

should be received by me no later than the 25th April, '76. Once again I must remind you that it is most important that your entries are received by the said closing date as the Club's involved need to know the numbers to be catered for.

### DINNER DANCE '76

The annual Dinner Dance is to be held once again at the Elms Hotel, Aldridge, Staffs, on the evening of Friday 2nd April, '76. The price of tickets is £3.75 each, these can be obtained from all Officers and Committee members. The greenkeepers who attended this function last year will confirm what a splendid evening this was, so let's please have a few more of you taking an interest and turning out this year.

### South Coast Section

*Chairman:*  
E. R. JAMES

*Hon. Secretary:*  
MRS. J. STIMSON  
North Wilts, G.C.  
Devizes.

It was pleasing to see some new faces at our first lecture evening of 1976. The topic was "Toro Machinery" and we were fortunate to have as our guest speaker, Mr. Ron Huntley, the Toro Regional Manager. Ron gave us a very interesting and informative talk on current Toro machinery and emphasised his remarks with many detailed slides. After a short break, Tim Mortimer of J.T. Lowe (Longham) Ltd. presented a Toro film showing the exciting 1974 Masters Tournament at Augusta. Thank you Gentlemen for a very enjoyable evening, and our thanks too to the Directors of J.T. Lowe (Longham) Ltd. for the free refreshments.

### North-West Section

*Chairman and Hon. Secretary:*  
H. M. WALSH  
34 Kingsfold Close,  
Broughton,  
Bolton, Lancs.

THE Sisis Tournament for North West Greenkeepers will be played over the

Macclesfield Golf Club's course on Tuesday, the 27th of April, 1976, and will be held on similar lines to last year's tournament 18 holes Stableford. Tee off times from 12.30. Will all members taking part please let me have their entry, and time they wish to start, as soon as possible.

### Spring Tournament

Please let me have your entry and time of starting for this event also as soon as possible, May 17th, times from 8.15 a.m.

### Subscriptions

Subscriptions are due on the 1st of May when the new rates will apply, as follows: Head Greenkeeper, £5, First Assistant £4, Assistant £3, Vice-Presidents and Honorary Members £3.

Mr. Janovskis, our Treasurer, informs me that there are some members who are in arrears for 1975. Please note.

### Lectures

Our thanks to Mr. L. Hewitt of 'Atcos' Longton Branch for the very interesting talk which he gave on the importance of correct setting of the cylinder and bottom blades of all grass cutting machinery, also for the refreshments provided, both liquid and solid.

### East Midland Section

*President:*  
R. BAILEY  
147 Mere Road,  
Wigston Magna,  
Leics.

*Hon. Secretary:*  
S. FRETTER  
4 Queens Drive,  
Leicester Forest East,  
Leics.

A lecture was held at Leicestershire Golf Club on December 2nd, 1975, given by Sports Turf Research Institute. There was a very good attendance. Our thanks to Leicestershire Golf Club for allowing us to hold our lecture there.

A Quiz was held at the Three Nuns Hotel on January 6th, 1976. There was a very good attendance. Quiz Master was our President, Mr. R. Bailey.

Annual Spring Tournament will be held at Rothley Park Golf Club on May 26th, 1976.



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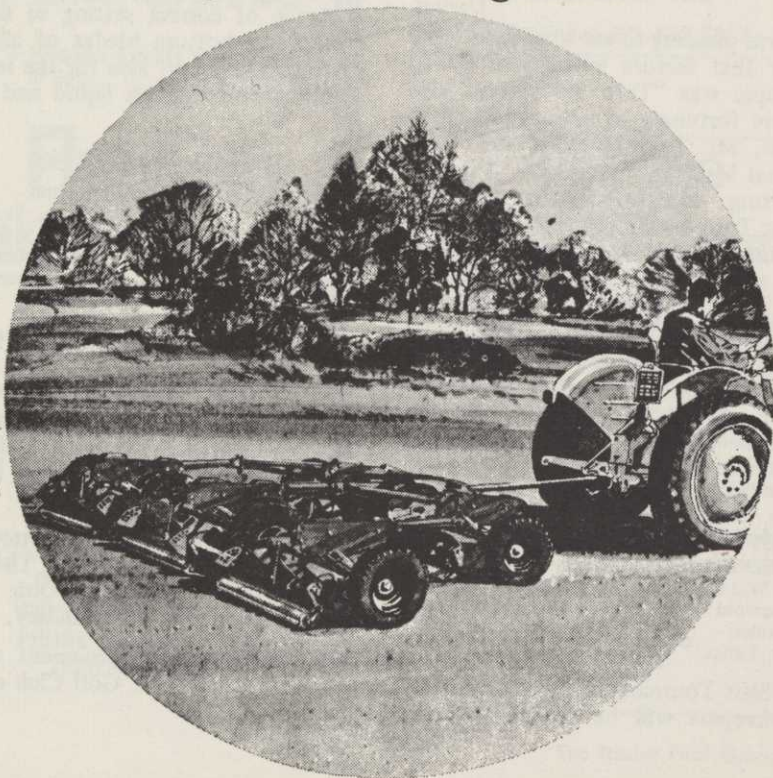
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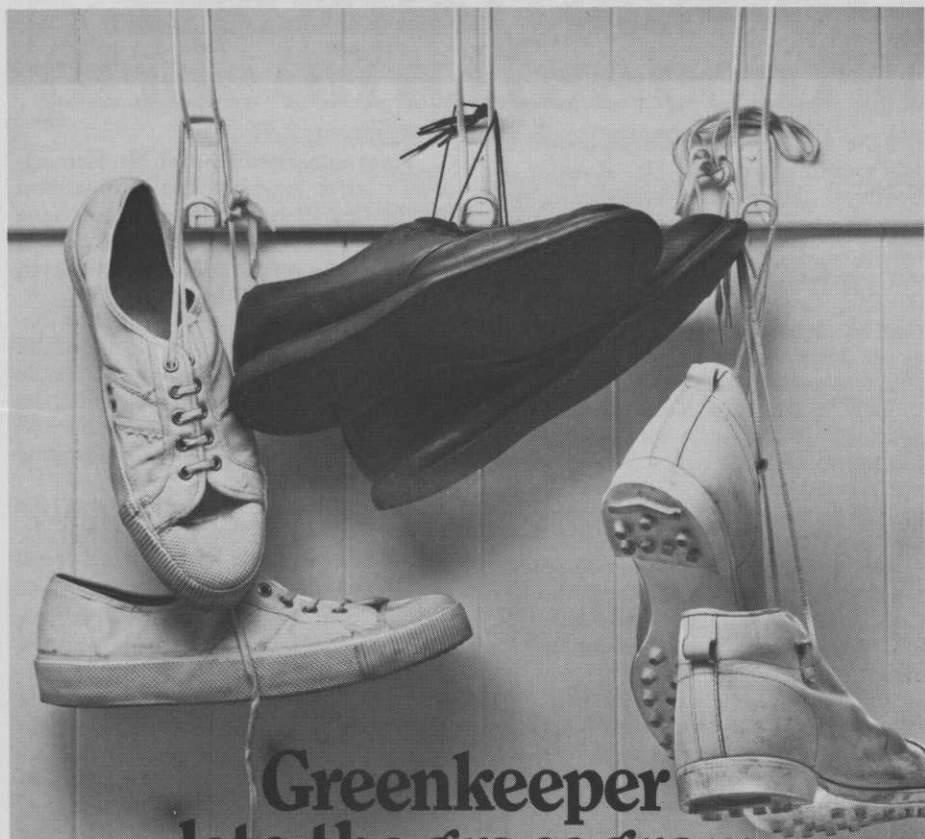
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## Sheffield Section

