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## North East

*Chairman:*  
 MR. J. SIMPSON

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

## Autumn Tournament

Our Autumn Tournament was held on Tuesday, 18th September at the Gosforth Golf Club, by kind permission of their Captain and Committee.

## RESULTS

The best Scratch Score over 27 holes—K. Barrs 110 (Ravenworth). Joseph Miller Salver and Table Lighter.

The Ransomes Cup and Ransomes Watch was won by Mr. G. Thompson (Goswick) for the best nett score of 103.

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| 2nd B. Wilson (Stocksfield G.C.)   | 106½ |
| Blanket  |      |
| 3rd G. Grainger (Durham City G.C.)                                       | 106½ |
| Pair Sheets  |      |
| 4th B. Skipper (Eaglescliffe G.C.)                                       | 108  |
| Travelling Clock   |      |
| 5th T. Nutman (Tynemouth G.C.)   | 109  |
| Bed-spread   |      |
| Mr. Nutman also won the Jack Wroath Trophy for the over 55 years of age. |      |
| 6th C. Baxter (Whitburn G.C.)  | 111  |
| Casserole  |      |
| 7th T. McDonald (Durham City G.C.)                                       | 111  |
| Cigarette Lighter  |      |
| 8th J. Carrs (Dunstanburgh Castle G.C.)                                  | 111  |
| Frying Pan   |      |
| 9th J. Richardson (Stocksfield G.C.)                                     | 112½ |
| Alarm Clock  |      |
| 10th G. Gainford (City Newcastle G.C.)                                   | 114  |
| Holdall  |      |
| 11th T. Oliver (Vice-President)  | 120  |
| Box Towels   |      |
| 12th S. Pope (Tyneside G.C.)   | 121½ |
| Table Lamp   |      |

Our Chairman, J. Simpson, thanked the Committee of Gosforth for the courtesy of the course and clubhouse. He then introduced the Secretary and Vice-Captain of the Club, who kindly consented to present the prizes and say a few words on our behalf. Mr. May the vice-captain who presented the prizes, said how pleased he was to see such a good prize table and hoped that we all had had a good day and invited the Section back to Gosforth any time.

Our Chairman thanked the Steward and Staff for the meals, and Mike Runnacles and his Staff for the very good condition of the course. Our thanks also to the members of the trade and golf clubs who kindly contributed to our prize list.

We welcome to the Section W. F. Holden of Warkworth Golf Club and hope his association will be a happy one.

## Midland

*Hon. Secretary:*  
 R. GOODWIN

*Chairman:* 2, Greenkeepers Cottage,  
 Ashridge Golf Club,  
 Ashridge Park,  
 Berkhamstead, Herts.

G. HART  
 (Gay Hill)

## Trip to Bingley

The coach trip to the Sports Turf

Research Institute, Bingley, followed by a visit to the new Moor Allerton Golf Course, Leeds, turned out to be a very successful venture.

The conducted tour of the Research grounds by Mr. Woodhouse and Mr. Bartle we found most interesting as they pointed out various projects on which the Station are now working. One of the many interesting points arising was the attempt to grow grasses which keep their colour throughout the four seasons. The tour was concluded by a short demonstration of a couple of the latest scarifying machines, followed by a most enjoyable lunch at the Mansion.

From there we travelled to Moor Allerton Golf Club where we were met by Mr. Colin Geddes, Course Superintendent who, after showing us the very latest equipment, which included the new bunker raking machine by Toro, took us on a conducted tour of the Course.

Moor Allerton is without a shadow of doubt, a very fine golf course, layout being both bold and imaginative, an outstanding example by the American Architect, Trent Jones.

I would like to thank Colin for showing us over the course and congratulate him on his efforts.

We had light refreshments in a Clubhouse which matched the course in every way. May we thank the Committee of Moor Allerton Golf Club, for granting us the facilities of the Clubhouse and Course, and arriving back in Birmingham at 10 p.m. we all felt it had been a successful outing.

### January Lecture

There will be a Lecture and Film Show on Tuesday, 15th January, 1974 at Kidderminster Golf Club, 2 p.m. This will be given by Flymo Institutional Division, on Toro Equipment and the film will illustrate up-to-date Greenkeeping methods.

