

A NOTE FROM THE SECRETARY

THE Objects of the British Golf Greenkeepers' Association are:- "To advance Golf Greenkeeping, to assist and encourage the proficiency of members; to arrange lectures, functions and competitions; to collaborate with the Sports Turf Research Institute; and to effect any other objects of a like nature."

In accordance with these objectives members are receiving 12 monthly copies of the B.G.G.; a yearly copy of the S.T.R.I. Journal plus four quarterly Bulletins; an Annual Tournament—three days of Golf open to all members; a Symposium arranged to take place on the 5th Oct. 1976; an Executive Committee of Members who meet to discuss many matters including Subscriptions, Wage Scales, Tournaments etc., the Secretary has attended committee meetings of the Standing Conference for Golf Greenkeeping, also the Askham Bryan College, York, and City and Guilds, London to

arrange a syllabus for Greenkeeping. The Section Secretaries arrange various competitions, lectures, dinners, general discussion groups etc. throughout the year.

Most members will, I am sure, agree that the objects of the Association are being strenuously pursued. It is of course appreciated that a number of members are unable to attend all the meetings, lectures etc. due to the distance involved. We have already this year welcomed a new section in the East Anglia area and enquiries have been received from another area regarding the starting of a further section. Any member who feels too far away from arranged activities can, if he has sufficient support and interest from nearby colleagues, start a new section. This would, of course, be subject to the agreement of the section concerned and the Executive Committee.

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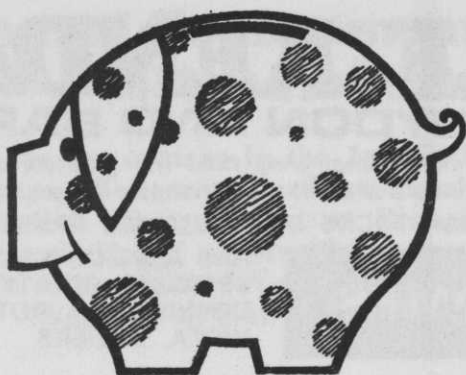
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Annual Tournament at Walton Heath

We apologise for the mistake in the July British Golf Greenkeeper—the Annual Tournament will, as members know, be at Walton Heath Golf Club and not at Walsall Golf Club as mentioned on page 11 last month. Please note that holders of Trophies should return them to Walton Heath Golf Club, and not Walsall Golf Club as mentioned.

IMPORTANCE OF GREENKEEPERS' TRAINING

A meeting was held recently at Ransomes Conference Centre at their Ipswich headquarters for people from the golf clubs of Suffolk, Essex and Norfolk, interested in the training of greenkeepers.

Chaired by Mr. J. J. Kerrison, Secretary of the Suffolk Golf Union, the meeting was addressed by Mr. Geoffrey Richards, training co-ordinator for The Standing Conference for Golf Greenkeeping and Mrs. Richards, who is working with her husband on this project.

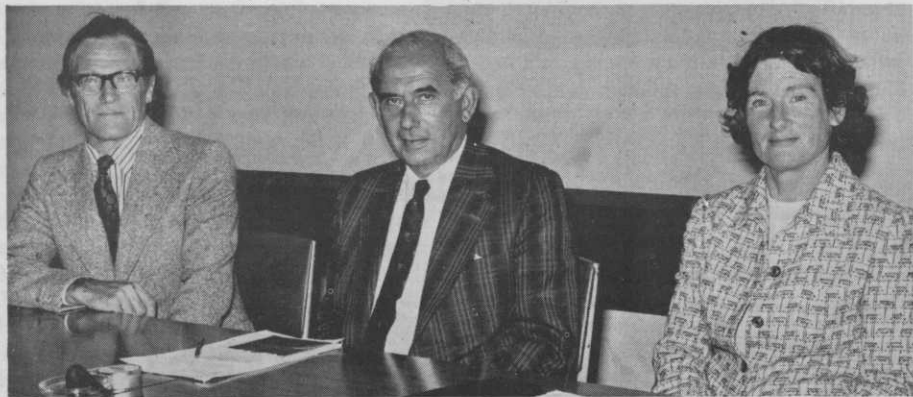
This was the final meeting of a series which have been held throughout the

U.K. to make people connected with golf aware of the training schemes being organised for golf greenkeepers.