*President:*

S. K. ARNOLD

*Hon. Secretary:*

B. V. LAX  
153 Kilton Road,  
Worksop, Notts.

ON the 6th November we welcomed to our monthly meeting, Mr. Rossiter of Bentleys. Mr. Rossiter came along and gave us a very interesting afternoon. He talked about trees and shrubs for use on our courses. I would like to thank Mr. Rossiter for his talk, also for the way that he stepped in at the last moment, as we were unable to get the speaker who was due to come along.

The Sports Turf Research Institute provided us with our speaker for our December meeting, when Mr. Boocock came along and gave an interesting talk on the subject of "Golf Green and Tee Construction".

We played our Annual match against the Northern Section at Moor Allerton Golf Club on the 27th November, 1975. The fixture was late because of an earlier fixture clash.

About 33 members travelled to Leeds to find the weather very rough, and playing round this really tough course proved to be hard work indeed. We may have found the golf hard going but we were very pleased with the result of the match. Sheffield once again retained the Slater Trophy, winning by 4 matches to 1, with one game halved.

We also played an 18 hole Stapleford competition which was won by Alan Spencer of Lindrick G.C.

I would like to thank the Northern Section for their hospitality, and the warm welcome we were given.

All members will I am sure join me in offering congratulations to our Hon. Secretary and Treasurer Walter Heeles and his good lady on celebrating their Silver Wedding Anniversary on March 26th. Well done Walter and well done Mrs. H.

# LETTERS

Dear Sirs,

I was interested to read Mr. Hemingway's letter regarding the introduction of the first hydraulically operated Gang Mower. I would accept that we were in this respect, very much neck and neck with our friends Patissons.

We were actively promoting our machines during the summer of 1968 and took out our first patent on hydraulic drive for gang mowing machines on the 27th January, 1964. This was followed by preliminary work on hydraulic gang mowing during 1965.

One point of amusement was the Hydraulic 5/7 Power Gang Mower demonstraion in Hyde Park where I recall Mr. Hemingway being present. Ken Buckeldee, our Product Training Manager, welcomed everyone over the loud speakers to the Ransomes demonstration, to which a lady sitting on a nearby seat (she had obviously overimbibed) shouted out "Why don't you . . . . shut up" to the amusement of everyone present. Ken Buckeldee of course was unperturbed, although we felt for the first time in his life, a little startled.

We now of course have made many hundreds of Hydraulic 5/7 Gang Mowers and not only are they in use in volume in the U.K., many thousands of pounds have been made for Ransomes and the country in exporting them to all parts of the world, including the U.S.A.

Yours faithfully,

F.G. Catchpole.

General Marketing Manager  
Grass Machinery Division.

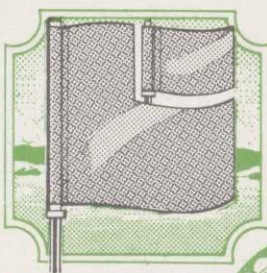
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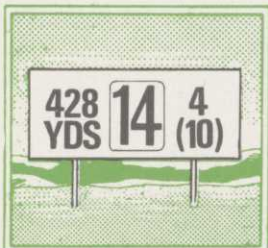


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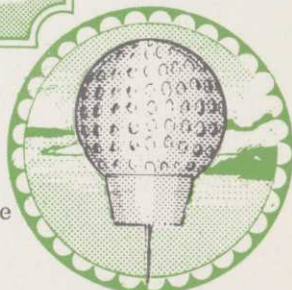
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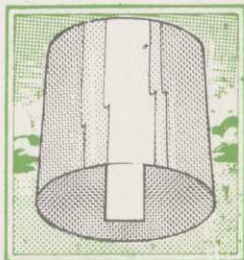


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