### New Address

Will members please note my new

address:—

2 Greenkeepers Cottage,  
Ashridge Golf Club,  
Ashridge Park, Berkhamsted, Herts.  
(R. Goodwin)

## East Midlands

*Chairman:*  
J. CARRICK

*Hon. Secretary:*  
S. FRETTER  
4 Queens Drive,  
Leicester Forest East,  
Leicester.

The Annual Autumn Golf Tournament was held at Kirby Muxloe Golf Club, on Wednesday, 3rd October, 1973. There was a very good entry. Our thanks to the Captain and Committee for the courtesy of the Course, also to the outside staff and inside staff. The Course was in excellent condition. Our thanks to D. Whitehead for obtaining the prizes, also our thanks to the following for prizes:—

H. Patisson & Co. Ltd., Cannock Fertilisers, Tilcon Ltd., and Sutton & Co., Super Turf.

Prize-winners were as follows:—

### GREENKEEPERS

- 1st G. Darby (Birstall)
- 2nd A. Shaw (Radcliffe-on-Trent)
- 3rd G. Arnold (Erewash)
- 4th B. Mott (Kettering)
- 5th R. Spurr (Erewash)
- 6th M. Lake (Northampton County)
- 7th D. Jack (Leicestershire)
- 8th J. Carrick (Northampton County)
- 9th D. Bagshaw (Stanton-on-the-Wolds)
- 10th S. McNeice (non-Member)

### Lecture

A lecture given by Cannock Fertilisers was held at The Three Nuns Hotel, Loughborough, on 15th October, 1973. There was a good attendance.

### Forthcoming Attractions

#### Quiz.

Film Show by Ransomes.

Spring Golf Tournament, 1974 will be held at Longcliffe Golf Club, Loughborough on Wednesday, 15th May, 1974.

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## Southern

Chairman:  
C. A. MOORE  
(Stanmore)

Hon. Secretary:  
F. W. FORD  
68 Salcombe Gardens,  
Mill Hill, N.W.7.  
Tel: 01-959 2847

### Greenkeepers versus Secretaries at Berkshire

I am happy to report that we had a very fine day for the above match and that the Challenge Trophy is back on my sideboard following a convincing win by the Southern Section team.

The morning foursomes on the Red Course gave us a three-point lead which was maintained by a Half on the Blue Course in the afternoon singles.

Fergus Pearce is to be congratulated on choice of venue; it was a pleasure to play in such beautiful surroundings on such excellent golf courses.

Many thanks to Charles Moore for coming in to make up the team at such short notice.

| a.m.                     |                                | p.m. |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------|------|
|                          | A. Millar (Denham)             | 0    |
| 1                        | K. Eastwood (Durham Park)      | 0    |
|                          | R. Tempest (Darent Valley)     | 0    |
| 1                        | B. Payne (Burnham Beeches)     | 1    |
|                          | G. S. Payne (Maidenhead)       | 0    |
| ½                        | R. Lance (Surbiton)            | 1    |
|                          | D. H. Major (Betchworth Park)  | 1    |
| 1                        | R. Plain (Beaconsfield)        | 1    |
|                          | W. F. Machin (Addington Court) | 1    |
| 1                        | D. S. Gould (Langley Park)     | 0    |
|                          | F. W. Ford (South Herts)       | 0    |
| 0                        | C. A. Moore (Stanmore)         | 1    |
| —                        |                                | —    |
| 4½                       |                                | 6    |
| —                        |                                | —    |
| a.m.                     |                                | p.m. |
|                          | W. E. McCrea (Walton Heath)    | 1    |
| 0                        | C. Haworth (I.o.W. G.U.)       | 1    |
|                          | J. Crowther (Hallanshire)      | 1    |
| 0                        | J. R. Marshall (North Hants.)  | 0    |
|                          | A. J. Acres (Stoke Poges)      | 1    |
| ½                        | L. Griffiths (Sandy Lodge)     | 0    |
|                          | J. Johnson (Basingstoke)       | 0    |
| 0                        | A. R. Bird (Basingstoke)       | 0    |
|                          | J. C. Willcock (Saltford)      | 0    |
| 0                        | J. Adair (Unattached)          | 1    |
|                          | N. H. Russell (Little Aston)   | 1    |
| 1                        | F. A. Peace (A.G.G.S.)         | 0    |
| —                        |                                | —    |
| 1½                       |                                | 6    |
| —                        |                                | —    |
| RESULT: GREENKEEPERS 10½ |                                |      |
| SECRETARIES 7½           |                                |      |