Mr. Richards reported that schools have been circularized to make careers teachers aware of greenkeeping as a profession, and that colleges were co-operating in providing the necessary courses.

Indeed, there were representatives from the agricultural colleges of Norfolk and Suffolk at the meeting, together with greenkeepers, chairmen of green committees, golf club secretaries and members of the golf union.

Mr. Geoffrey Richards, training co-ordinator for the standing conference for Golf Greenkeeping, Mr. J. J. Kerrison, Centre Secretary of the Suffolk Golf Union, and Mrs. Richards, at the recent meeting at Ransomes Ipswich headquarters for people from golf clubs of Suffolk, Essex and Norfolk interested in the training of greenkeepers.



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North-West Section

Chairman and Hon. Secretary:

H. M. WALSH
34 Kingsfold Close,
Brightmet,
Bolton, Lancs.

SPRING TOURNAMENT

OUR thanks to the Captain, Mr. Owen, and Directors of Hillside Golf Club, Southport, for their kindness in granting the members of the North West Section the courtesy of their course and facilities of the clubhouse on the occasion of our Spring Tournament, and for the warmth and courtesy extended to us. Thanks also to George Lloyd and his staff for the excellent condition of the course, the green in particular, to the catering staff for the two excellent meals, Messrs. A. Jones, G. Vaughan, N. Barlow, for their help in taking care of the cards and monies, to the members who took part in the tournament, and helped to make it the undoubted success it was, and to my committee for their help over the past year, about 80 members sitting down to the evening meal.

Here I must give a special vote of thanks to the Prize Donors, both private and our friends in the trade as follows: Messrs. G. Rimmer, Hillside G. C. J. G. Hewitt, Professional, Hillside G. C. F. Longworth, Swinton Park G. C., T. Wolfenden, Swinton Park G. C., P. Parkinson, Swinton Park G. C.,

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Our sincere thanks to the Captain, Mr. Owen, for Presenting the prizes to the winners as follows, all over 27 holes.

AUTUMN TOURNAMENT

AS stated in previous issues of the journal the Autumn Tournament will be played over the Whitefield Golf Club's course at Higher Lane, Whitefield, Nr. Manchester, on Thursday, the 7th of October. Will all members taking part please let me have their entry and the approximate starting time they wish, as once again there will be a starting sheet owing to the large numbers of entries we are now receiving, also meals required. 18 holes will be played in the morning and 9 holes in the afternoon. Starting times from 8.45 a.m.

DINNER DANCE

Will all members who are interesting in attending a Dinner Dance to be run in the Autumn please let me know so that we have an idea of the numbers who would be prepared to attend. You may also invite your friends if you wish. Please let me know as soon as possible.

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome to the Section the following new members and hope their association with the section will be a happy one. B.T. Drinkwater, Dunham Forest Golf Club, Cheshire. W. J. Sparrow, Whalley Golf Club, Whalley, Nr. Blackburn. A Fielding, Harwood

Golf Club, Bolton, Lancs. C. Hughes, Hoylake Golf Club, Wirral, Honorary Member.



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South West Section

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The John Ireland Tankards were played for at Weston-Super-Mare G.C. (Greenkeeper Jim Carter) on Monday, 24th May, the competition was in the form of a 18 hole Greensome. 27 members attended and 24 completed and the results were as follows:

1st: T. Graham (Enmore Park), P. Worcester (Cirencester) Nett 68, Gross 78.

2nd: L. Croad (Enmore Park), P. Hedges (Bremhill) Nett 69½, Gross 78.

