

SECTIONAL News

MIDLANDS

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On Wednesday, 21st August our Section played against our old friends the Secretaries at Blackwell G.C. with the Greenkeepers defending the Cup we won last year; but it was not to be this year; with the Sec's running out winners by 4 matches to two, never mind - We can't win them all.

The Christmas Tournament & Dinner over 18 holes is at Olton G.C. on Dec. 2nd; this is a Bring & Win Competition, so bring a prize to the value of £4 or over.

Entries please with £8 and S.A.E. to A. Phipps-Jones, no later than 11th November; entries after this date WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

The Rigby Taylor Foursomes Tournament is near completion with A. Phipps-Jones and T. Ryder in the Final against the winners of S. Wood & T. Jesson v. I. Toon & B. Moland.

E. T. Breakwell will be holding their Bi-Annual Open Day on 19/20 Feb. 86 to which all greenkeepers of the Midland Section will receive invitations.

Further details regarding lectures and visits will be available soon.

CLEVELAND

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On August 22nd the Greenkeepers Team visited Mount Oswald Golf Club for our Annual Match.

We were made very welcome by Mr. David Todd, the Captain and Club Members. We managed to go one better this year by halving the match.

Thanks to Sid Reeve and Staff for a fine course, Manager Gordon Clark and Clubhouse Staff.

On August 27th the team visited Darlington Golf Club. Mr. Terry Werge Captain of the Club produced a strong team who became the victors by 4 games to 2 games.

The course was in great shape thanks to Ian Harrison and Staff. The new Steward and Stewardess made a fine meal to round off a pleasant evening.

Congratulations to Mr. Danny Godfrey who has been a valuable member of our Section on taking up a new position as Grounds Manager at Cranleigh School in Surrey.

He helped to start an evening course for Greenkeepers which started in September and leads to a very good certificate.

All The Very Best Danny
From the Cleveland Greenkeepers.

Forthcoming Events:
OCTOBER 29th
Catterick 12.00
(Highspeed Trophy)

WELSH

Hon. Sec: Philip Swain,
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On Wednesday 4th September we held our Autumn Meeting at Clyne G.C. near Swansea, but unfortunately the turnout was poor.

Apologies were received from Ted Thompson, who was on holiday and David Williams, pressure of work.

The weather could also have been kinder but the course was in much better condition. The greens being the best played on all year.

Our thanks to the members and committee of Clyne G.C. for the courtesy of the course and the club facilities.

Our thanks also to Henry and the boys for preparing the course in such good condition, and the stewardess for her culinary offerings.

RESULTS:			
1st	DENNIS JONES	74	President's Shield Stuart Crystal Vase donated by Ken Chatwin
2nd	HENRY FRY	74	Sundae Dishes donated by Clyne G.C.
3rd	PHILIP SWAIN	76	Crystal Glass Vases donated by Clyne G.C.
4th	JOHN HOPKINS	76	Bottle of Sherry donated by Clyne G.C.
5th	JOHN WALSH		Bottle of Wine donated by Pyle & Kentig G.C.

The Rose Bowl and the Tray for the gross and net aggregates were won by John Hopkins. He also won a set of glasses donated by Walter Jones and Wine donated by Clyne G.C.

The next date to remember is the Christmas Competition which will be at Pyle and Kentig G.C. on the 12th December, starting at 11.30 a.m. with a Christmas Dinner at 6.30 p.m., please make every effort to attend and make this event successful.

N.B. Can we all make a bit more effort in entering for our competitions. The clubs are good enough to give us the courtesy of the club facilities and the course, the least we can do is to make a determined effort to attend.

SOUTH COAST

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The Section's Winter Programme has been confirmed, and our meetings will again be held at Alresford Golf Club, commencing at 7.00 p.m.

Our thanks to Malcolm Scott and the Committee for their kind generosity in allowing the Section to meet at their Clubhouse.

6th November 1985

PETER MAUNDER,
Municipal Golf Courses

4th December 1985
SYNCHEMICALS LIMITED

5th February 1986
STEPHEN JAMES
Allman Spraying Equipment

5th March 1986
GANG MOWING EQUIPMENT
and the A.G.M.

