

age of 74. Frank was a dedicated and well-respected greenkeeper who will be greatly missed by everyone who knew him. He served the Midland Section for many years as both secretary and treasurer, and was a former chairman of the B.G.G.A. Members of the Midland Section wish to offer their deepest sympathies to Frank's wife and family.

An enjoyable and interesting day was had by greenkeepers who attended a trip to Toro U.K. We were welcomed by Messrs. A. Cavill, Ron Huntley, Jack Cogan and other executives of the company. In the morning we toured the Flymo factory and observed the assembly, testing, storage, packaging and despatch departments.

We enjoyed a splendid meal at a local hotel as guests of Toro. In the afternoon we visited both the Toro warehousing, where the containers from America are unpacked, and the new Toro assembly plant, where the machines are assembled and tested before being distributed to the agents.

Before leaving, our chairman, Vic Smith, thanked the executives of Toro for the interesting and rewarding day the greenkeepers had enjoyed. Mr. Huntley replied that it had been a pleasure to welcome the Midland greenkeepers.

It is regrettable that so few members were present to enjoy both the hospitality of Toro and the educational value of the trip.

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THE Autumn Tournament was held on Thursday September 26, at the Tyneside Golf Club, by kind permission of the captain and committee.

Results:

Best scratch score over 27 holes: K. Barrs (Ravesworth) 119—Joseph Miller

Salver and Tankard. The Ransomes Cup and Ransomes Watch was won by W. Holden (Warkworth G.C.) for the best nett score of 114. Second was G. Sharpe (Northumberland G.C.) 115—voucher. Other placings: 3rd, S. Pope (Tyneside G.C.) 115½—radio (over 1st 9 holes); 4th, D. Faulder (Blyth G.C.) 115½; 5th, W. Bewick (Whitburn G.C.) 117½; 6th, J. Grainger (Durham City G.C.) 120½; 7th, G. Thompson (Goswick G.C.) 121½; 8th, C. Moseby (Blyth G.C.) 122½; 9th, J. Richardson (Stocksfield G.C.) 124½; 10th, B. Wilson (Stocksfield G.C.) 125½; 11th, T. Nutman (Tynemouth G.C.) 126—Jack Wroath Trophy for over 50 prize; 12th, D. McNeil (Chester-le-Street G.C.) 127.

The chairman, Mr. J. Simpson, thanked the captain and committee for the courtesy of the course and clubhouse, and introduced the captain, Mr. R. Graham of Tyneside Golf Club, who presented the prizes.

Mr. Graham said how pleased he was to have members of the North East Section as visitors, and invited us back to the course at some future date.

Mr. Simpson thanked the steward and his staff for two enjoyable meals, and Mr. Steve Pope, the head greenkeeper, for the fine condition of the course. Thanks are due to the many golf clubs and members of the trade who contributed to the prize list, and to Tom Marr, who did a grand job again with the raffle.

Last but not least, may I thank Mr. J. Simpson and Mr. Norman Fraser for their work with the score cards and money for meals. They did have a little trouble at one stage in the game, but I don't think they will want to be reminded of this; it was all put in order in the end!

Everyone was sorry that Tom Oliver was unable to be with us on this occasion. He has been very ill for the past few months, and members join in wishing Tom a speedy recovery. May he be able to join us soon on our next outing.

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We were all very pleased to have our president, Mr. C. N. Storey, with us on this occasion, it is not often that he can be with us on our field days, as he is so busy with other affairs. He spoke on matters concerning work on a golf course, and said how much a golf club depended on the greenkeepers, with science and engineering being the predominant factors today. He wished the section every success and hoped to be at the next outing.

There are still some subscriptions outstanding; please pay as soon as possible, as we cannot afford to carry anyone over at the price subscriptions are today.

The following are new members of the section, and we hope their association with us will be a happy one: G. K. Sharpe (Northumberland Golf Club), R. Easton (Northumberland Golf Club), A. J. Jeffcock (Stocksfield Golf Club), S. H. Walker (representative—Chipman Chemicals Ltd.).

We wish all members of the association, and the many golf clubs and firms of the trade who so kindly support us throughout the year, a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Sheffield Section

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A PARTY of 35 members travelled to Darlington on November 14 for a visit to the Toro (U.K.) Sales and Service. We had a very interesting day enjoyed by all. We were first shown round the Flymo factory at Newton Aycliffe, then on to the Toro warehouse at Darlington.

After lunch we paid a visit to the Toro assembly factory where we saw Toro machines, which come into this country in crates, being assembled.

Our thanks to Mr. Cavill and everybody involved with our visit for their hospitality and the kind way in which we were treated.

The following meetings have been arranged for the winter programme:

Thursday February 6, 1975, 2.30 p.m., Abbeydale Golf Club; Mr. M. Schiele (Agrihort Ltd., Grimsby), Modern Grasses for Modern Golf Courses; Thursday March 6, 1975, 2.30 p.m., Abbeydale Golf Club; Mr. C. J. Head (Chipman Ltd.), Modern thinking on the use of fertilisers.

We hope as many members as possible will attend our meetings and help maintain the keen interest in section activities shown in the past.

Welsh Section

President:

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WOULD ALL members who have not paid their subscriptions please send the money to Mr. M. Geddes, 23 Fenton Place, Porthcawl. If subscriptions are not paid, Journals will have to be stopped.

If any member has changed his address in the past 12 months or intends to do so in the future, please write and inform the secretary.

Members who do not receive journals should contact the secretary, who has a number of spare copies.

Amended Handicaps

M. Jones	7 to 8
D. Jones	8 to 9
M. Parry	9 to 11
J. Sarsby	10 to 12
E. Thompson	10 to 12
G. Cox	9 to 11
J. Borja	24 to 18

Congratulations

Congratulations to Mr. Henry Stead on his new appointment as Head Greenkeeper at Bargoed Golf Club. Well done Henry, may your reign be a long and prosperous one.

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