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Mr. J. Escritt, Director of the Sports Turf Research Institute at Bingley, Yorkshire, has asked us to point out to readers that the series of articles about the work of the Institute published in the Greenkeeper recently (the last was in our June issue) were taken from a paper he gave to the Greenkeepers in October, 1973.

DIARY DATES

- Aug. 28 N.E. Section. Autumn Tournament, Gosforth G.C.
- Sept. 9 Southern Section Autumn Tournament, Walton Heath G.C.
- Oct. 6 N.W. Section Autumn Tournament, Bury G.C.
- Oct. 7 Southern Section Secretary's Match, Beaconsfield G.C.
- Oct. 7 East Midland Section. Lecture by Johnsons Seeds Rothley Park G.C.
- Nov. 4 East Midland Section. Lecture on Drainage by Chipman Ltd. Longcliffe G.C.
- Dec. 2 East Midland Section. Lecture by S.T.R.I. on Greens and Tee Construction Leicestershire G.C.
- Dec. 12 South Coast. Christmas Dinner Dance, Hythe.

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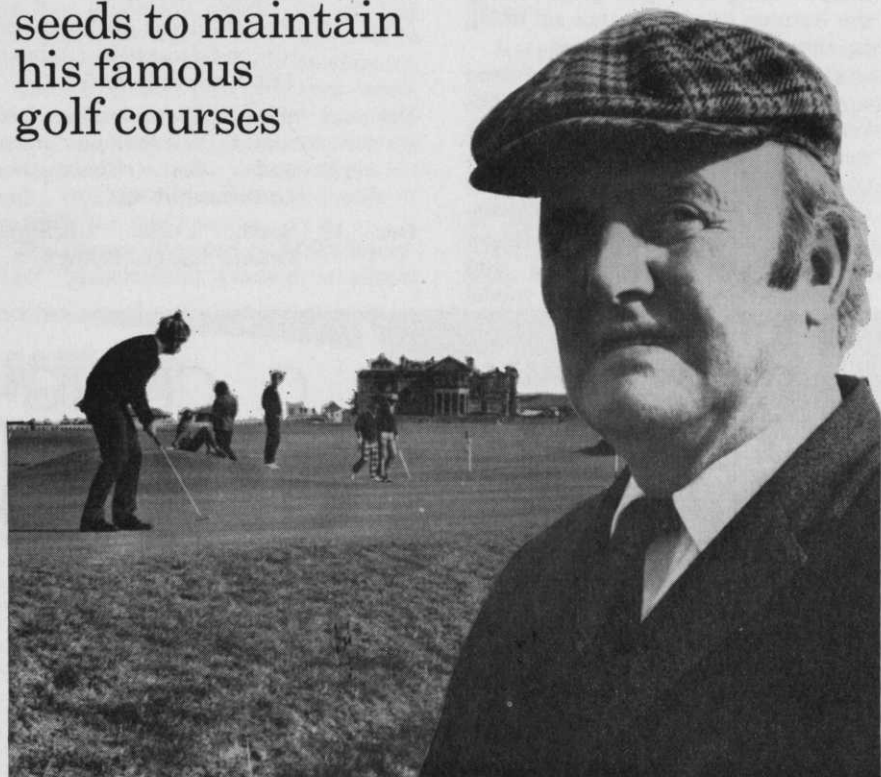
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There is a total Greenkeeping staff of six who have done extensive drainage to the course over the years. This has considerably improved the playing conditions, particularly those most affected by the clay subsoil. Trees of various types have been planted and this is a continuing operation.

