

course to rights afterwards) but we could use the union to negotiate a national status for Greenkeepers and Assistants. This would cover wages, training, restrooms, toilet and washing facilities (often neglected by employers) and pension schemes etc.

The union would increase the membership of the B.G.G.A. by leaps and bounds with obvious benefits not only to the B.G.G.A. but to training and stimulation of standards and recruitment generally.

Thank you for your time.

Yours faithfully,  
B. Pile  
(Greenkeeper)

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## NEWS

A new, simple to operate trencher having a digging capacity of up to 8" wide and up to 3 ft. deep is introduced by **Trenchex of Uttoxeter.**

The 10 + 2 is powered by a 10 H.P. Kohler air cooled engine which delivers equal torque to both wheels for efficient drive and trenching. With the transmission in low range the right digging speed through the 4 speed transaxle can be matched exactly to soil conditions. Electric start adds safety and easy starting even in cold weather. Shock load protection is provided through a slipping belt.

All controls are grouped continuously together at the rear of the machine, the digging boom is raised and lowered with an easy to operate crank handle. At less than 36" wide the 10 + 2 can travel almost anywhere.

The chain and teeth are common to other Davis trenchers.

Delivery is from stock at Uttoxeter.

A new product for the treatment of fungal diseases is announced by Duphar-Midox.

It is Daconil 2787 Flowable—a liquid formulation of the product which has been available up to now as a 75 per cent wettable powder.

Main benefits of the liquid formulation are claimed to be:—

- \* Greater efficiency due to the speeding power.
- \* Less visible deposit.

Daconil 2787 covers a range of fungal problems over a variety of crops and turf.

Final drainage improvements to Poult Wood Golf Course, Tonbridge have recently been completed. The course was built from land which was 90% wooded three years ago, and the drainage then installed on all fairways consisted of PVC coiled drains alongside each fairway and the fairway mole-ploughed to create waterways to these mains. This has worked quite well on most fairways, but nos. 10, 16 and 17 have been presenting bad drainage problems, so Mr Humphries, the Parks and Cemetary's superintendent of Tonbridge and Malling District Council decided to make improvements. He chose WAVIN-FLOW pipes from Trenching Plastics Ltd., of Colne Road, Coggeshall, Colchester, Essex in 50mm and 70mm sizes. 5,000 ft of 50mm and an equivalent amount of 70mm Wavinflow was used.

Two men, using a Ditch Witch put in the drains in 45 hours, including backfilling with  $\frac{3}{8}$ " pea, gravel topping off the last  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " with sand and soil mix. The average run length of these laterals was 40 yards.

Mr Humphries stated that the drainage on fairways 10, 16 and 17 is now 100% efficient.



## Special Occasions

- Nov. 5 South Coast Section  
1st Winter Lecture—  
Alresford G.C. Time 7  
p.m. Talk arranged T.  
Parker. Topic: Sisis  
Equipment.
- 6 Southern Section Lec-  
ture — Whitbreads So-  
cial Club. Time 6.30  
p.m.
- 18 North-West Section 1st  
Winter Lecture — G.  
Vaughan. Ransomes,  
Sims & Jefferies.  
Swinton Park G.C.  
Time 7.30 p.m.
- Dec. 3 South Coast Section  
Film "Grasses"—J. H.  
Franks Twyford Seeds.  
Alresford G.C. Time 7  
p.m.
- 4 Southern Section Lec-  
ture — Whitbreads So-  
cial Club. Time 6.30  
p.m.
- 9 North-West Section  
Lecture—H. Patisson  
& Co. Swinton Park  
G.C. Time 7.30 p.m.

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- Jan. 7 Midland Section—  
Panel/G'keeper/Trade  
Rep. "Question Time".  
Edgbaston G.C. Time  
2 p.m.
- 8 Southern Section Lec-  
ture—Whitbreads So-  
cial Club.
- Feb. 4 Midlands Section Lec-  
ture — Mommersteeg  
Int. Kings Norton.  
Time 2 p.m.

