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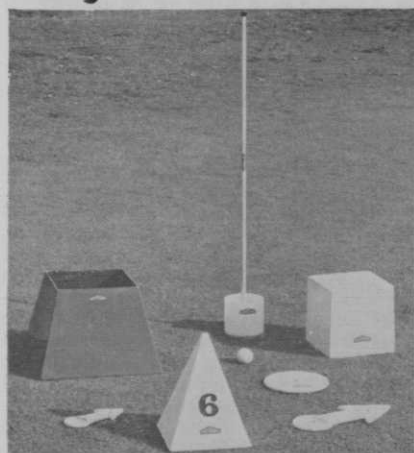
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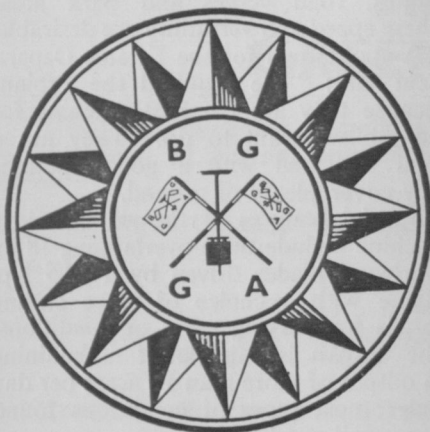
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# News



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## SOUTHERN

By F. W. Ford

Chairman:  
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(Stanmore)

Hon. Secretary:  
68 Salcombe Gardens  
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### December Lecture

In his talk on "Aeration and Drainage," Peter Wyatt, supported by Ken Hemmingway, commenced by telling us how Patissons was started in 1896 by Arthur Cole. The first self-propelled spiker, Model T Mk. 1, made its appearance in 1946-47 and the Turf Master in 1967.

Mr Wyatt said that he had observed that slit tines were being used in preference to the solid tines, presumably owing to their root-pruning action. He then continued on with Mole Draining and then offered to try and answer any questions.

Transport of the S.P. from green to green was the question uppermost in most members' minds, for unless a separate power unit is used to tow it, making it a two-man job, considerable wear and tear on the machine resulted, particularly on some courses.

Mr Hemmingway assured us that although it was a problem, they were working on it at Stanmore, and it would be sorted out in the near future, possibly in time for a demonstration at Motspur Park.

Bringing the meeting to a close, our Chairman thanked Mr Wyatt for coming and said how nice it was to see Mr Hemmingway again. As it was the last meeting of 1970, he hoped everyone would have a Merry Christmas and said there were sandwiches and refreshments upstairs, with the compliments of Patissons.

### Annual Dinner

The 1971 annual dinner will be held at the Wanstead Golf Club, Overton Drive, London, E.11, on Friday, 19th March 1971. Nearest stations Wanstead (tube), half-mile, and Snarebrook, one mile.

The price of the tickets have been raised to £2 to ensure a first-class meal suitable for the occasion and are available from me either by writing or collecting at the Stirling Castle on lecture evenings.

Members and guests wishing to play in the four-ball better-ball Stableford in the afternoon, must arrange their own partners and record the best net score. A 5/- sweepstake will be collected from each competitor. Anyone requiring lunch or sandwiches please contact the steward on arrival.

### New Members

A warm welcome to the following new members:—M. Boardman (Thorpe Hall), J. Thompson (Flempton), E. J. Huxley, B. M. Huxley and G. R. Brooks of "Huxleys Garden Machinery"; H. H. Bowpitt (John Jacobs), H. Brown (Home Park), and T. C. Talbot (Upminster).

### New Appointments

Our best wishes go to the following:—R. Booth, who is now head greenkeeper at South Beds, D. J. Jones (Hendon), J. H. Sargent (North Middlesex), and G. J. Goodall (Finchley).

### February Lecture

There will be a visit by Philip Marshall, representing Ransomes Sims & Jefferies.

### Retirement

A long and happy retirement to Mr C. Chamberlain of Addington Court Golf Club, who has retired after 43 years with the club and now lives at Herne Bay, Kent. We are hoping to see him at our annual dinners for many years to come. He has handed over the reins to W. Machin. Our very best wishes to you, Bill.

## NORTH-EAST

By G. Jeffries

Chairman:  
J. SIMPSON

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

### November Lecture

On Thursday, 19th November, Mr R. Morris of Fisons Ltd., gave a very good lecture at the Polytechnic, Elsdon Place, Newcastle, the lecture was given on behalf of the North-East (Newcastle) Branch Groundsmens Association, and the (North-East) Section Greenkeepers. Mr Morris gave a very interesting talk on grass growth, and soil conditions, with the aid of slides. He invited members to ask their questions, and some very enlightening answers were produced. The Chairman closed the lecture with a vote of thanks to Mr Morris.

### Flymo Lecture

On Monday, 15th February 1971 we have a lecture by Flymo Limited, this will take place in The Bridge Hotel, Newcastle, commencing approximately 7 p.m., refreshments will be served.

### Appointments

T. Green who was Head Greenkeeper at Ravensworth Golf Club has now taken up the post of Head Greenkeeper at Heworth, we wish him well in this new appointment.

D. Snowdon, assistant at Hartlepool Golf Club has been appointed Head Greenkeeper of the Hartlepool Golf Club, and I am sure we all wish him every success in his new position.

## NORTHERN

By J. Parker

Chairman:  
A. ROBERTSHAW

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

### November Lecture

Twenty-five members attended this lecture held on Tuesday, 17th November, in the Queen's Head, Bingley. The speaker on this occasion was Mr Bob Morris of Fisons Ltd., who took for his subject "Turf Management". Illustrating his talk with a series of slides, he put over in quite simple terms the main principles involved. Many and varied questions were put to Bob, who was able to deal with them to the questioners' satisfaction. A vote of thanks was proposed by our Chairman, Mr A. Robertshaw, and heartily endorsed by all members present.