### New Members

A warm welcome to the following new members whose names are listed below:—

S. A. Barrett (Hainult Forest)  
R. T. Heaslip (Hainult Forest)

W. A. Moreton (Ashridge)  
K. Moore (Muswell Hill)  
A. M. Turpin (Salisbury)  
V. J. Thatcher (Orsett)

## Northern

Chairman:  
J. SCOTT  
Wetherby Golf Club

Hon. Secretary:  
WALTER HEELES  
7 Tentergate Close,  
Knaresborough, Yorks  
HG5 9BJ

### Autumn Tournament

The Autumn Tournament of the Section took place at the Scarborough Golf Club, Northcliff on Thursday, 25th October, 1973. Our thanks are due to the Captain, Committee and Members of the Golf Club for allowing us the courtesy of the course and the Clubhouse for the day. Also many thanks to the inside and outside staff for all the hard work that had been put into making this a successful day. I dare not sign off without saying a big thank you to my wife and Mrs. Jeff Mawson for taking good care of the Score cards and the Entry fees. Thank you, girls.

#### The Prize-winners were:

Scratch Prize—D. Ward (Harrrogate G.C.)  
1st Div. 1st Prize—J. Goddard (Gotts Park G.C.)  
2nd Prize—J. Fairhurst (Lincoln G.C.)  
2nd Div. 1st Prize—R. Lambert (Wetherby G.C.)  
2nd Prize—D. Sellers (Scarborough G.C.)  
Vice-Pres. Prize—G. Vaughan, winner on last 9  
J. Turner

### Winter Lectures

The first of the Winter Lectures was held at the Moor Allerton Golf Club on Thursday, 1st November. It took the form of a General Discussion, the theme was "Anything Goes" and it did. The two main topics were the poor educational facilities, and the status of the Golf Greenkeeper. If any members have anything to say regarding these two subjects, please write and let me know. DON'T FORGET, WE WANT YOUR COMMENTS.

### Future Events

Lecture 29th November by Hayters.  
Annual Dinner, 7th December at the Scarcroft Golf Club.

The President and Committee wish all Members a very Happy Christmas.

## North West

|                                    |   |
|------------------------------------|---|
| <i>Chairman:</i>                   | <i>Hon. Secretary:</i>  |
| O. P. JONES,<br>Bramhall Golf Club | H. M. WALSH<br>Horrobin Cottage,<br>Old Links Golf Club,<br>Montserrat, Bolton,<br>Lancs. |

### Autumn Tournament

Our thanks are due to the Captain and Council of Bramhall Park Golf Club for their kindness in granting us the courtesy of their course and facilities of the Clubhouse on the occasion of our Autumn Tournament on the 23rd October. Our thanks also to all prize donors both individual, and from our friends in the trade, to Mr. Wilson, the Head-Greenkeeper and his staff for the excellent condition of the course, to Mrs. Birch for the excellent meals, to Messrs. Wyatt and Vaughan for their very valuable help with the score cards and monies. Our special thanks to the President of Bramhall Park for presenting the prizes in the evening and for the very warm welcome he extended to us on behalf of the Captain and members of the Club.

Thank you all once again.

#### Prize-winners (over 27 holes):

|               |                 |      |        |
|---------------|-----------------|------|--------|
| Scratch Prize | E. Walsh        | 106  |        |
| 1st Nett      | E. Walsh        | 104½ |        |
| 2nd "         | F. Fletcher     | 106  |        |
| 3rd "         | J. Robinson     | 106½ |        |
| 4th "         | R. Janovskis    | 107½ |        |
| 5th "         | R. Lewis        | 109  |        |
| 6th "         | J. Gillett      | 109½ |        |
| 7th "         | P. Chapman      | 110½ |        |
| 8th "         | H. W. Williams  | 113½ |        |
| 9th "         | H. M. Walsh     | 114  | C.P.O. |
| 10th "        | R. Bruckshaw    | 114  |        |
| 11th "        | T. M. Holmes    | 114½ |        |
| 12th "        | R. Vickers      | 117  | C.P.O. |
| 13th "        | K. M. Greenwood | 117  |        |

Visitors' Prize: D. Large over 18 holes, 71 Nett. Over 50's: R. Lewis, 109 for 27 holes. Prize for best aggregate over the last three competitions, total 81 holes = 326½ — E. Walsh. Prize for best aggregate over the Spring and Autumn Competitions 1973 — E. Walsh, 215 over 54 holes.

