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Reminiscings 53 Years Ago

Looking back to those years one wonders if things could really have been like that. Take the machinery of those days, a chain driven mower that had to be pushed and pulled over the greens by two men, no ball bearings, just brass bushes for the cylinder to run in. Hard going! You couldn't hope to mow eighteen greens a day. Fairways were mown with larger but similar machines, drawn by a horse.

The course was lucky to be mown full over in one week and grass grew up to one's ears. Greens were full of weeds of every description, weeding was a hands and knees job with daisy diggers when we had the time. A good job players didn't grumble so much. No water for the greens. A gloriously easy time for the staff in hot weather. Greens turned brown and mowing stopped.

We wormed the greens twice a year in February and November, a dirty job having to cart water from the nearest ditch, stream or stand pipe, mixing up various potent liquids, applying with watering can and sweeping up worms of all colours. The situation became as bad again the following year or even within a few weeks if the weather suited them as far as breeding was concerned.

Every greenkeeper was supposed to have his own wonderful fertiliser mixture. There was no one to guide him but if he grew grass he was a wonder. Then if he had time, out on the course with a scythe, trying to cope with the rough and making a few perks from lost golf balls.

Sometimes there were sheep on the course fouling the greens, perhaps up to 200 sleeping at night on one green leaving it covered with droppings which all had to be cleaned off. We accepted this as part of our job (wages thirty bob or less for Head Greenkeeper) and we were moderately happy.

We had our own little golf on Sundays, with our little old bag with Brassy or Baffy, Mid Iron, Mashie, Nibblick and putter and what wonders we did with them, more than we can do with clubs today. The guttie ball was just passing on and "Challengers", "Whynots", etc. were just coming in. What a difference they made!!

I could go on reminiscing but I'm afraid the young Head Greenkeepers of today would get weary if I said any more to prove how fortunate they are to be doing their apprenticeship or being in charge today with the modern machinery, artificial watering, selective weed killing, advice on diseases, the best chemical manures and removal of worms. So I had better stop. But think about it lads.

C.R.C.

Nice to hear from Clarie Cooke again .- Editor.



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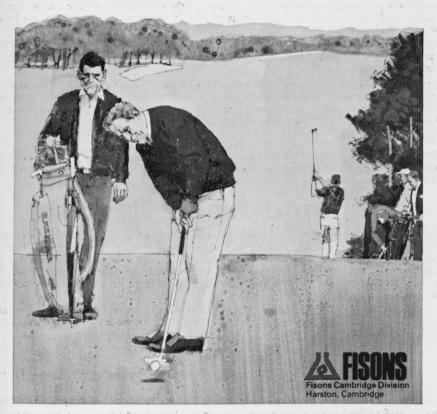
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Editorial Information

The Construction and Maintenance of Ornamental and Sports Turf 3-day Conference/Course at Cornwall Technical College, Poole, Redruth

The first day of this 3-day course was January 27th.

The first lecture was given by Mr. J. R. Escritt, of the Sports Turf Research Institute and was entitled "The Construction/Renovation of Ornamental and Sports Turf Areas". The second lecture of the day on "Aeration" was by Mr. D. A. Tait of SISIS Equipment (Macclesfield) Limited and was illustrated with colour slides.

After lunch Mr. Tait presented a demonstration of variety of SISIS equipment including the Duo-Rotorake, Auto-Turfman, Auto-Outfield Spiker and many hand operated implements. Finally, Mr. Escritt spoke on "Up-to-date approaches to Turf Maintenance and Improvements".

World Leaders in Grass Machinery Make Reciprocal Marketing Arrangement

A marketing agreement has been reached between Ransomes, Europe's largest manufacturer of professional grass cutting machinery and Hahn Inc. of U.S.A., specialists in turf and lawn equipment.

Under the agreement, Ransomes will have exclusive world-wide marketing rights outside North America and Japan for the complete range of Hahn's turf products, and Hahn will have exclusive marketing rights for Ransomes grass machinery products in U.S.A.

To complement the arrangement a convertible loan of $\frac{1}{2}$ million dollars has been made by Ransomes Sims & Jefferies Ltd., to Hahn, thus ensuring a financial link between the two companies.

Managing Director of Ransomes, Mr. Geoffrey Bone, explained that this agreement marked an important development in the marketing strength of both companies. The wide range of specialised grass cutting and turf maintenance machinery now available will considerably strengthen the position of distributors throughout the world.

Editor's Note

Hahn of Evansville, Indiana, U.S.A. manufacture lawn and turf equipment for the professional and domestic user and agricultural machinery. Their annual turnover is approximately \$4,000,000.

Pennfine News Release

Once again a major turfgrass introduction has been announced by the Penn State University team led by Dr. Joseph Duich, professor of turfgrass science. Only two years after the blockbuster introduction of Pennstar Kentucky Bluegrass, Dr. Duich has announced the release of a new fine-leafed ryegrass that promises great things. Called Pennfine Perennial Ryegrass (Lolium perenne), its field tests reveal a number of qualities that ryegrasses have never before exhibited, among them:

It cuts more cleanly than any other fine-leafed perennial ryegrass on the market. Cutting doesn't produce the fibrous "paintbrush" top that quickly turns brown. Instead, Pennfine takes a smooth, attractive cut.

