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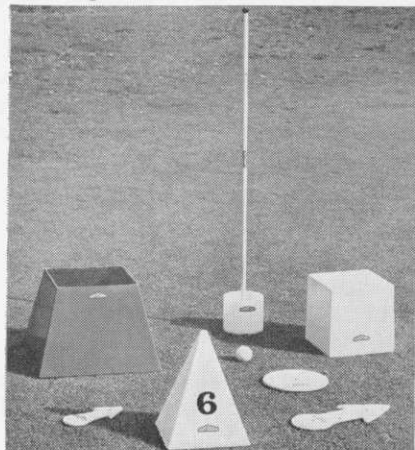
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The Institute's autumn courses of instruction were held during the weeks commencing 11th, 18th and 25th October respectively and were, as usual, filled to capacity.

Such is the demand for places on the courses that already they are fully booked for the two to be held in April 1972, and a waiting list has been opened for cancellations.



Course of Instruction — 11th - 15th October 1971

Back row: A. P. Wilson, Rotherham Corporation; H. Pearson, Hallowes G.C.; A. Young, Leeds G.C.; D. Jack, Woodhall Hills G.C.; J. Darling, Longniddry G.C.; N. P. Deeble, Wimbledon Common G.C.; W. F. Swirles, Joint Links Committee, St Andrews; J. Dodds, Borough of Bedford; L. M. Bingham, Prestwick G.C. *Middle row:* P. Grice, Coxmoor G.C.; P. Clement, Southernness G.C.; M. Browne, Shannon G.C.; J. B. Monk, Effingham G.C.; J. Stickels, Littlestone G.C.; G. H. Foster, Borough of Bedford; D. A. C. Hood, Links G.C.; M. Garside, Bradford University; C. E. Miller, Woodlands Manor G.C. *Front row:* P. Marshall, Truro G.C.; J. D. Socket, Ashton in Makf'ld G.C.; K. P. Atherton, Coxmoor G.C.; R. Barham, Aldeburgh G.C.; R. H. Fleming, Milngavie G.C.; D. Baines, Doncaster Town Moor G.C.; B. Gregson, Hawtree Memorial Fund; P. Doyle, Clontarf G.C.

Acknowledgements

We regret the omission of acknowledgement to "Turfcraft" in the article "Are You a Good Greenkeeper?" which appeared in the December issue of the Journal.



Course of Instruction — 25th - 29th October 1971

Back row: J. H. Welburn, Pannel G.C.; T. Quigley, Portmarnock G.C.; B. Crighton, Leven Links G.C.; R. E. Waters, Arbroath G.C.; D. Stringer, Shoreham-by-Sea U.D.C.; J. Smith, County Boro' of Bedford; D. Costain, Peel G.C.; E. Batley, Laleham G.C.; P. Lloyd, West Lancashire G.C. *Middle row:* D. Clark, Royal Portrush G.C.; J. Dodds, Ampfield Par Three G.C.; J. Rushton, Boro' of Mossley; B. Mott, Kettering G.C.; G. Flisher, Kent County Council; P. J. Cadigan, Christchurch, New Zealand; D. Bennett, Kent County Council; H. V. Lewis, Copt Heath G.C.; *Front row:* E. M. Dibb, Bradford Education; S. A. Halliwell, Rotherham Corporation; R. McAllister, Alderney G.C.; D. Cruickshanks, Falkirk G.C.; G. Kazer, County Boro' of Bedford; D. Bradshaw, West Lancashire G.C.; J. Donald, Mortonhall G.C.; P. Warman, Kingsdowne G.C.

Under Age

A golfer traditionally receives a salute for "shooting his age". Such feats are something out of the ordinary . . . but not for Bill Diddel of Naples, Florida. At age 87, Bill has accomplished the feat more than 850 times. At age 80, he did it 77 times. At age 81, 119 times. At age 86, 91 times. And since his 87th birthday on June 7th, he has recorded nearly 60 rounds of 87 or better.

