

ITINERARY FOR THE STUDY TOUR TO BOSTON

Itinerary for the British Golf Greenkeepers Association Study Tour to Boston for the Golf Superintendents Association of America Annual Convention.

January 1973

Wednesday 10th January depart local airport for Dublin.

11.45 hrs. Welcome lunch hosted by Aer Lingus Irish.

13.00 hrs. Boeing Flight No. IN 113 departs for Boston.

15.35 hrs. Arrive Boston Logan Airport.

Assistance with Customs and entry and transfer to Essex Hotel where accommodation has been booked for three nights on a twin room basis.

Thursday 11th January

Reception by Golf Superintendents Association of America at Convention Building. A three hour sight seeing tour of Boston is also included in this special arrangement.

Thursday to Saturday free entry is available to participants to visit any of the 140 Exhibitors showing equipment. Opportunity will also be available for visits to educational sessions.

Optional tours available together with shopping news will be given to participants who register for the trips.

Saturday 13th January transfer from Hotel to Logan Airport for 21.25 hrs. departure on Shamrock Boeing Flight No. IN 112 for Dublin. Dinner will be served shortly after departure.

Sunday 14th January

09.10 hrs. Arrive Dublin and after breakfast transfer to local airport.

Cost per person £89.00 (subject to confirmation due to present sterling/dollar relationship).

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Letters to the Editor

Flat 20 Eastmoor close
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Sutton Coldfield
7th July 1972

Dear Mr. Hawtree,

I am very interested to read in 'Tee Shots' in the current issue of The British Golf Greenkeeper, your reference to Golf Clubs on Common Land, and in particular, Bulwell Forest (not 'Bitwell') near Nottingham and Sutton Coldfield, Birmingham.

You may be interested to know that I started my golf at the former, and now play at Streetly, Sutton Coldfield, the Sutton Coldfield Club.

What is more interesting, however, is the fact that my Grandfather, Edmund Williamson who was the station master at the Bulwell Forest Railway station, offered the use of his 'parlour' in 1887 to the few gentlemen of Nottingham who decided that Bulwell Common was an ideal place for their game of golf, and his son Tom aged 7 acted as the first caddy, carrying a few clubs (loose) under his arm, and a pocket full of wet sand with which to make the tees.

Son Tom (my own father) eventually became the first Professional of the Notts, Golf Club, at the age of 16, after having learnt the art of Club *and* ball making at North Berwick, Scotland. This was in 1896, he later moved with the Club to its new course at Hollinwell. He remained pro. until his death in 1950, having spent 54 years with one Club, although he had many tempting offers to move elsewhere.

My father was actually appointed on a 3 months' trial basis, and because he never had any further reference to this, he used to joke that he was 'still on trial'.

It is further interesting to note that his first Midland Championship win, one of many, was at the Sutton Coldfield Golf Club in 1897, when he was only 17 years of age.

As leading Midland Professional, on the occasion of the Annual Match with the top Midland Amateurs', he was always drawn to play Carl Bretherton, your President.

Yours sincerely,
Fred Williamson

P.S. I believe there was a time in the early 1900's when it was claimed that my father had designed and made, or altered, nearly every course within a radius of 50 miles of Nottingham.

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Dear Sir,

May I refer to Mr. C. A. Moore's letter in the April issue. I would endorse the opinion of Mr. Adrian Robertshaw (January issue). The automatic pop-up sprinkler system of watering greens only accentuates the development of soft greens, thatch, black slime and fusarium when it and other treatments are abused or neglected.

There can be no doubt that the pop-up system is *the* irrigation system for all modern golf courses. Its use should pose no special problems for progressive greenkeepers. Minor drawbacks may arise on some older courses.

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Yours faithfully,
R. J. LANE

49 Arthur Street
Blairgowrie

Dear Sir,

I reply to Mr. Moore's letter in the April issue of the British Golf Greenkeeper about the pop-up system.

I have read with interest about pop-ups in the magazine and in my opinion soft greens thatch, black slime and fusarium are caused by mis-use of the pop-up system.