1st Gross: M. Gray (Long Ashton), M. Dodd (Burnham & Berrow) Nett 71, Gross 78.

3rd Nett: R. Gates (Westonbirt), A. Bott (Bremhill) Nett 74, Gross 88.

We all enjoyed the afternoon and thought that Jim and his staff had the

course in excellent shape.

1st Nett	P. Shaw	102½	
2nd "	H. M. Walsh	104½	
3rd "	S. Edgerley	105	
4th "	G. Moseley	107	
5th "	J. Wright	109	
6th "	P. Chapman	110	
7th "	J. Robinson	111½	C.P.O.
8th "	P. Taggart	111½	"
9th "	E. Walsh	112½	
10th "	D. Robinson	113	C.P.O.
11th "	P. Kelly	113	"
12th "	R. Lewis	113½	
13th "	G. Macdonald	114	
14th "	A. Leonard	114½	
	J. Leonard	115½	C.P.O.
16th "	S. Bridges	115½	"
17th "	A. Millburn	116	
18th "	H. Smith	116½	
19th "	K. M. Greenwood	117	
20th "	T. Holmes	117½	
21st "	J. T. Mudge	118	
22nd "	D. Golding	118½	
23rd "	W. Sumner	119	
24th "	S. Richardson	120	

Guests over 18 holes

K. Gouch	1st Nett	75	C. P. O.
P. Edgerley	2nd Nett	75	C. P. O.

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The A. G. M. took place in the evening and the following Officers were elected: President: D. B. Hargreaves. Vice Presidents En-Bloc. Chairman, R. Janovskis, Secretary, H. M. Walsh, Treasurer, D. Golding, Vice Chairman, J. Bond, Members of the Committee, Messrs. O. P. Jones, R. Vickers, E. Walsh, G. Lloyd, D. Robinson. Our new Treasurer's address is as follows:

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and I would draw all members' attention to the fact subs are now due as decided at the extraordinary meeting at Birmingham and passed by the members as follows: Head-Greenkeeper Class A £7, 1st Assistant Class B £5, Assistant Class C £4, Class D Greenkeeper/Pro £5.

AUTUMN TOURNAMENT

I have pleasure in informing members that the Captain and Directors of Whitefield Golf Club, Higher Lane, Whitefield, Manchester, have been kind enough to grant us the courtesy of their course for the playing of our Autumn Tournament, so gentlemen put this date in your diaries, Thursday, 7th of October, details nearer the time.

As discussed at the A. G. M. any member interested in making the trip to Motspur Park on September 8th please contact Mr. A. R. Faulkner, 38 Woodfield Road, Cheadle Hulme, Stockport, Cheshire, before June 25th who will give you all the details you want.

Congratulations to T. Brennan and G. A. Hall on their retirement which we all hope will be a long and happy one. T. Brennan now becomes an Honorary Life Member.

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome to the Section the following new members and hope their association with us will be a happy one. L. J. Hogarth, Dean Wood Golf Club; R. A. Brown, Withington Golf Club; L. Kernot, Grange Park Golf Club; J. T. Mudge, Macclesfield Golf Club; D. J. Fleet, Manchester Golf Club.

Sheffield Section

President:
S. K. ARNOLD

Hon. Secretary:
B. V. LAX
153 Kilton Road,
Worksop, Notts.

THIS year's first golf competition was our Presidents Prize Day, which this year was held at Worksop G. C. on the 25th of May. We have had a very dry time of late, but on the morning of the match it simply poured down with rain. I think it tried to make up for lost time. By the afternoon and tee off time the rain had almost stopped and the afternoon turned out quite good.

Our President, Mr. S. K. Arnold, came along to present the prizes that he had kindly given. The winners were:
1st F. Frost (Sickleholme G. C.)
2nd P. Quartermaine (Worksop G. C.)
3rd R. Ward (Matlock G. C.)

