17th, S. Conlon, 117. Over-50s Prize, J. Gillett, 106½. Visitors' Prize (18 holes), J. S. Fawcett, 70 nett.

Season's Greetings

I would like on behalf of the members of the North-West Section to wish a Very Happy

Christmas and a Good New Year to our president, the editor, secretary, and greenkeepers everywhere at home and abroad.

Lectures

The January talk will be given by G. Smythe, Esq., of May & Baker. Date, 10th January; venue, Brunswick Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester, at 7.30 p.m.

New Members

We welcome to the section the following new members and hope their association with us will be long and happy: N. Greenwood (Crompton and Royton G.C., Oldham), A. Ebden (Crompton and Royton G.C., Oldham), B. Roberts (Royal Birkdale G.C., Southport), S. Conlon (Lee Park G.C., Gateacre, Liverpool).

EAST MIDLAND

By S. Fretter

Hon. Secretary:

4 Queens Drive,
Leicester Forest East,
Leicester.

Chairman:
J. CARRICK

Autumn Golf Tournament

The annual Autumn Golf Tournament was held at Erewash Valley Golf Club on Wednesday, 6th October 1971. It was a lovely day, the weather was glorious, the course was very good, also a very good turnout by the greenkeepers. Our thanks to the captain and committee for allowing us the courtesy of the course, also the inside and outside staff. Our thanks to Mr A. Thornton, Mrs Mott, Mr K. Buckledee for the starting, the raffle and the cards. Also our thanks to Mr D. Whitehead for the buying of the prizes. Our thanks also to Mr M. Young, Messrs Pattinson & Co., May & Baker, Superturf, Cannon Fertiliser.

Winners were as follows:—

GREENKEEPERS—

1st, R. A. O'Hara (18), Stanton-on-Wolds, 3 up; 2nd, A. Shaw (14), Radcliffe, 1 up; 3rd, M. J. Lake (24), Northampton C.G.C., 1 up; 4th, W. Woods (2), Stanton-on-Wolds, level; 5th, P. McCarron (24), Leicestershire, 4 down; 6th, S. Abblett (24), Northampton C.B.C., 5 down; 7th, R. Willars (14), Leicestershire, 5 down; 8th, S. Fretter (10), unattached, 6 down.

VISITORS—

E. Abbott (7), 3 down; S. James (7), 4 down.

VICE-PRESIDENT'S—

A. J. E. Cook (20), 8 down.

1ST YEAR—

B. Davis (24), Longcliffe, total 94, nett 70.

New Members

I would like to welcome the following greenkeepers to this section: Mr T. J. Stone, 6 Manor Road, Burton-on-Trent (Burton Golf Club); Mr B. J. Davis, 123 Station

Street, Loughborough, Leicestershire (Longcliffe Golf Club); Mr E. N. Lane, 87 Town Green Street, Rothley (Rothley Park Golf Club); Mr M. C. Davey, 3 South Street, Barrow-upon-Sear, Leicestershire (Rothley Park Golf Club).

I would also like to welcome to this section Mr P. Malia, who is now at Rothley Park Golf Club, and hope he will have a long and happy stay with us. Mr Malia has transferred to this section from the Southern area.

SOUTHERN

Chairman:
C. A. MOORE
(Stammore)

By F. W. Ford
Hon. Secretary:
68 Salcombe Gardens
Mill Hill, N.W.7
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A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to members of the B.G.G.A. everywhere.

October Lecture

Our first get-together at the Ship Tavern was rather disappointingly attended but I feel sure that the 25 who found their way to our new meeting place benefited by the discussions which took place.

Our chairman welcomed all members present and called upon the president, Jack Wallis Arthur, to take the chair. Mr Wallis Arthur expressed the hope that he would not be expected to solve all the green-keeping problems and declared "Question Time" open.

Our worthy chairman and quizmaster, C. A. Moore, started off a lengthy discussion on automatic sprinklers. He said that he had visited several clubs who had had pop-ups for some time and that these clubs now had problems which they had not encountered before. The question is who can we find with enough automatic watering experience in this country to give advice with the ensuing problems.

The following subjects were also discussed. Tee construction, double greens, autumn rust, Yorkshire fog, and wormkilling by Chlordane and Mowrah Meal. "Using pop-ups to apply Chlordane is an interesting experiment, Hugh. We shall be pleased to hear about the result."

One member said he was using "Verdone" powder in 1946. This was disputed by a fellow greenkeeper who said that Verdone powder had been replaced by liquid by that date. Can anyone settle the argument? There is 100p at stake.

January Lecture

Our first 1972 lecture will be given by the senior horticulturist on turf from Fisons, Mr Bob Morris. It will be well worth making the trip out to hear Mr Morris who has given such fine talks in the past. He will probably talk management in general,

perhaps concentrating a little more on recent developments in the golf management world.

New Members

A warm welcome is extended to the new members whose names are listed below—J. M. Thomas, vice-president, D. Cantledge (St George's Hill), S. L. Grace (West Kent), E. A. Edwards (Romford) and Maurice Emm of Pattisnon.

