

of course, a return visit by a limited number from England. The world is not big these days as far as travel is concerned.

We do, in fact, raise funds here on Open Golf days to make this sort of thing possible—to go to New Zealand and Inter State. With Air Travel the job is simple, it is just a matter of finding funds.

Best wishes to the B.G.G.A., and may the 1974 Season be a good one for all my fellow Greenkeepers.

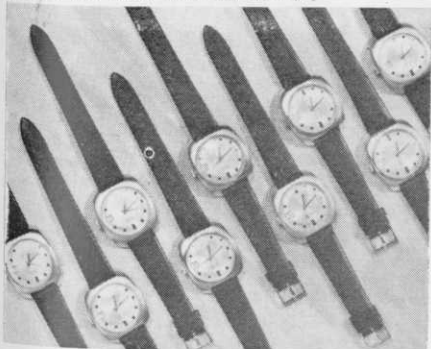
Kind regards,

(signed) LEN PARTRIDGE"

REGIONAL TOURNAMENTS

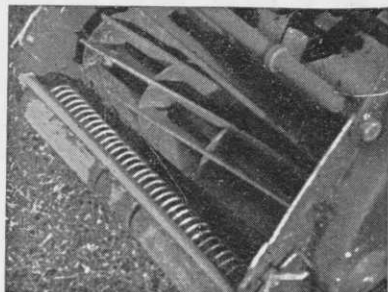
Once again our regional tournaments are under way and our members will be competing in all parts of the country for numerous prizes, perhaps none more coveted than winning one of the Ransomes Watch.

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EXTRACTS FROM THE REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT OF THE SPORTS TURF RESEARCH INSTITUTE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 1973.

GOVERNMENT SUPPORT FOR RESEARCH

During 1973 there were several satisfactory developments from the campaign mounted in 1972 to obtain Government support for turfgrass research. In July 1973 the Department of the Environment commissioned the Natural Environment Research Council to form an Amenity Grass Committee to undertake a review of all research needs for turfgrass for sport and amenity use. The Chairman of the Committee is Professor A. D. Bradshaw of Liverpool University and the Director is one of the members. The Committee is being served by a Scientific Officer to assemble information and draft the report. The work is likely to take two years, but at its first meeting the Committee recognized the specially urgent need for extension trials of cultivars and mixtures. As a result of its recommendations, the Institute was informed, at the end of 1973, that funds would be available from the N.E.R.C.—for a period of two years initially—to appoint technical officers and make arrangements for such trials. At the time of preparing this report (March 1974), appointments are being made and arrangements are in hand for the first extension cultivar trials to be sown in 1974.

ACTIVITIES

(i) Research

A high proportion of the Experiment Ground was given to cultivar testing and mixture trials. A report on ryegrass and timothy trials was prepared for the 1973 Journal, although a great deal of data from recent cultivar and mixture trials still remains to be written up. Extensive new trials of bent, covering 40 cultivars, were sown in 1973 in a range of trials giving four levels of treatment—from the closest mowing to uncut row plots. A trial of crested dogstail was also sown. For two main areas of sowing, the soil was sterilized to eliminate annual meadow-grass, and this gave such an improvement in the cleanliness of plots that it seems important to make it a regular treatment in future, in spite of the cost.

Three trials with a slow release nitrogen fertilizer were undertaken by the Biologist, with some student help, and these are reported in the 1973 Journal. The manufacturer has asked for the trials to continue for another year and has given a substantial grant to help with this work.

Testing of fungicides has continued and has been reported in the Journal. This routine testing depends on the weather and other uncontrollable factors providing sufficient natural infection on the Experiment Ground for trials to be made.

Herbicide work has been limited to a practical field test, supported by a small trade grant, of the use of dazomet for preparing seedbeds free of annual meadow-grass, and a trial to assess the long-term effect of bensulide on fine turf when applied to prevent germination of seeds of annual meadow-grass.

