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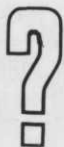
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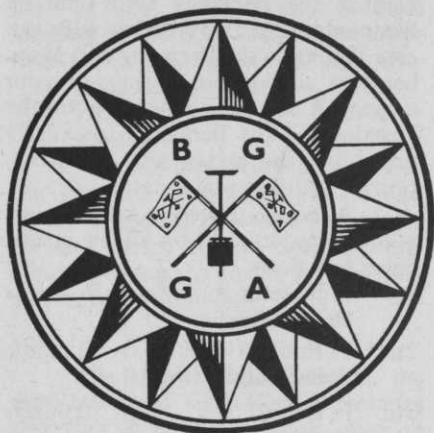
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A nationwide round-up of news from the branches



## South Coast Section

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OUR SECOND Winter lecture will be held on Tuesday, 7th December 1976 at Alrestford Golf Club at 7 p.m. Our guest speaker will be Mr. D.R.B. Hopkins, the Editor of The British Golf Greenkeeper, and therefore there is no need for me to mention the subject matter which will be under discussion! During the past three years, I have received only one written contribution to your Section News and that concerned the 1975 golfing successes of the Greenkeepers of Puttenham G.C. Dare I hope that Mr. Hopkins' talk will encourage other members to put pen to paper?

Mrs. J. Stimson  
Hon. Sec.

## Northern Section Notes

*Chairman:*  
COLIN GEDDES  
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*Hon. Secretary:*  
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### *Back-endish*

'If there's ice in November that will bear a duck  
There'll be nothing after but sludge and muck'

### *People*

DOES ANYONE REMEMBER Tony Burge, the rugged featured gentleman who at one time was Head Greenkeeper at Lightcliffe G.C.?

Tony moved from Yorkshire to the First Assistant's position at the picturesque Ellesborough Golf Club in Buckinghamshire. Since then, following the retirement of his former Senior, he is now Head Greenkeeper.

Tony and his wife Jean report contentment and appear to be well settled into the Bucks. way of life.

Mr. Gordon Bennison, Head Greenkeeper at Pannal G.C., had an unpleasant surprise recently.

Following a routine fungicide application the skin on Gordon's right hand began to itch and blister, the nett result being large areas of tender, exposed skin.

The element of surprise arose out of the fact that for 17 years Gordon had been applying mercurial fungicide in exactly the same manner without any hint of itch or blemish.

Being wise after the event, Gordon now proposes using gloves.

This instance highlights the point that handling or dealing with

poisonous substances without due care to one's well being, even though "it didn't happen last time" is not rational.

In an age when growers and turfmen are becoming increasingly dependent on toxic chemicals to ease their working burden, articles like gloves, face masks, and ear defenders should be standard equipment, and used.

#### Obituary

The death has recently occurred of Mr. Horace Hirst. Mr. Hirst was Head Greenkeeper at Ilkley Golf Club. He was forced into an early retirement in 1969 owing to ill health.

An Honorary Vice-President, Mr. Abe Nott of Bingley, died last August. Mr. Nott will be remembered particularly by members of longer standing for his kind assistance in making space available for Section Meetings in The Old Queens Head, Bingley, in earlier years.

#### New Members

A hearty welcome to the following people who have lately joined the Northern Section;

- Mr. G. Storr,  
Assistant Greenkeeper,  
Ilkley Golf Club,  
31 Collier View.  
Ilkley.
- Mr. M. Mennell,  
Apprentice Greenkeeper,  
Fulford Golf Club,  
26 Elmfield Avenue,  
Malton Road,  
York.
- Mr. J. Lindsay,  
Assistant Greenkeeper,  
Doon Valley Golf Club,  
14 New Cottages,  
Dunaskin,  
Ayr.

#### Lecture

The November meeting will be held at Moor Allerton Golf Club on the 25th. An evening with Victa (UK) Ltd.

## Southern Section

*Chairman:*  
D.S. GOULD  
Langley Park G.C.  
Beckenham, Kent.

*Hon. Secretary:*  
Mrs. D. MAJOR  
36 Tynedale Road,  
Strood Green,  
Betchworth, Surrey.

OUR AUTUMN TOURNAMENT was held at the Berkshire Golf Club on Wednesday 22nd September with sincere thanks to the Secretary and Members for allowing us the use of your course. A special thank you to the President of the Berkshire for kindly presenting the prizes, and his invitation to return at a later date.

Although played in a down-pour a good day was had by all the results being as follows:-

1st	B. Streeter	)	75 points
	Mr. Cuthbert	)	
2nd	T. Huntley	)	72 points
	P. Golding	)	
3rd	F. Robins	)	70 points
	L. Oikle	)	
4th	A.E. Watson	)	70 points
	J. McClune	)	
5th	G. Piggott	)	66 points
	D. Woods	)	

Thank you to all inside and outside staff of the Berkshire for making our day such a success, and once again thank you trade members for all your help on these occasions.

The Chairman & Committee of this Section wish to apologise to competitors who travelled to the Berkshire only to find no one to partner them.

#### Diary Dates:

Secretaries v Greenkeepers - West Byfleet - 12th October 1976  
Lectures at Whitbread's Social and Sports Club, Chiswell Street, London, E.C.!. begin as follows:-

*3rd November Lecture:* Huxleys  
Film & discussion on Cushman  
Turf Care System.

*1st December Lecture:* Mr. Jim Bradbury from Mommersteeg  
Seed Co. Northants.

*5th January Lecture:* Ransomes of Ipswich.