I hope that as many members as possible will support our speakers, and I look forward to seeing you during the Winter months at our meetings.

MID ANGLIA

Hon. Sec: L. Wakerell,
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The Christmas Four-Ball will be held over 18 holes at South Bedfordshire Golf Club on Wednesday, 11th December at 9.45 a.m.

Members may bring along a guest as their partner, and all entries, together with Handicaps and £22.00 per couple should be sent to Ken Bunting by 25th November.

Christmas Dinner will be served at 5.30 p.m. and as last year each competitor is asked to bring a small prize, gift wrapped please.

Congratulations to Paul Fitzjohn and Roland Hughes on their fine achievements in winning at the Annual at Hayling Island and to the Mid Anglia Team for winning the Jubilee Cup for the second year running.

Workington Golf Club ASSISTANT HEAD GREENKEEPER

Applications are invited from suitably qualified persons with experience in all aspects of golf course management including the operation and maintenance of modern machinery.

The course is of parkland type, 18 holes, in the Lake District
Salary by negotiation

Applications in writing giving full details of
age and experience to:

The Secretary,
WORKINGTON GOLF CLUB,
Branthwaite Road, Workington Cumbria

DEVON & CORNWALL

Hon. Sec: Bill Pile,
33 Knowle Drive,
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At our October meeting we will be paying tribute to Cyril Fowler who is retiring as head greenkeeper from St. Austell Golf Club.

Cyril a Lancashire lad, who travelled many parts of the world courtesy of H.M. forces during the war, including the Middle East, South Africa, Iceland, all over Britain and Northern Ireland finished service with the R.A.F. as an instrument fitter and settled in Cornwall.

Cyril, having married a Cornish girl and working as a farmer fell in love with the Cornish people and their way of life, now regards himself if not of Cornish origin certainly a 'Man of Cornwall'.

Always being a keen sportsman, and actively enjoyed rugby, hockey, soccer, cricket, rifle and twelve bore shooting he eventually took up golf at St. Austell G.C., playing off nine handicap.

In 1970 the captain of the club asked Cyril if he would cut the greens as there was no one else to do them, because the two staff employed were both in their sixties and had both been taken ill. Cyril duly arrived at the club at 6.30 a.m. the following day, having milked his cows first of course! He found the club only had one eighteen inch certes and it took him until 6 p.m. that evening to finish all eighteen greens. Gradually he seemed to be helping out more and more and was doing less on his farm. Eventually in 1976 he was asked to take over as head greenkeeper and gave up farming.

His biggest project at St. Austell was extending the course, which included four new holes, to raise the par from 65 to 69.

During his time at St. Austell Cyril well remembers one Saturday morning when he reversed the triple greens mower out of the shed, only to notice the solenoid had somehow caught fire and being directly under the petrol tank this was not a very happy situation. Turning off the ignition and with the solenoid now going like an incendiary Cyril ran to his sand heap and gathered a double handfull of sand with which he managed to smother the fire just in time as the petrol tank was now dangerously hot!

Cyril believes one of the problems today is a little knowledge is dangerous. Committee members read articles in magazines and want to know why you are not doing this on your course? One person had read it was a good idea to put lime on fairways if they were a bit thin, he managed to talk his way out of this one, but admits to not always being successful.

Cyril has always been a supporter of the B.G.G.A. and I would like to wish him on behalf of our association a long and happy retirement.

Just a word of caution to our members in the South West, Cyril has told me he will be looking in on courses in the area from time to time, so you had better keep on your toes to keep up the standards set by Cyril at St. Austell during his time there!

NORTH WEST

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OBITUARY

It is with sadness that I inform the members of the death of a Life Member, MR. TOM BRENNAN

For many years, Tom had been Head Greenkeeper at Wilmslow Golf Club and had helped many young greenkeepers to further their careers within the profession.

LECTURE DATES:

All lectures will be at the Old Cock Hotel, Stretford, which is 100yds from Junction 7 of the M63 towards Old Trafford.