### December Lecture

This was held on 9th December at our usual meeting-place, Horsforth Golf Club. Thirty-five members turned out, despite black-out risks, to hear for the first time Mr J. P. Shildrick, B.A., Assistant Director of the S.T.R.I. His subject was "Grass Varieties." He dealt with the work and investigations in progress at the Station into a large number of varieties of various turf

grass species, bringing out points with colour slide illustrations. Members found this most interesting and enlightening. I think there will be many waiting to pay a visit in the coming years to see this work in progress. After a long series of questions, a vote of thanks was proposed by our Chairman, Mr A. Robertshaw.

### Lectures

The following dates have been fixed at Hosforth Golf Club for lectures in the new year:—13th January, 10th February, and 10th March. Make a note of these.

### New Member

We welcome to the section Mr G. Hinchcliffe, 31 Thick Hollins, Meltham, Huddersfield, who has taken up an apprenticeship with the Meltham G.C.

## SHEFFIELD

By H. Gillespie

Chairman:  
G. HERRINGTON  
(Lindrick)

Hon. Secretary:  
63 Langsett Avenue,  
Sheffield, S6 4AA.

### President Retires

At the meeting on 19th November 1970 our President, Mr A. Shardlow, announced his retirement from the Presidency. Having severed his connections with Sheffield and now residing in Walton-on-Thames, Surrey, he feels he cannot give the section the support he desires. Mr Shardlow has been President of the Sheffield Section since 1959, except for a short period in 1967 when he stood down, but was re-elected when his successor left the district. He has always shown a very great interest in the welfare of greenkeepers and has done a tremendous amount towards improving the status of the greenkeeper.

All members of the Sheffield Section join in wishing Mr and Mrs Shardlow a long and happy retirement.

Mr A. Shardlow proposed and Chairman G. Herrington seconded that Alderman S. K. Arnold, Chairman of the Green Committee

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at Abbeydale Golf Club, be invited to be President. This was unanimously agreed. Mr Arnold, being present, accepted the position and promised his full support.

#### Lecture

The lecture on 19th November 1970 was by Mr W. N. S. Bissett of S.T.R.I., who took for his subject "Aeration," and this was well received by the 38 members present.

The lecture on 21st January 1971 is by Mr D. N. H. Hicken of David Miln (Seedsmen) Ltd., and the subject will be "Top Dressing."

#### New Member

We welcome to the section S. Hobson of Abbeydale Golf Club and hope he will benefit from membership of the Association.

## MIDLAND

*Chairman:*  
G. HART  
(Gay Hill)

**By R. Goodwin**  
*Hon. Secretary:*  
4 Burton Old Road,  
Streethay, Lichfield,  
Staffs.

#### Prince Philip Award to Mr Bretherton

Mr Bretherton was recently presented with a special certificate by the Duke of Edinburgh at Buckingham Palace.

Mr Bretherton received the President's Certificate, which is awarded for special contributions to the work and aims of the National Playing Fields Association.

Mr Bretherton's contribution has been made through the Warwickshire Playing Fields Association, in whose work he has taken an active part since the war.

Mr Bretherton has done much work for the provision of children's playgrounds and was Chairman of the County Playing Fields Association's Executive Committee from 1958 to 1967.

I am sure all greenkeepers will wish to join me in congratulating our President on this very fine award.

## NORTH-WEST

*Chairman:*  
T. BRENNAN  
(Royal Birkdale)

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

#### Season's Greetings

May I wish all members of the North-West Section my sincere best wishes for the Christmas season and a very happy New Year. On behalf of the North-West Section I would like to send the season's greetings to our President, Mr Bretherton; the Editor, Mr Hawtree; our Secretary, Mr Dix; to greenkeepers and their families everywhere, and may the Association prosper.

#### Lecture

Our thanks to Mr Wyatt of H. Pattissons & Co. for the very interesting talk and for showing us their new range of equipment, also for the refreshments provided.

The January talk will be given by a representative of Chipman Chemicals Ltd., and the February talk will be given by Mr Cogan of Flymo Ltd. on 8th February. I ask for your continued attendance, gentlemen.

#### Spring Tournament

I have pleasure in informing members that due to the kindness of the Captain and Council of the Romily Golf Club, we will be holding our Spring Meeting on the said club's course on Tuesday, 11th May 1971. Further details nearer the date.

## EAST MIDLAND

**By S. Fretter**  
*Hon. Secretary:*

4 Queens Drive,  
Leicester Forest East,  
Leicester.

*Chairman:*  
J. CARRICK

#### Film Show

A film show was held at Birstall Golf Club on Wednesday, 18th November 1970. The film show was given by Leicester Horticultural Engineering Ltd. and Ransome Sims & Jefferies. The attendance was very good. It was a very interesting evening and enjoyed by everyone there. Our thanks to Mr G. Lee, Mr R. Bailey and Mr Sharp of Leicester Horticultural and to Mr K. Buckledee and Mr Ramsey of Ransomes. It was a film show that could be recommended for any section of the greenkeepers. Once again many thanks to all concerned.

#### New Members

We would like to welcome to this Section the following greenkeepers: G. D. Wilford, Esq., 34 Carter Avenue, Broughton, near Kettering (Kettering Golf Club); L. Bowley, Warwick Avenue, Quorn, Leics. (Charnwood Golf Club).

N.B. The dinner dance will be held on Saturday, 13th February 1971, and not the 16th, as published in the January Journal. We apologise for the error.

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