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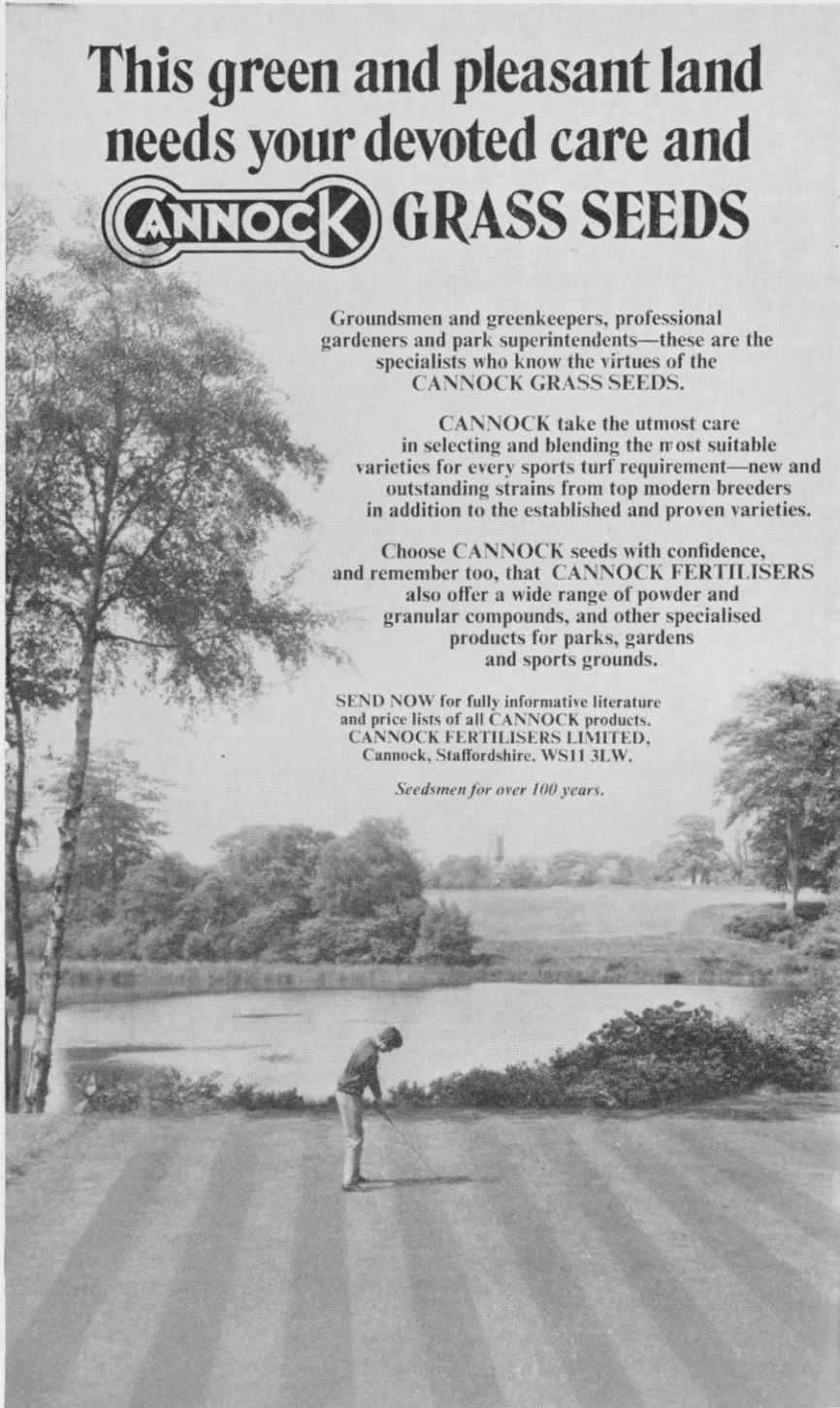
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The trial of permeable soil mixes, mentioned in the previous Report has continued and results have been written up by a member of the Soil Science Unit of the University of Wales at Aberystwyth for the 1973 Journal.

(ii) Advisory

The outstanding problem on the maintenance side was undoubtedly that associated with excess of fibre (mat or thatch) at the surface of fine turf areas such as golf greens and bowling greens. An associated problem was the rather frequent occurrence of a fungal condition in which certain basidiomycetes attacked the fibre in patches and caused uneven surfaces.