## SOUTH COAST SECTION

*President:*  
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Mr. J. H. Franks, Sports Turf Manager of Twyford Seeds Limited will be giving a talk illustrated by a film on the Barenbrug range of grasses on Tuesday, 3rd December, 1974 at Alresford Golf Club at 7 p.m. All members and guests are invited to attend.

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

L. M. Mileham and R. L. Shaft-shaft (Vice-Presidents).

Tim Mortimer J. T. Lowe (Longham) Limited (Hon. Member).

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3rd Nett	A. Kite (6 Gin & Tonic Glasses)	35½ + 74 = 109½
4th Nett	R. Goodwin (6 Tumblers)	38 + 72 = 110
5th Nett	A. Cutler (Garden Sun Lounger)	32½ + 78 = 110½
6th Nett	T. Morris (4 Tumblers)	42½ + 69 = 111½
7th Nett	T. Cutler (Beer Mug)	37 + 77 = 114
8th Nett	T. Jones on last 9 (Beer Mug)	38 + 77 = 115
9th Nett	G. Hart (Beer Mug)	38 + 77 = 115
10th Nett	A. Boraston (Beer Mug)	37½ + 78 = 115½
11th Nett	R. Chandler (Cigarette Lighter)	37 + 79 = 116
12th Nett	W. Marnock (Pullover)	36 + 81 = 117
13th Nett	R. Smith (Bottle Whiskey)	35½ + 82 = 117½
14th Nett	C. Frost (Trouser Press)	36 + 82 = 118
15th Nett	D. Haynes (Bottle Port)	40½ + 79 = 119½
16th Nett on last 9	G. Scrutton (Cigars)	44 + 76 = 120
17th Nett	B. F. Ashby (Bottle White Wine)	36 + 84 = 120
18th Nett	R. Pullen (Bottle Red Wine)	37½ + 83 = 120½

## EAST MIDLAND SECTION

Chairman:  
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4 Queens Drive,  
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Leicester.

### Annual Autumn Golf Tournament

The Annual Autumn Golf Tournament was held at Chilwell Manor Golf Club on Wednesday 18th September 1974. There was a very good entry. Our thanks to the Captain and committee for allowing us the courtesy of the course, to the outside staff for an excellent course and to the inside staff for a lovely meal. Our thanks also to Mrs. Darby and Mrs. Mott for the cards and raffle, to Mr. W. Cole and Mr. R. Willars for the starting, to Mr. G. Darby for the cards. Also to Mr. & Mrs. I. Toon for the buying of the prizes. Our thanks to Tillcon Ltd. Bentley Ltd. Cannock Fertilisers. Mr. Bird, Mr. A. Thornton. The Captain of Chillwell. Sutton and Sons. H. Pattinson & Co. for the prizes.

The winners were as follows:—

#### Greenkeepers

	Nett.	HDC
1st D. Warrington (Birstall)	68	24
2nd D. Jack (Leicestershire)	68	18
3rd B. Mott (Rothley)	70	10
4th F. Frost (Derby MC)	72	15
5th G. Dunkley (Northampton)	73	24
6th G. Darby (Birstall)	73	6
7th A. Shaw (Ratcliffe)	73	14
8th J. Goddard (Mapperley)	74	15
9th M. Lake (Northampton)	76	24
10th J. King (Scraftoft)	77	24

#### Vice President

1st P. Kelham	72	11
2nd T. Dauccia	73	18

#### Visitors

1st A. Morris	72	11
2nd C. Warrington	72	24

## MIDLANDS SECTION

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Owing to a regrettable oversight the following item was omitted from the Annual General Meeting Report in the September edition of the journal.

The Midland Section would like to express their gratitude to the retiring auditors, Eric Ballinger and Ken Sargeson, who have generously given their time and effort to our Section for so long.

### Autumn Tournament

The Autumn Tournament was held at the Handsworth Golf Club on Wednesday 18th September. Scores and Prize Winners over 27 holes are given on the following page.

The prizes were presented by the Captain of the Handsworth Golf Club, Mr. Alan Spalding, who welcomed the Midland Greenkeepers to Handsworth and hoped everyone had enjoyed the day.