In a recent invitational event at Sycamore Springs near Indianapolis, Bill shot a 77 and won the "closest to the pin" trophy. Other memorable achievements include a 69 at Pinehurst at the age of 79, and a 71 at the age of 81. In addition, he scored a 73 at the age of 84 and a 74 at the age of 85.

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REQUIRED BY LANCASTER GOLF CLUB Head Greenkeeper to start 1st April 1972. Salary by arrangement depending on experience and qualification. Apply to the Secretary, Lancaster Golf and Country Club, Ashton Hall, Nr. Lancaster, stating qualifications, experience and salary required.

HEAD GREENKEEPER required for 9-hole course. Free modern flat in clubhouse. Salary subject to negotiation. Preference given to married man whose wife would be willing to assist in clubhouse. Apply stating age and experience to The Hon. Secretary, North Warwickshire Golf Club, Hampton Lane, Meriden, Warwickshire.

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HEAD GREENKEEPER required. Salary by negotiations. Details of past experience, in confidence to The Secretary, Eaton (Norwich) Golf Club, Newmarket Road, Norwich, NOR 29D.

News



from the Sections

GREETINGS

From the President

Best wishes to all members of the B.G.G.A. in 1972. I hope this will be a happy and successful year for you all.

Carl Bretherton.

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From the Chairman

To all members of the British Golf Greenkeepers' Association I send best wishes for a happy Christmas and a prosperous and healthy New Year.

J. Carrick.

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From the Hon. Secretary

To every member of the Association I would like to extend my very best wishes for a happy Christmas and a bright and prosperous New Year.

C. H. Dix.

WELSH

By J. Rees

Chairman:

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

Hon. Secretary:
Neath Golf Club,
Cadoxton, Neath,
Glamorgan.

Greetings

The Welsh Section extends its best wishes for a Happy and Prosperous New Year to our President, Vice-Presidents, to all members of our Association, not forgetting the numerous golf clubs and various trades which support us throughout the year. Best of luck to you all.

MIDLAND

By R. Goodwin

Chairman:
G. HART
(Gay Hill)

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

New Members

I would like to welcome the following new members to the Midland Section: K. Griffiths, head greenkeeper to the Atherstone Golf Club; L. J. Bennett, assistant greenkeeper at Rugby Golf Club; S. J. Edwards and T. H. Neuenhaus of Handsworth Golf Club.

Seasonal Greetings

I would like to extend all best wishes to our president, vice-presidents, trade members and greenkeepers for a very happy Christmas and New Year.

EAST MIDLAND

By S. Fretter

Hon. Secretary:

4 Queens Drive,
Leicester Forest East,
Leicester.

Chairman:
J. CARRICK

Annual Dinner/Dance

Our Annual Dinner/Dance was held at The Empire Hotel, Leicester, on Saturday, 16th October 1971. It was a good attendance and enjoyed by everyone present.

Knockout Competition

Our Knockout Competition was won by Mr R. Willars and the runner-up was Mr O'Hara. The presentation of prizes was at our Annual Dinner/Dance and were presented to the winner and runner-up by Mrs R. Bailey.

Outing

An outing to Messrs Ransome, Sims & Jefferies Ltd. was held on Wednesday, 3rd November 1971, and was attended by 37. We were taken round the works on a tour which was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. Our thanks to the sales manager, Mr J. Wilson, and his staff, including the personnel manager Mr P. Gitsham, Mr D Leg, Mr F. Hambrook, Mr Pope and Mr Flegg. Our thanks also to Mr K. Buckledee and Mr R. Bailey for the arranging of this outing.

Lecture

There will be a lecture given by Fisons next March. The date will be given in the next journal.

Letter from our Retiring President

I would like to express my sincere thanks to S. Fretter, secretary, Mr J. Carrick, chairman, and our treasurer, Mr A. Thornton, all members of the committee and all members of this section for the presentation made to me as your retiring president and I wish Roy Bailey all the very best. I would like to

wish all members of the B.G.G.A. who have been so kind to me in various ways much health and happiness in the years ahead. I should also like to include all firms with whom I had such happy times.