(iii) Education and Publications

We have held six one-week courses of instruction for groundsmen and greenkeepers (three in the spring and three in the autumn) and in addition, in co-operation with the Institute of Corn and Agricultural Merchants, we held in November a special 2½ day course for seedsmen connected with the amenity grass seed trade.

Outside engagements included a number of evening lectures for branches of the Institute of Groundsmanship and sections of the British and Scottish Golf Greenkeepers' Association, and also the annual short lecture.

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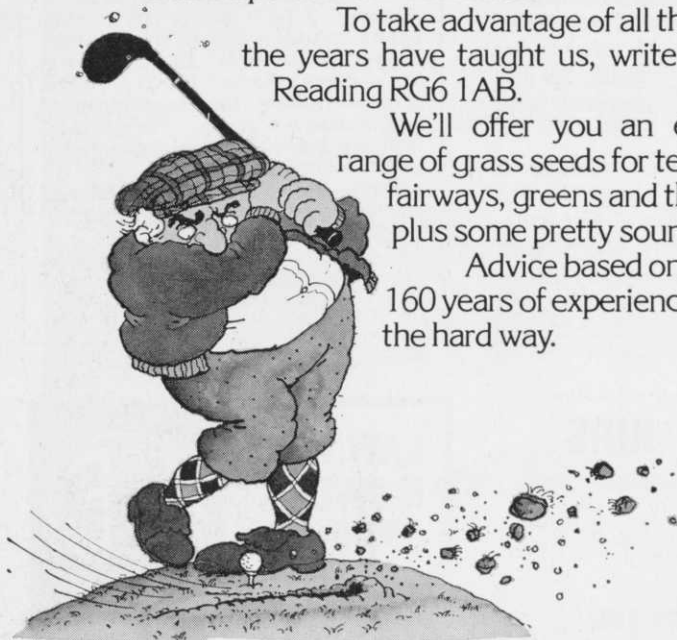
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To Balance Brought Forward	20	33
„ Registration Fees	109	00
Transfer From Deposit Account	50	00
			<u>£179</u>	<u>33</u>

DEPOSIT

To Balance in Hand	...	...	...	166	52
„ Interest	...	...	...	...	51
„ Interest	...	...	...	...	95
„ Interest	...	...	...	3	38
			<u>£171</u>	<u>36</u>	

PAYMENTS

By Advertising:—					
Golf World.					
Golf Monthly.					
Harmsworth	...	...	...	57	15
„ Secretary's Honorarium	...	...	...	25	00
„ Printing	...	...	...	52	35
„ Petty Cash	...	...	...	15	00
„ Registration Refund	...	...	...	2	50
„ Balance at Bank	...	...	...	27	33
			<u>£179</u>	<u>33</u>	

ACCOUNT

Transfer To Current Account	...	...	50	00
Balance in Hand	...	...	121	36
			<u>£171</u>	<u>36</u>

PETTY CASH ACCOUNT**YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER 1973****Receipts**

Cash in Hand	...	...	...	9	25
March 12th chq	...	...	...	10	00
August 3rd chq	...	...	...	5	00
				<u>£24</u>	<u>25</u>

Expenditure

Postage	...	...	...	13	57
Stationery	...	...	...	6	71½
Stamps in Hand	...	...	...	23	½
Cash in Hand	...	...	...	3	73
				<u>£24</u>	<u>25</u>



Special Occasions

- June 5 Southern—A.G.M. and 18-Hole Medal Dulwich & Sydenham G.C.
- 12 Northern - President's Prize.
- 13 Midland Section—President's Match v Greenkeepers Handsworth—4 p.m.
- 25 Welsh Section—A.G.M.—John Duncan Cup Southerdown G.C.
- July 3 Southern v Midland Match — Crew Hill G.C.
- 15 Midland Summer Tournament 10 a.m. A.G.M. 4 p.m. Habberley Golf Club.
- Sept. 1 CARL BRETHERTON BOWL—Handsworth.
- 6 Southern Section Buffet/Dance — West Essex G.C.
- 11 Welsh Section—President's Shield—Pennard G.C.
- 11 Southern — Autumn Tournament — Burnham Beeches.
- 18 East Midland—Autumn Golf Tournament Chilwell Manor Golf Club.