Our Chairman, V. Smith thanked Mr. Spalding and the members of the Club for allowing our members the courtesy of the course and Club house for the day. He told the Captain and members of the Club how delighted the Greenkeepers were with the splendid display of Stuart Crystal glass which the Handsworth G.C. had donated as prizes. He thanked the Steward and Stewardess for the meals and service and Peter Whyatt and Bill Payne who helped so much with the paper-work and Score cards. He paid tribute to the rest of the green staff who, with himself, had got the course into such fine condition. We are indebted to the following Prize donors:—

## Winter Educational Meetings

**January:**—A Forum will take place at the Edgbaston Golf Club on 7th January 1975 commencing at 2.00 p.m. A Panel of experienced Greenkeepers and Trades representatives will answer your questions.

**February:**—A Lecture will take place at the Kings Norton Golf Club on 4th February commencing at 2.00 p.m. The subject of the lecture being "The modern cultivars of grass seed for Golf Courses." The speaker will be from Mommersteeg International.

Members of the Section would be well advised to attend these meetings as I am sure you will find them most beneficial.

A. Kite, Secretary.

## SOUTHERN SECTION

### *Chairman:*

F. W. FORD  
(South Herts)

### *Secretary:*

F. W. FORD, ESQ.,  
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Tel: 959-2847

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to Members of the British Golf Greenkeepers Association everywhere.

## Autumn Tournament

A warm welcome was extended to all at the Burnham Beeches G.C. on the occasion of our 1974 Autumn Meeting. Fine golfing weather and a course in first-class condition, thanks to Brian Payne and a Steward, who worked wonders with 112 to cater for, all contributed towards making our day a day to remember.

Other contributions came from David and John who organised the cards and raffle etc., their much valued services were never more appreciated.

Our thanks also to Robert H. Andrews for adding two glass tankards towards the prize-giving and to

Maxwell Hart and Huxleys Garden Machinery for bottles of scotch and the Benevolent Fund Raffle.

The prizes were presented by the Captain of the club, Mr. Glyn-Jones and the day concluded with splendid comedy entertainment by Ronnie Twist.

## New Members

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

M. F. JOHNSON (Surbiton), A. J. BAKER (Dereham) and G. F. HAYES (Sth. Herts).

## Obituary

Members will be sorry to learn that Jimmy Ness passed away in hospital on Saturday 7th September. Jim, a Southern Section Committee man for many years, was known, respected and liked by members in all Sections of the B.G.G.A., and he will be greatly missed.

Special tribute was paid to him at the Croydon Crematorium service at which the Southern Section was represented by David Craig, George Hitchcock and George Brown. Our deepest sympathy has been expressed by letter to Mrs. M. Ness and the following received:—

"Dear Mr. Ford,

Will you please convey my sincere thanks to the members of the Southern Section of the B.G.G.A. for the beautiful wreath for Jim, sent on their behalf.

How he loved to attend the meetings and to meet all his friends. He used to say he always found something new to be learned about greenkeeping. Dave Craig told me that a tribute was to be paid to his memory after the prize-giving, and it gives his brother, sister and myself great comfort to know he had earned the respect of his fellow greenkeepers".

## Tournament Results

<b>Best Morning</b>	Mr. J. Farrington & A. P. Viney	(Frilford Hth)	40 points
<b>„ Afternoon</b>	M. B. Piggott & A. D. Piggott	(Henley)	36 „

## 36 Aggregate

1st	A. A. Collis & A. L. Waring	(Sonning)	81 „
2nd	M. D. Piggott & A. J. Hanan	(Henley)	77 „
3rd	M. B. Newcombe & M. St. John	(Woodcote)	76 „
4th	J. C. Newman & J. Reeves	(Downshire)	75 „

## 1975 Activities

JANUARY	8th	Lecture Whitbreads	6.30 p.m.
FEBRUARY	5th	„ „	„
MARCH	5th	„ „	„
„	21st	ANNUAL DINNER	Walton Heath.
MAY	14th	Spring Tournament	South Herts.
JUNE	11th	A.G.M.	Venue to be arranged.
JULY		Midland v. Southern Match	
SEPT.	9th	Autumn Tournament	Walton Heath.
OCTOBER	8th	Secretaries Match	Venue to be arranged.

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