Some of you take little interest in the B.G.G.A., you do not realise what you are missing. If all members in all sections will give support to every activity that is arranged throughout the year by your committee, I believe it would not be long before most golfers knew what the second "G" in B.G.G.A. stands for and progress would follow.

All the best for the new year.

Yours,

John Cook.

New Members

I would like on behalf of the above section of greenkeepers to welcome to this section the following new members: K. P. Atherton, 31 Willow Avenue, Kirkby in Ashfield, Nottinghamshire; P. Grice, 41 Park Street, Kirkby in Ashfield, Nottinghamshire; and C. W. Morley, 1 Water Furlong, Tinwell Road, Stamford, Lincolnshire.

SOUTHERN

Chairman:
C. A. MOORE
(Stanmore)

By F. W. Ford
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68 Salcombe Gardens
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November Lecture

The visit of Bill Finch to the Ship Tavern brought a good crowd of 45 members. Unfortunately Bill's vocal chords were still suffering from the effects of a sore throat and several members complained that they were unable to hear at the back of the room.

However, next month we intend to try a new seating arrangement and if this fails we shall purchase a microphone for the quiet-voiced speakers.

As usual Bill blinded the gathering with seaweed science but I am sure everyone enjoyed the question time which followed. It is amazing what one learns in question time in the Southern Section. I never knew, for instance, that seed could be grown on crude oil! I would like to thank Bill Finch for compiling a very good leaflet entitled "S.M.3 for Sports Turf" which I am submitting for possible publication in the journal.

Our chairman thanked the speaker for coming along and invited him to draw out the two winning tickets of our monthly Benevolent Fund Draw.

The two prizes of £1 each were won by J. Thornton and R. Tempest. Both of these gentlemen handed back the prize money to go into the fund and, coupled with a further gift of £1 from our chairman, the total for the evening amounted to £7.25. Derek Gould, organiser of the draw, informed me that

next month half-bottles of the hard stuff will be the prizes.

February Lecture

This will take place on Wednesday, 2nd February 1972, at the Ship Tavern and will be a lecture and film show by Flymo Ltd. Further details in next month's journal.

New Members

A warm welcome to the following new members who we hope will be able to attend our meetings in the near future: B. J. Allenby (Letchworth), D. J. Bushaway (Royal Wimbledon) and D. F. Golding (Camberley Heath).

Greetings from France

In a letter from Jack Stobbs he wishes to be remembered to all his friends in the Southern Section and hopes to see some of them in the New Year.

NORTH-WEST

By H. M. Walsh

Hon. Secretary:
J. GILLET,
Old Links Golf Club,
(St Anne's Old Links)
Montserrat, Bolton, Lancs.

Lectures

Our sincere thanks to Mr McFarlane of S.A.I. for the very interesting talk he gave on fertilisers, their composition and uses, and for the way in which he put it over so that our younger members were very interested in what he had to say.

The next talk will be given by Mr A. R. Woolhouse, B.Sc., of the S.T.R.I., who will talk on fungal diseases. The venue, Brunswick Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester; date, 6th December; time, 7.30 p.m.

The January talk will be given by G. Smythe of May & Baker, venue as above, date 10th January, time 7.30 p.m.

The February talk will be by Mr P. Wyatt of Patissons Limited, venue and time as above, date 7th February.

Subscriptions

Our treasurer, Mr Janovski, informs me that there are still a number of subscriptions overdue from members, so will those members concerned please do the necessary and help to keep the books O.K.

Best Wishes

On behalf of all members I would like to wish Mr J. Bridges of the Malone Golf Club, Co. Antrim, N. Ireland, a very speedy recovery from his very serious illness. Get well, Jim, and all the best from the section.

New Members

We welcome to the section the following new members and hope their association with us will be long and happy: R. A. Klein, North Manchester Golf Club, and M. E. Taylor, Childwall Golf Club.

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