Mr. Arnold thanked Worksop Golf Club for allowing us the use of the course. After the prize presentation those present sat down to a very nice meal.

AS promised here are the details of our A.G.M. held on May 25th. The meeting was presided over by our Chairman, Mr. G. Herrington, as our President, Mr. Arnold, was unable to attend and sent his apologies.

Elected Officials were as follows:-
President: Mr. S. K. Arnold
Chairman: Mr. G. Herrington
Vice Chairman: Mr. N. Maltby
Committee: Messrs. B. Lunn, E. Palmer, L. Allsebrook, H. Herrington, F. Frost and D. Neve.
Secretary/Treasurer: B. V. Lax
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE

This position was taken over by Mr. H. Herrington, he takes over from his father. Harry has got a lot to live up to as his father George has done the job very well for a very long time. Thank you George for all the work you have put in on behalf of the Section.

COMPETITION SECRETARY

Again this is to have a new name in the position. Mr. P. Quartermaine has agreed to tackle the job and I hope you will give him your support in running our matches. Thanks to Eric Palmer for his work in this position in the past.

The meeting was fairly well attended and all those present were in agreement that we must all pull together to make the Greenkeeper's lot a better one. We could not see why some people wanted to go it alone, as this seems to be the wrong way to make us a strong and united voice that could be heard in the world of golf.

Northern Section

Chairman:
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August ditty:
"When the peacock loudly bawls,
Soon we'll have both rain and squalls."

A unique meeting took place on June

8th at Askham Bryan College of Agriculture, York.

Northern Section Committee men, Messrs. Geddes, Hannam, Heeles, Mawson, Roberts, Robertshaw, Scott and Spurden were received by the College Principal, Mr. Gilling, and Mr. Wilmott, Head of the Horticultural Department.

This meeting marked the initiation of what is hoped will be a lasting and beneficial association between Askham Bryan and the Northern Section. Its purpose was to acquaint those present with the plans which have been formulated for the greenkeeping course scheduled to begin in September.

As mentioned in last month's journal this course is being mounted by the Government's Training Services Agency and will recruit students from outside the greenkeeping industry. Askham Bryan is one of two centres in the country selected to run this particular course: Lancashire College of Agriculture is the other.

As yet nothing definite has been worked out for the educational assistance of existing green staff, although it is intended that this need will be catered for in some way at a future date.

Mr. Gilling very kindly informed us that the facilities obtaining at Askham Bryan were at our disposal at all times. In return an assurance was made that the full co-operation and assistance of the Northern Section is available to Askham Bryan and their new venture.

NEW MEMBERS.

The Section extends a warm welcome to the following new members:-

Mr. Herbert Brook, 164 Spencer Street, Keighley. Head Greenkeeper, Branshaw G.C., Oakworth, Keighley.
Mr. Donald M. Leyden, Leeds G.C. Cobble Hall, Vice President.

Rigby Taylor Limited of Bolton, have appointed Mr. Keith S. Wishart as their new Representative for Yorkshire, Durham and North Lincolnshire areas. Mr. Wishart is based at York (telephone number York 791697) and has recently joined the British Golf Greenkeepers' Association.

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THE Captain and Members of Ladbrooke Park Golf Club Ltd., Tanworth in Arden, Solihull, West Midlands, have kindly given their permission for our section to use their course and club for the purpose of our Autumn Tournament on Wednesday 29th September, 1976. The closing date for this tournament is the 13th September, 1976. I would like to thank most of the members of the Midland Section for the way in which they have co-operated this season in letting me know their intentions as far as playing these tournaments is concerned. Arranging meals etc., is always much easier when members help in this way.

I would like to welcome into the section the following new members:-

B. Jervis, Pye Hayes G.C. Class A
D.N. Smedley, Bulwell Forest G.C.
Class C
T. Smedley, Bulwell Forest G.C. Class C