- 18 Midland Section — Autumn Tournament Handsworth Golf Club.
- 26 North-East Section — Autumn Tournament Tyneside Golf Club 27-Hole — 9 a.m.
- 30 B.G.G.A. 1974 ANNUAL TOURNAMENT and A.G.M. Isle of Purbeck Golf Club, Studland, Swanage, Dorset.
- Oct. 10 Southern Section — Secretary's Match Stoke Poges Golf Club.

North East Section

Chairman:
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Durham.

Our Spring Competition was held at the Berwick-upon-Tweed Golf Club on Thursday 18th April, by kind permission of the Captain and Committee.

Results :

The winner over 18 holes was—D. Faulder (Blyth Golf Club) nett 74, Salver and Alarm Clock. 2nd K. Barrs (Ravensworth) 76 and 3rd—C. Baxter (Bolden G.C.) 78. Our Chairman, Mr. J. Simpson thanked the Captain and Committee for the courtesy of the Course and the Clubhouse. He then introduced Mr. Mackay, a vice-president and the oldest playing member of the club who had kindly consented to present the prizes, in place of the Captain who was on holiday. Mr. Mackay said how pleased he was to have the Section play the Course and that he would like to see us return in the future.

Thanks to Tom Marr for handling the raffle, and to the Steward and Stewardess for the splendid meal.

The Autumn Tournament will be held at the Tyneside Golf Club on Thursday 26th September 1974; this being a 27-hole event, teeing off approx. 9 a.m. Lunch and Tea can be ordered. Members wishing to play, please let me know nearer the day, so as to give me some idea of how many meals to order.

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APRIL LECTURE

Not being at the above, I cannot make a report but I understand from Don Major, our Vice Chairman, that Bert Jennings of Flymo Ltd., laid on a very interesting evening with projection slides etc. There was a good attendance and the Benevolent Fund Raffle raised £7.00.

New Members

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

F. R. THORBES (Middleton Ltd)
P. E. CROUCHER (Flackwell Heath)
P. K. CREAMY (Porters Park)
H. TORBET (Brickenden Grange) and S. T. TAYLOR (Fulwell Golf Club).

Fire-less Cooking

A businessman who uses the "fire-less-cooking technique" on practically all his problems, uses his golf game as a regular part of his working technique. The following paragraph from one of this man's letters is a short course in combining golf and business.

"I've learned how to make a golf game pay for the time it takes. Instead of letting myself work up to the hour when I'm to leave for the links, without any thought of what I want the afternoons mental relaxation to do for me, I make a point, before leaving

the office, to dig into some problem just far enough to get the elements lined up clearly in my mind or on paper. Then I put them out of my conscious thought—shove them back into the subconscious—and forget them while I play golf. As a matter of fact, one cannot think consciously about business problems out on the links (I know, because I've tried). The problem simmers away, sometimes it is all "cooked" into a solution by the time I'm back in my street clothes, sometimes it isn't. But I have noticed that following an afternoon of golf, the solution is nearly always ready by the time I reach my desk the next morning, and I know my afternoon was not wasted. Since I've learned this 'fire-less cooking' technique, I always think of my country club as my eighteen-hole office . . . The trick is focusing on the problem for half an hour or so before you leave the office and cutting it up into small pieces for easier "cooking".

Having got this excerpt on to paper. I'm off to a game of golf for a solution to my problem of how to collect outstanding subscriptions and dinner ticket money, after the dinner has been eaten !!!

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Spring Tournament

Our Spring Tournament was held at Pontypridd Golf Club on Tuesday 23rd April. The weather conditions being sunny with a bit of wind, made the golf a little tricky.

Our Vice Chairman, Mr. Arthur Price thanked the Captain and Committee for allowing us to play over their course. Thanks were also given to the indoor staff for looking after us so well. The Prizes were presented

by the Captain of Pontypridd Golf Club. The following were the prize winners:—

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3rd J. Rees 115½ nett
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4th T. M. Jones 116 ½ nett
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