### Lectures

The first of our current series of winter talks was given by T. L. Hewitt of the Langton Service Branch of Charles H. Pugh (Atco) who gave us a very interesting talk on the Tecumet engine, for which we thank him, and also for the refreshments both liquid and solid provided. Thank you, Les.

Our December talk will be given by Mr. J. Cogan of Flymo on the 10th December, and the January talk by 'SIS' on the 13th January, 1974.

### New Members

We welcome to the Section the following new members and hope their association with us will be long and happy.

- J. Troughear, Denton Golf Club,  
A. Bosward, Barrow Golf Club,  
C. John, Barrow Golf Club, Barrow,  
J. D. Costain, Peel Golf Club, Peel,  
C. Lunt, Eaton Golf Club, Chester,  
P. T. Jackson, Warrington Golf Club, Appleton, Ches.  
A. H. Wilson, Bramhall Park Golf Club, Bramhall, Ches.

### Season's Greetings

I would like, on behalf of the members of the North West Section, to wish a Very Happy Christmas and really Good New Year, to our President, the Editor, Hon. Secretary, and Greenkeepers everywhere at home and abroad.

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# GREETINGS

## From the President

Best wishes to all members of the Association and I hope that 1974 will be a good year for the B.G.G.A.

Carl Bretherton



## From the Chairman

I wish all our members and their families a most enjoyable Christmas, with the best of luck and good fortune in the New Year.

I. Scoones



## 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



## SITUATIONS VACANT

### Experiment Ground Superintendent

Experienced groundsman, green-keeper, or other person familiar with turf maintenance required to fill the above interesting and responsible post at the St. Ives Research Station, Bingley. The position involves supervision of over 10 acres of experimental plots of turf and co-operation with technical staff in laying down new trials and recording existing ones. Salary to be negotiated. Pension scheme in operation. Further details from and applications to:

The Secretary,  
The Sports Turf Research Institute,  
Bingley,  
Yorkshire BD16 1AU.

### HEAD GREENKEEPER

required for new golf course in Suffolk. Excellent salary, accommodation, etc. Only experienced greenkeepers need apply giving full details to **Calglade Ltd.**, Beadlow Manor, Shefford, Beds. Tel. Silsoe 60800.

### BOROUGH OF TAMWORTH

#### Tamworth Municipal Golf Course Appointment of

### HEAD GREENKEEPER

Applications are invited for the post of Head Greenkeeper for an 18-hole Golf Course now under construction. It is anticipated that maintenance of the Golf Course will commence this year and that it will be opened for play in 1975.

Wages with bonus will be approximately £33 per week with a further award pending, plus a new house which will be offered rent and rate free.

Further details and application forms may be obtained from:

The Parks Superintendent,  
Park House,  
Wigginton Park,  
Tamworth.  
Tel: Tamworth 62142

and completed forms should be returned to him by 28th December, 1973.

## Greater Peterborough

The building of the new city of Greater Peterborough involves expanding the population from 86,000 in 1970 to 182,000 in 1985. It also involves creating a wide range of facilities for recreation. The first new 18-hole golf course, to open in 1975, is now being built in the 2,000 acre park being developed along the River Nene.

## Golf Course Supervisor

at a salary of £2,229 to £2,532  
(possibly higher for an outstanding applicant).

Applications are invited from fully experienced greenkeepers for this post. The task will be to take charge of the maintenance and the continuing improvement of the 18-hole course now under construction.

Applicants should have a complete working knowledge of modern golf course maintenance and improvement techniques, be capable of arranging and efficiently executing all the work involved and be equipped to manage and to lead by example his supporting staff.

Generous assistance is given with the cost of moving home; temporary subsistence and travel allowance; free life assurance for staff with dependants, and superannuation scheme or pension fund options. Rented housing will be available, and there is a range of houses in the area to buy at comparatively favourable prices.

Application forms (returnable by 10th December, 1973) from

General Manager  
Peterborough Development  
Corporation,  
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