Southern Secretaries v. Southern Section Greenkeepers at Sany Lodge Golf Club on Wednesday, 13th October

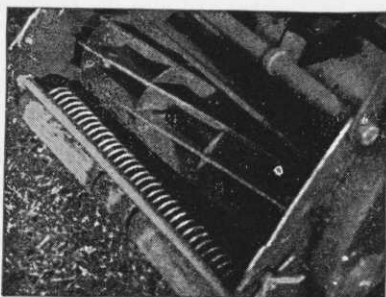
The longed-for rain arrived 24 hours too early for our annual get-together with the Association of Golf Club Secretaries. Most of us had worn our knees out praying for it!!! Needless to say, yours truly got the blame for not organising better weather!

However, it was good to see both teams drink their coffee after introductions to their opponents, don their waterproofs and go out to the first tee to do battle. The result, I am delighted to report, was a convincing win for the Greenkeepers (and a soaking) which makes us one up in the series.

Our sincere thanks to the catering staff, Mr Griffiths, secretary, and Mr I. F. M. Lucas, captain of the Secretaries, for making us so welcome at Sandy Lodge.

Accepting the Challenge Cup from Mr Lucas our chairman and captain for the day, C. A. Moore, added his thanks and con-

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gratulations to the winning team and thanked everyone who helped to make the day so enjoyable.

Last but not least, my thanks to Fergus Pearce for team and venue arrangements at Sandy Lodge and for accepting not being able to take the cup home so cheerfully.

Details of the match as follows.

FOURSOMES

SECRETARIES		GREENKEEPERS	
J. B. Sinnott (Stoneham), F. J. Bird (Letchworth)	0	J. Kirkpatrick (Dulwich & Syd.), B. Payne (Burnham B.)	1
F. R. S. Webb (Brookmans Pk.), J. E. Miller (Beds. Co. U.)	0	M. White (Datchet), P. Ainsworth (Hadley Wood)	1
J. F. Nicol (Home Pk.), R. L. Griffith (Sandy Lodge)	$\frac{1}{2}$	F. W. Corner (New Barnet), R. Plain (Beaconsfield)	$\frac{1}{2}$
S. T. A. Macdonald (Beaconsfield), J. A. O'Dwyer (Ealing)	0	G. Payne (Maidenhead), W. F. Machin (Addington Ct.)	1
F. A. Pearce (A.G.E.S.), R. F. Bateman (Swinley Forest)	0	E. Hall (Ealing), D. S. Gould (Langley Park)	1
J. B. H. Leckie (Gerrards X), I. F. M. Lucas (captain)	1	C. A. Moore (Stammore), F. W. Ford (South Herts.)	0
	$\frac{1}{2}$		$\frac{4}{2}$

SINGLES

SECRETARIES		GREENKEEPERS	
J. B. Sinnott	0	J. Kirkpatrick	1
F. J. Bird	0	B. Payne	0
F. R. S. Webb	1	M. White	1
J. E. Miller	0	P. Ainsworth	0
J. F. Nicol	1	F. W. Corner	0
R. L. Griffiths	1	G. Payne	0
S. T. A. Macdonald	0	R. Plain	1
J. A. O'Dwyer	0	W. F. Machin	1
J. B. H. Leckie	0	D. S. Gould	1
F. A. Pearce	0	E. Hall	1
R. F. Bateman	0	F. W. Ford	1
I. F. M. Lucas	1	C. A. Moore	0
	4		8

Match result: $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $12\frac{1}{2}$.

NORTHERN

By W. Heeles

Chairman:
J. SCOTT,
(Wetherby G.C.)

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Knaresborough.
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Autumn Tournament

The Autumn Tournament was played at the Oakdale Golf Club, Harrogate, on Thursday, 23rd September. Fifty-two players turned up for this event and our thanks are due to the committee and members for the courtesy shown to us. We also thank the club captain for presenting the prizes.

Winners were as follows:—

1st Division—1st, D. Storey, nett 71; 2nd, J. Doull, 71; 3rd, D. Roberts, 72; 4th, C. Ramsden, 74; 5th, D. Ward, 74. Scratch prize—W. Heeles, gross 79.

2nd Division—1st, R. Elmsley, nett 66; 2nd, G. Hollingworth, 69; 3rd, E. Garlick, 70; 4th, A. Burge, 71; 5th, H. Marshall, 71.

Vice-President's Prize—1st, A. Brophy, nett 74; 2nd, G. Vaughan, 74.

Mr F. King

I am very sorry to announce the death of Mr F. King. He had only recently retired after many years as head greenkeeper at Elland Golf Club and was a life member of the section. We send to Mrs King our deepest sympathy.

NORTH-EAST

By G. Jeffries

Chairman:
J. SIMPSON

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

Sweep Tickets

I congratulate all members who sold tickets for the sweep. The amount collected was a few pounds down from last year. However, a grand effort was made by all. Thank you again.

Subscriptions

There are a few more subscriptions outstanding. I would be obliged if members still owing could please pay their dues as soon as it is convenient.

New Members

We welcome to the section two new members and hope their association will be long and happy. They are: W. Rudd, head greenkeeper of Ravensworth G.C., and G. Palmer, head greenkeeper of Birtley G.C.

SITUATIONS VACANT

STANTON - ON - THE - WOLDS Golf Club, seven miles south of Nottingham, wish to appoint a Head Greenkeeper. Modern house available. Please write to H. G. Gray, F.C.A., 7 College Street, Nottingham, stating previous experience and salary required.

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