Its leaves are finer than other varieties tested, averaging 2.5 mm for the first mature leaf while others ranged from 2.7 to 5.6 mm.

It has better heat tolerance, density and overall disease resistance. In fact, it ranks first in tolerance to snowmold and leaf spot (Helminthosporium).

Turf superintendents are closely following reports of this new variety's performance, since it seems to offer a means of adding new early-season and late-season beauty to turfgrass stands. As it comes up earlier and persists later than the bluegrasses and fine fescues, Pennfine can lengthen the "good looks" season of any turf.



from the Sections

Special Occasions

- APRIL 20th North East Section Spring Tournament
- MAY 2nd Sheffield Section President's Trophy & AGM
 - 3rd Southern Section Spring Tournament
 - 18th North West Section Spring Tournament
 - 24th Midland Section Spring Tournament
- JUNE 7th East Midland Spring Tournament
 - 12th Northern Section President's Prize
 - 21st Southern Section President's Cup and AGM
- Aug. 14th 15th ANNUAL TOURNAMENT 16th
- SEPT. 19th Midland Section Autumn Tournament

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,

Spring Tournament

As stated in previous issues of the journal, our Spring Tournament will be played over the Hillside Golf Club course at Hastings May 1972 Road, Southport, on Thursday, 18th May. This year, due to a local rule of the club, the competition will be over 27 holes, but 18 will be played in the morning and 9 in the afternoon. The A.G.M. will take place in the evening, after the prize presentation so, gentlemen, please let us have an early start— 9 a.m.—and we all will have a comfortable round before lunch.

Lectures

Our thanks to Mr. Wyatt of H. Pattisson Ltd., for the wide range of equipment he showed to us and the discussion that followed, also for the excellent refreshments provided. This brought to an end the lectures for this winter. Thank you for your support, gentlemen.

MIDLAND

Chairman: G. HART (Gay Hill) By R. Goodwin Hon. Secretary: 4 Burton Old Road, Streethay, Lichfield, Staffs.

Winter Lecture

A very interesting talk was given by Mr. John Hartstone of E. A. Yates & Sons (SAND-BACH) Limited, Cheshire, on Tuesday, 22nd February, at the Kidderminster Golf Club.

Thirty greenkeepers attended the meeting, and Mr. Hartstone gave a detailed account of the most up to date methods of irrigation on the golf course, with the full range of the latest Pop-ups on display.

Greenkeepers were also interested in the method of liquid fertiliser distribution which was now possible with the introduction of a new adapter which could be connected to the Pop-up system.

A most interesting afternoon, thanks to Mr. Hartstone, and the Captain and Committee of the Kidderminster Golf Club for allowing greenkeepers the courtesy of the clubhouse.

Further lectures are being planned for next winter and it is hoped that more greenkeepers will take advantage of these future meetings.

Autumn Tournament

The Autumn Tournament will take place over 27 holes at the Stratford on Avon Golf Club, on Tuesday, 19th September, by kind permission of the Captain and Committee.

Subscriptions

I am surprised to hear from Mr. Cashmore, the Treasurer, that there are still a few subscriptions for 1971 that have not been paid. Please send direct to Mr. Cashmore, 76 Four Oaks Common Road, Sutton Coldfield.

EAST MIDLAND

Chairman: J. CARRICK By S. Fretter Hon. ³Secretary: 4 Queens Drive, Leicester Forest East, Leicester.

Annual Spring Golf Tournament

The annual Spring Golf Tournament will be held at Charnwood Forest Golf Club on Wednesday, 7th June, 1972. The first tee is reserved from 11.0 a.m., as this is a 9 hole course, we shall have to alternate as the early starters reach the 9th green. Would you please let me know by the 1st June, 1972, who will be playing, and also require a meal.

It was agreed at our committee meeting that as each player arrives he will be paired off, this will be done by members of our committee.

Charnwood Forest Golf Club, Woodhouse Eaves, Loughborough

Charnwood Forest Golf Club is situated in one of the highest and most picturesque parts of Leicestershire. It is the oldest Club in the County and the course is unique in the fact that all the hazards are natural and that there are no bunkers.

This letter was sent to us by the Head Greenkeeper of Charnwood, Mr. J. L. Tuckwood. Fisons Lecture

I would like to thank Mr. Lord and Mr. Bowen from Fisons Ltd., for giving us a most interesting lecture and film show, this was held at the Cricket Ground Hotel, Leicester. Also I would like to thank all the greenkeepers and groundsmen that attended that night, as it was about the worst we have had this winter.

Congratulations

I would like to congratulate our Chairman, Mr. J. Carrick, on the presentation he received from the Northampton County Golf Club, for recognition of being Chairman of this Association and also for 17 years' service to the club as Head Greenkeeper. He was presented with a silver salver and a cheque.