I've had this system for two years at Blairgowrie Golf Club and would recommend it to anyone if used sensibly and properly.

The timing clocks in this system are arranged so that every green can be watered individually and each green treated as an individual. All greens are not alike for there are greens that hold water and some that dry out quickly so this means that the head greenkeeper in charge should know his greens and know that when using the system some greens will need two or three minutes while others might need longer and some greens will not require water every time you use the system.

The system was installed to help the greenkeeper through the dry spells and not to be used to soften the greens as the American golfers like them, and more and more British golfers feel the same way. When this happens the only man to blame is the person in charge of the system as in this climate over watering does more harm than good, but I still think it is a great system if used properly.

Yours faithfully,
JAMES LOW
(Head Greenkeeper)

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It was noted that maybe hockey sticks should have been the order of the day during the end of season Bowls Tournament. My sympathies were certainly with the visitors who were clearly bewildered by the fads and fancies of the green.

City in "quagmire" jibe.

**You almost need a
driver on the greens.**

... you might think a 4 foot miss to be inexcusable; but it was merely indicative of the state of the playing surface. As the home captain wryly put it — "It's just not croquet!"

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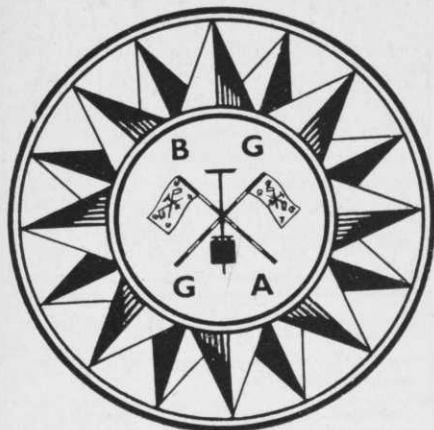
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from the Sections

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EAST MIDLAND

Chairman:
J. CARRICK

By S. Fretter
Hon. Secretary:
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Leicester Forest East,
Leicester

Annual Autumn golf tournament

Will be held at Woolaton Park Golf Club, Nottingham on Tuesday 3rd October 1972. Would you please let me know by 22nd September 1972 if you will be playing and also require a meal.

Third Annual Dinner/Dance

Will be held at The Empire Hotel, Fosse Road, Leicester on Saturday 14th October 1972 at 7.0 pm for 7.30 pm

New members

I would like to welcome to this section the following new members: D. McTurk Esq, 94 Melrose Road, Thringstone, Leics. (Lingdale Golf Club), J. C. Stonebridge Esq, 80 Winslow Drive, Wigston, Leicester. (Glen Gorse Golf Club).

NORTH-WEST

By H. M. Walsh

Chairman:
R. VICKERS,
Leigh Golf Club

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

Autumn tournament

DUE TO THE KINDNESS of the Captain and the Directors of Old Links Golf Club Chorley Old Road, Montserrat, Bolton, our Autumn Tournament will be played over their course Thursday 19th October 1972. The competition will be over 27 holes and, as was decided at the last A.G.M., will consist of 18 holes in the morning and 9 holes in the afternoon. An 18 hole competition will be held for members' guests after the last of the members have driven off in the morning. Please arrive as early as possible. I would also ask members to inform me as soon as possible of their meal requirements so that I can go ahead with catering arrangements. For members without transport the local bus from the bus station, No. 126 to Monserrat Road, will put them off within 100 yards of the clubhouse.

Annual trip

The Annual trip this year will be to the Dunlop factory of the International Sports Co., Speke Hall Avenue, Liverpool, on a date in November which will be given in the next issue of the journal unless I receive confirmation of the date before this issue goes to press. I shall also want the names of members who intend to go on this outing to help the management to make the necessary arrangements for our visit. One other change from last year – we shall be going by car and not by coach, so will any member with seats to spare offer them to members without transport who would like to go on this trip. I am sure convenient picking up points can be arranged. Please note the address and I will let you have the date and time we are expected, as soon as possible.