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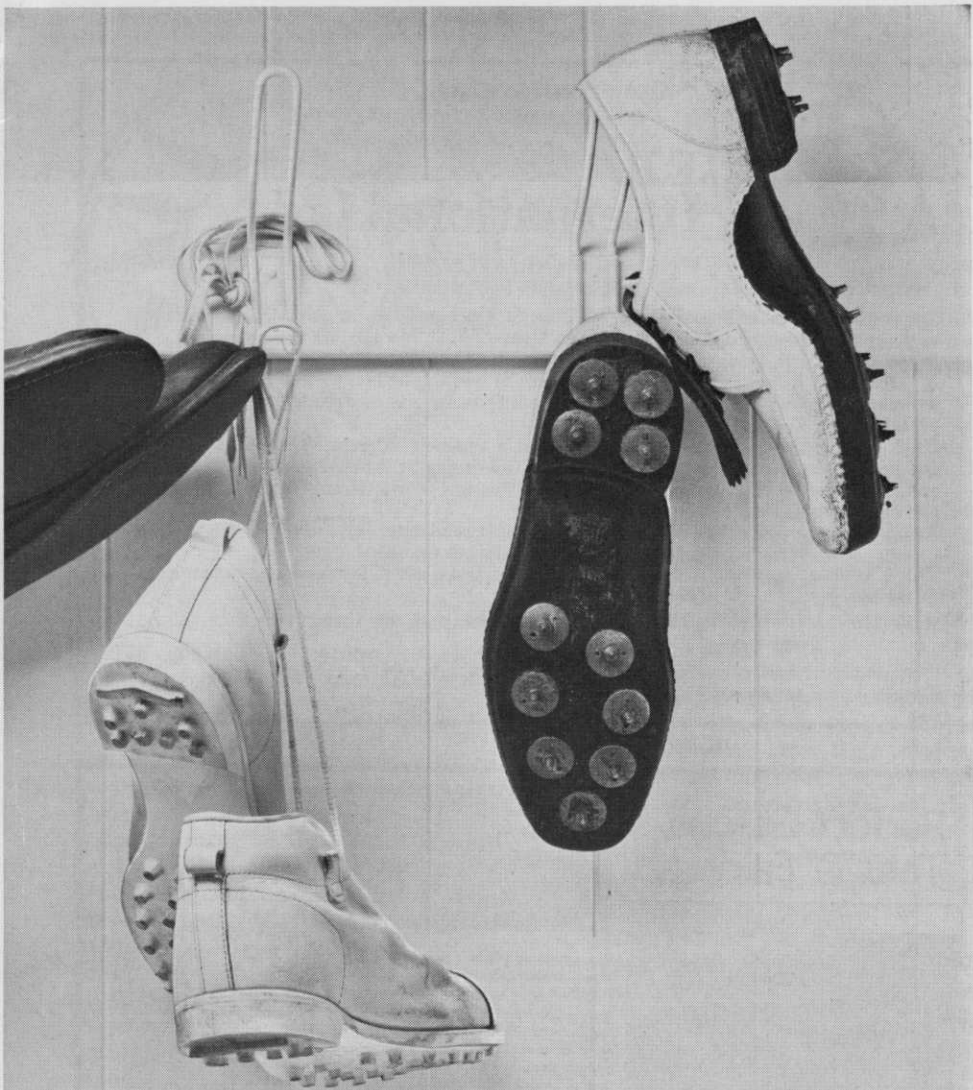
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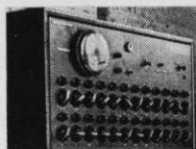
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South Coast Section

Chairman:
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THE FOURTH Annual General Meeting of the South Coast Section was held at Stoneham Golf Club on Thursday 8th May 1975 at 8.10 p.m. The meeting was very well attended. In the absence of the President, Mr. James took the Chair.

The minutes of the Third Annual General Meeting held at Ampfield Par Three Golf and Country Club on 16th May 1974 were taken as read and duly adopted and signed. A report on the activities of the past year was submitted by the Hon. Secretary and she also presented the Financial Statement for the year ending 30th April 1975; both reports were considered to be very satisfactory and were duly adopted.

The following officers were re-elected en bloc:—

President: J. H. Fry; Chairman: E. R. James; Vice-Chairman: E. Brown; Committee: E. Fox, P. Marsh, J. Payne, T. Smith, J. Stimson, E. West and W. Young. Hon. Secretary: Mrs. J. Stimson.

The Tournament Organiser outlined the details of a Knockout Competition which he hoped to introduce in the coming year and members were given the opportunity to express their views.

The Hon. Secretary reported that the Section's first dinner/dance held at Hythe last Christmas had been a great success and she was instructed to make the necessary arrangements for a similar evening this year. Members were invited to suggest possible venues and dates for the 1976 Spring and Autumn Meetings and the Hon. Secretary was instructed to approach Bramshott Hill and Blackmoor Golf Clubs respectively.

A vote of thanks was given to Jim Fry, Eric James, Eddie Fox, Eddie West and Nita Stimson for their efforts during the past years; the Section had found its feet again, a 100 per cent increase in membership had been achieved and all the events organised had been a success thanks to the active support of the members. The trade representatives were also thanked for their support during the year and for the generous contributions to our prize funds and also for helping at the Isle of Purbeck Tournament. Their assistance at the meetings had been invaluable. Special thanks were also expressed to the Secretary, Captain and Bar Steward at Alresford Golf Club for giving us the courtesy of their clubhouse for our winter meetings and also to Mr. J. Smellie who had audited the accounts. Eddie Fox was presented with half a dozen golf balls in appreciation of his hard work during the year.

Two points were raised under "any other business" and it was resolved firstly that the Committee should continue to invite special guests to take part in the Autumn Tournament and for prizes to be awarded when merited (the Cup to be awarded to the best Member player as before) and secondly that, in an attempt to keep postage costs down, circular letters be sent to head greenkeepers only (where appropriate) instead



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