We certainly are looking forward to some interesting evenings and hope as many members as possible will attend.

Could we please bring to the notice of the members of this Section that at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the B.G.G.A., the subscriptions were increased as follows:-

Head Greenkeeper	£7.00
First Assistant	£5.00
Assistant	£4.00

As a number of you have paid at the old rate i.e., £5.00, £4.00 and £2.50 respectively, would you please forward direct to the Secretary the amount owing, to enable her to bring your records up to date.

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The annual Match between the Association of Golf Club Secretaries and the Greenkeepers took place at West Byfleet Golf Club on the 12th October, 1976. It was a most enjoyable day, with perfect weather conditions, the result of the match being, once again, another victory for the Greenkeepers by 10½ to 7½.

We wish to thank Mr. Russell, the Secretary of West Byfleet, and his staff for making it so successful. R.W. Lance.

## Sheffield Section

*Hon. Secretary/Treasurer:*  
B.V. LAX  
34 Thievesdale Lane,  
Workshop, Notts. S81 0N1  
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### *Autumn Tournament*

NOTTS GOLF CLUB, Hollinwell, was the venue for this year's Autumn Tournament. About 20 members played for the Machin & Hartwell Trophy, on a very nice day. Unfortunately I was unable to be at Hollin-

well, but I understand everything went very well and all who played enjoyed their day. Mr. Graham Machin was present and very kindly presented the prizes.

The Trophy went back again to Silkston Golf Club, the winner this year being John McNicholas, in the Bogey competition, he had a score of 2 up. It seems as though the staff at Silkston are keen to hang on to this Trophy. Runners up were: S.Scothern, P. Quartermaine and E. Palmer. Thanks to Hollinwell Golf Club for the use of their course, which was in fine condition.

### *Northern Section Match.*

Our annual fixture against the Northern Section was this year held at Hillsborough Golf Club, Sheffield. Six 4 ball matches were played and as in the previous two years the Sheffield Section were again the winners. The score being 4 matches to 2. Results as follows, Sheffield name first.

T. Mulcahy	Lost to	D. Spurden
S.K. Arnold		D. Roberts
N. Whitaker	Lost to	H. Marshall
M. Coultas		C. Garnett
F. Frost	Beat	R. Lambert
J. McNicholas		R. Smith
A. Spencer	Beat	C. Geddes
N. Maltby		E. Paley
R. Brailsford	Beat	H. Lacey
P. Quartermaine		P. Blacker
C. Colton	Beat	N. Faran
A. Goldthorpe		C. Ramsden

In the morning Sheffield Section members played nine holes for the coach cup, the winner being T. Mulcahy, runners up H. Herrington and J. Mc Nicholas. A nice end to our competition season came when in the morning our previous section secretary and Head Greenkeeper for Hillsborough, Henry Gillespie, playing golf for the first time in two years had a "hole in one" at the short second. "Well done Henry".

Thanks to Hillsborough Golf Club for the use of their course and

clubhouse, both were very much appreciated.

#### Winter Meetings

Our winter meetings will be held at Abbeydale Golf Club on the first Thursday of the month at 2.30 p.m.

November 4th will see a speaker from S.T.R.I., Mr. Woolhouse, who will talk on weed identification and control.

December 2nd. Mr. Lees of S.A.I. will come along to give us a talk on Turf Nutrition.

## Midlands Section

*Chairman:*  
V.W. SMITH

*Hon. Secretary:*  
A. KITE

5, Lillington Close,  
Sutton Coldfield,  
West Midlands.

THE AUTUMN TOURNAMENT was held at Ladbroke Park Golf Club on Wednesday 29th September, 1976. Listed below are the scores and prize winners:-

- G. Woodward - 1st Gross 120  
Toro U.K. Cup, Table Lighter
- R. Pullen - 1st Net 106  
Clayton Cup, Travelling Clock
- D. Haynes - 2nd Net 108½  
Salver
- A. Cutler - 3rd Net 109½  
Model Traction Engine
- V. Smith - 4th Net 110½  
Bottle Scotch
- T. Morris - 5th Net 112½ - Shirt
- H. Lewis - 6th 113  
Wedgewood Pottery
- C. Frost - 7th Net 114½ - Road Atlas
- R. Pugh - 8th Net 116 - Bottle Sherry
- E. Thomas - 9th Net 117  
Golf Bag Stand
- B. Ashby - 10th Net 117½ - Pruners
- W. Boyce - 11th Net 118  
Gigaret Lighter
- A. Boraston - 12th Net 119  
Wall Ornament
- J. Bevan - 13th Net 120 - Wallet
- R. Chandler - 14th Net 122  
Measuring Tape

D. Shortley - 15th Net 123  
Golf Glove

A. Kite - 16th Net 123½ - Books

M. Bladen - 17th Net 126½  
6 Golf Balls

E. Leeson - 18th Net 128½  
6 Golf Balls

(PLAYED OVER 27 HOLES MEDAL PLAY)

We would like to thank the committee and members of Ladbroke Park Golf Club for allowing our members the courtesy of their fine course and club house, Mr. and Mrs. Robinson, the Steward and Stewardess who together with their staff provided excellent service and meals throughout the day, the ground staff for their obvious efforts in getting the course into such good order, the Trade people and Vice Presidents who kindly gave us so much of their time, marking cards, collecting money, making up score sheets etc., to Gordon Hiams who filled the breach at short notice and presented prizes and finally a very big thank you to the people and companies listed below who were most generous in donating the fine collection of prizes.

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