Announcement

The President's versus Captain's match will be held at Rothley Park Golf Club on the 6th July, 1972. Further details to follow.

Congratulations

I would like to wish on behalf of this section, our Secretary Mr. S. Fretter, the best of luck in his new job as Head Greenkeeper of Kibworth Golf Club.

R. Bailey, President.

SOUTHERN

Chairman: C. A. MOORE (Stanmore) By F. W. Ford Hon. Secretary: 68 Salcombe Gardens, Mill Hill, N.W.7. Tel: 01-959 2847,

March Quiz

The Quiz got off to a good start with Jack Rennie asking yours truly his stock annual question "how many outstanding subs?". There being only nine I would like to take this opportunity to thank members for their splendid co-operation during 1971-72.

Owing to larger attendance (45 at this meeting) it has been deemed necessary by your Committee to search for larger premises once again. It is hoped that we shall be successful in time for the first meeting in October. I shall be reporting more definitely on this subject in a later journal.

An *Evening News* article referring to the appointment of an Advisor to Golf Clubs during championship tournaments was read by Jock Glass. Jock said this would give Head Greenkeepers the title of "Agronomists". After the meeting had simmered down again it was agreed that the matter should be investigated, the Chairman promising to look into it.

Frank Brittain said a few words on a new aerating-cum-mole draining machine for use on golf greens, etc., SUB-AIR, made by Jacobs. Penetration 7 in. and to be hired only at present, $\pounds 3.50$ per hour— $\pounds 120.00$ per 18 greens.

Ransomes answer to the Toro 70, which the lucky 40 on the coach trip to Ipswich will have viewed for themselves by this time, was also talked about by Stewart Blake of Gibbs. A discussion on modern machinery followed. Re employing the fair sex on golf courses, nobody seemed interested!!

R. Tempest wanted to know how many Head Greenkeepers kept a record of their drainage systems—a small percentage said they did.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to our President and to our Quizmaster, Mr. C. A. Moore.

Mid-Summer's Day Medal and AGM

On Wednesday, 21st June, the Annual General Meeting will take place at the Hendon Golf Club, Devonshire Road, Mill Hill, N.W.7.

As a trial to make the event more interesting, arrangements have been made by kind permission of the Committee of the Hendon Golf Club, to stage an 18 holes Medal Competition there in the afternoon. The The British Golf Greenkeeper President's Cup and prizes will be played for, followed by high tea, A.G.M. and prize presentation.

To enable me to make the necessary catering arrangements etc. members are invited to write in to me stating NAME, Club, LOW-EST HANDICAP and if requiring lunch. Closing date, WEDNESDAY, 7th JUNE. Approximate programme—12 to 2 p.m. Tee Off, 4.30-6 p.m. High tea, 6.15 p.m. A.G.M. 7 p.m. Prize Presentation. Nearest station Mill Hill East, with short bus ride on No.

125. The Draw will be made on Thursday, 8th June, and will be seeded. Competitors will play in threes.

New Members

A warm welcome to the new members whose names are listed below: B. K. Turner (Wentworth), D. R. Sargent (Thames Ditton & Esher Golf Club), G. G. West (Ifield), S. F. Kemp (West Kent), J. O. Lemon (E.P.), G. K. McKee (Fisons), G. Urquhart (Flymo) and S. Blake (Gibbs).

Retirement

"Yours Aye" and all the best to Jimmy Johnston who has retired from Leeds Castle and has gone back to live in Bonny Scotland. Keep in touch, Jimmy.

Bereavement

Our sincere sympathy to Jim Rosin who lost his wife last November.

SHEFFIELD

Chairman: MR. G. HERRINGTON Grzenkeeper Cottage Lindrick Golf Club Lindrick Common near Worksop by H. Gillespie Hon. Secretary: 63 Langsett Avenue, Sheffield 6.

Lectures

The change to afternoon meetings has been quite popular with attendances above normal. The March lecture by Mr. S. Goodsall, of

Plantagenet Seeds, Ltd., on the new "Tana Grass" was attended by 38 members. The next meeting on 6th April at 3.00 p.m. is by Flymo Limited with a demonstration of Toro equipment at the Abbeydale Golf Club.

Best Wishes

I am pleased to report that our chairman May 1972

George Herrington is well on the way to recovery following his recent operation. We send him our best wishes.

President's Trophy

The President's Trophy will be played for at the Abbeydale Golf Club on Tuesday, 2nd May, teeing off from 1.30 p.m. over 18 holes. Entry forms will be distributed and must be returned to enable meals to be booked.

A.G.M.

The Annual General Meeting will be held in the evening following the President's Trophy on 2nd May at the Abbeydale Golf Club, commencing at approx. 7.30 p.m.

New Member

We welcome to the section Michael Lunn of Silkstone Golf Club, and hope he has a long and happy association with us.

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Applications giving full details of experience and the names of two referees to be sent to the Engineer and Surveyor, Council Offices, Lyndhurst, Hampshire, SO4 7PA, by not later than Friday, 22nd May, 1972.

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