The following dates are confirmed:-

October 9th 1985

November 13th 1985

HEALTH & SAFETY

December 11th 1985

TREES ON GOLF COURSES

January 8th 1986

I.C.I. / MAXWELL HART

February 12th 1986

March 12th 1986

Speakers still subject to confirmation

We hope to have sandwiches and perhaps the odd drink available on the evenings, so come along for a prompt start at 8.00 p.m.

BATTLE OF THE ROSES

On a dull August day, our trusty band set out for Baildon Golf Club, high on the moors above Bradford. Ready equipped with bats, maps, sheep repellent and Kendal Mint Cake, we proceeded to capture the much coveted 'Battle of the Roses' Shield from an impressive Yorkshire side. This is the first time in five years we have done this, but not the last.

Thanks to David Hannam and his staff, the committee of Baildon Golf Club, and the catering staff for making the day one which will certainly be recorded in the history books.

Notable wins from Peter (crisis) Shaw and the still undefeated Bert Scott, Merseyside lads Bert Cross, Bill Merritt, Derek Hutchinson, Norman Langley, Cameron Kerr and not forgetting Howard 'Daddy' McAddey! Well done men!

AUTUMN TOURNAMENT

Our Chairman Mike Sheehan's big day is almost upon us - October 22nd.

I know members will join me in wishing Mike a very successful day at Mere. Over the last two years, Mike and his staff have worked hard to bring Mere back to its former glory.

This has been rewarded by Mere being chosen to host the 1986 PGA Senior Tournament. Hopefully, by next year the new 18th green will be in play.

This will be a spectacular finish with the green built actually in the Mere! Trusting Mike has anchored it well down! All the best Mike, from the committee.

CONGRATULATIONS

Mike Goodhind (Cavendish Golf Club), has recently been signed up a stuntman for Burt Reynolds in his new film 'Hooper Rolls a Land Rover'. Coming soon to a cinema near you, (Sorry Mike!)

NORTHERN

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Apart from a 'summer' of excessive pluvial precipitation our Sectional golfers have been busy defending their honour and swinging for pleasure. Northern Section Committee man, Martin Dignam played his way to victory at Starbeck in the Paul Seward Special, taking him into the National Final of the Jacobsen Competition. Our thanks to Swards Grass Machinery Ltd.

The following week the lads from the North West played their matches to take the Patisson Shield away from us at the Battle of the Roses, held at Baildon on August 21st. Our thanks to Patisson's of Stanmore Ltd for their continued support of this event.

In September our colleagues from the Sheffield Section travelled to Heworth G.C. to meet us in further combat. Needless to say they returned empty handed, though not before having a good few holes on Mick Bryant's track.

Invitation Day at Moortown broke all previous records with 73 entrants. Some people finished in the dark but the Pontefract and District duo, David Collins and guest, Mr. Meek returned a better ball 62, 4 shots clear of Colin Geddes and partner and 5 in front of John Holt and guest.

What amounted to a great round of golf was rounded off by good food and good humour. A great pity Billy Fox did not join us to hear the complimentary remarks about his course, but thanks Bill anyway and to your gang.

Our most grateful thanks to Moortown Golf Club and Mr. Roger Hunt the club Captain for presenting the prizes.

We offer congratulations to all those who have been successful with their City and Guilds exams, but do not think because you now have a certificate you are fully qualified! It really only means that you have acquired sufficient knowledge to enable you to do and understand your job more fully.

On the point of education a meeting has been arranged to take place on October 24th at Moor Allerton Golf Club at 7.30 p.m. The objective is to bring out all available information on courses in turf culture being offered by colleges in North and West Yorkshire. To achieve this lecturers from Askham Bryan and Shipley Colleges will speak on greenkeeper education, courses, Y.T.S., and also answer your queries and grumbles: Bring along your chairman and secretary.

FOR YOUR DIARY:

An Evening with the British Association of Landscape Industries

A presentation of Landscaping, at its best and all that goes with it.

Current Thoughts on Turf Nutrition and Related Aspects

The Sports Turf Research Institute

All the above at Moor Allerton 7.30 p.m. unless otherwise indicated

A local lad Peter Oldham is seeking greenkeeping work. Peter lives in the Bradford area and is contactable through David Hannam.