

OBITUARY



George Herrington cuts the 18th before the Ryder Cup at Lindrick in 1957

Mr. George Herrington, twice National Chairman of the BGGGA and much respected for his life long skills as a greenkeeper died peacefully on September 11th at Woodsetts aged eighty-one.

Since his retirement as Head Greenkeeper at Lindrick in 1974, George has maintained his active life doing the job that started him on the road to greenkeeping - gardening. He was in almost as much demand in the Workshop area as a gardener as he was as a greenkeeper.

Horticulture was his first job on leaving school where he won all the gardening prizes and only left because greenkeepers at the Sheffield & District Golf Clubs, as Lindrick was known at that time, were given Saturday afternoons off, whereas gardeners were not. As George wanted to join the local football team he became a greenkeeper.

Lindrick was where he commenced and ended a long and distinguished career. After eleven years at Rotherham G.C. as Head greenkeeper he returned to Lindrick in 1945 to take charge.

Under his guidance Lindrick was regarded as one of the finest inland golf courses in the country, staging the Ryder Cup in 1957, the last time it was won by the home side until the triumph at the Belfry. Lindrick also staged the Curtis Cup, the Dunlop Masters and a host of other prestigious events whilst George Herrington maintained the course. He also helped Ransomes design the now world famous Auto Certes machine.

Always a staunch supporter of the BGGGA he was one of six founder members of the Sheffield Section, where he held the position of Chairman for many years and was elected National Chairman in 1958 and 1968. Only a month ago he attended the past Chairman's Dinner during the Hayling Island Tournament and was one of the first to respond to the invitation.

In his heyday he played off a handicap of six, became captain of the Woodsetts Artisans, later to be re-named the Lindrick Artisans, though at Rotherham the members made him play off three.

George Herrington was a fine man with admirable principles. A regular supporter of his local church he was church warden for over thirty years. He will be greatly missed by his many friends in golf and greenkeeping, but all who knew him, know he had a full and active life, doing well a job he thoroughly enjoyed. What more can a man ask for in life?

He leaves a widow, three sons and eight grand-daughters.

The Executive Committee extend their sympathy to his family.

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