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Ted Macavoy

Mrs. D. Macavoy, the widow of our late friend Ted, has written to me thanking his fellow greenkeepers everywhere for their sympathy and kindness during their sad loss and also for the flowers and the number of greenkeepers who were able to attend his funeral. She also very kindly wishes the Association every success. Thank you Mrs. Macavoy.

New members

We extend a very warm welcome to the following new members: J. Bee, H. Latham, R. G. Thompson, R. J. Talbot, P. M. Kelly, all of Royal Lytham and St. Annes Golf Club, and M. Holmes of Hesketh Golf Club, Southport. I hope their association with the section will be a happy one.

(See also page 3).

WELSH

By J. Rees

Chairman:
H. FRY

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

A.G.M. and Medal competition

Our Annual General Meeting and Medal Competition were both held at Southerndown Golf Club on Tuesday 27th June 1972. This was a joint venture between ourselves and the Welsh Club Secretaries. As in previous years the Glamorgan County Golf Union entertained us with a delightful meal. We thank them for a very pleasant evening.

Results of our Medal were as follows:-

1st A. Price	Net 66	John Duncan Cup and Gold Watch
2nd M. Clissett	Net 68	Holdall
3rd D. Jones	Net 68	Pullover
4th M. Jones	Net 70	1 dozen golf balls

19-24 Section

1st R. Doubler	Birdie Cup and Shirt
2nd W. Jones	Golf Glove

We thank Mr. Peter Wyatt for taking the Chair and helping with the competition cards. Also we thank Messrs Ransomes, Sim and Jefferies: Mr. J. C. Clay: Mr. I. G. Nichols and Messrs Flymo Ltd., without whom our prize list would look very shabby.

New officers

The following are the new officers for the Welsh Section:

President	Mr. R. N. Bird
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Vice Chairman	Mr. J. Martin, 3 The Glebe, Bishopston, Swansea.

NORTHERN

By Walter Heels

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Autumn outing

A visit to Ransomes, Simms and Jefferies, Ipswich, has been arranged for 7th November 1972. Would all members wishing to participate in this visit please contact the Hon. Secretary as soon as possible.

Buffet Dance

A Buffet Dance has been arranged for Monday 27th November, 8 pm - 1 am at the Knaresborough Town Hall. Tickets may be had on request from the Hon. Secretary at a cost of approx £1.30. Bring as many friends as you can.

MIDLAND

By R. Goodwin

Chairman:
G. HART
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4 Burton Old Road,
Streethay, Lichfield,
Staffs.

Albert Oakley

I regret to inform members that Albert Oakley passed away on Friday 7th July.

Albert was Head Greenkeeper at Moor Hall Golf Club when he retired in 1969, after 30 years service, and was highly respected among the members.

On behalf of Midland Greenkeepers, I wish to extend deepest sympathy to Mrs. Oakley and her daughter in their bereavement.

New members

A warm welcome to the following new members: J. A. Bayliss and R. Naughton, Assistant Greenkeepers at Coventry Golf Club, Finham Park.

SOUTHERN

By F. W. Ford

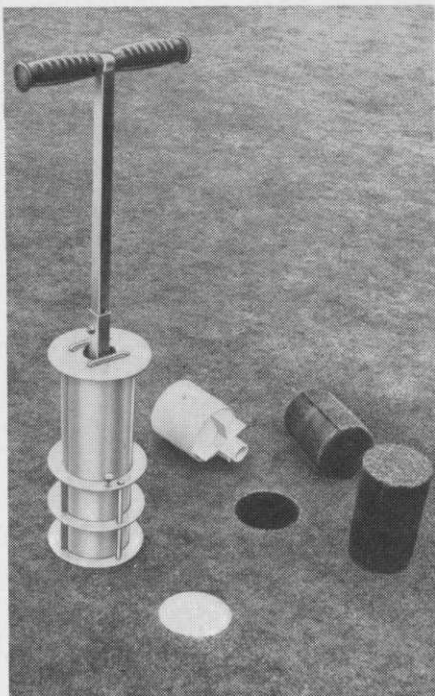
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