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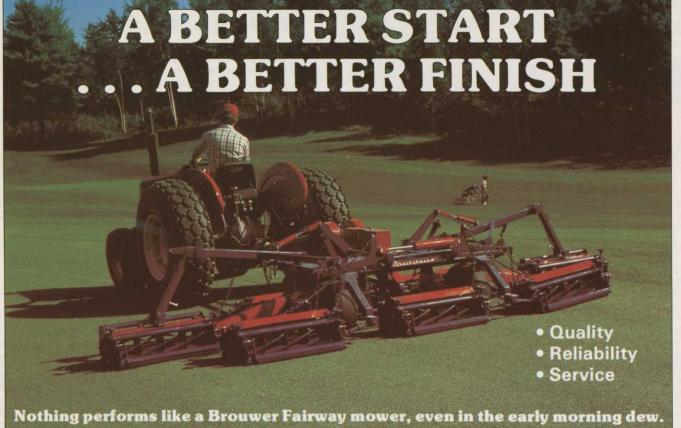
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SECTIONAL News

CLEVELAND

Hon. Ass. Sec: Roger Shaw, 12 Bede Terrace, Ferryhill, Co. Durham DL17 8AJ

On Thursday, 15th May we staged our Spring Tournament at Bishop Auckland Golf Club. The weather once again turned against us with some heavy showers, but it did not dishearten the 25 players. The course was presented in very good order thanks to Brian Coatsworth and Staff despite the weather during the previous weeks.

Our main sponsor for the day, Terry Charlton offered a prize for a hole in one at the 7th hole of a colour portable T.V. and if all failed, a black & white portable for closest to the hole.

The winner of the black & white television with a splendid shot of 6 feet kept secret until the presentation went to David Hardy of Brancepeth Castle Golf Club.

RESULTS:

Bob Philips (Greenkeeper) Whitby 1st: 41 points

Steve Dinsdale 39 points 2nd:

(Greenkeeper) (Richmond)

Tony Mears 3rd: 37 points

(Greenkeeper) (Dinsdale Spa)

Tom Flowers 1st: 39 points

(Guest) (Brancepeth)

Our thanks to Trade and Golf Clubs for support given and to Bishop Auckland Golf Club and their staff.

The Annual General Meeting of the Cleveland B.G.G.A. took place in the Clubhouse after the presentation of

The Secretary, Bill Hatfield gave his report and account of funds for the year ending. Bill also informed the members that he wished to stand down as Secretary due to other commitments during the winter months. A vote of thanks was extended to Bill for all his work over the past year.

Our Chairman, George Malcolm and founder member also stepped down from office, after 7 years as Chairman of the Section.

Now National Vice Chairman, George has given his full and loyal support to the Section and Association and has been responsible for bringing a pro-fessional outlook to the Greenkeepers of the area. He has been a great ambassador for Greenkeeping.

NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS ELECTED:

Harry Lees: Roger Shaw: George Malcolm Anth Naisbitt: Bob Philips

Chairman Vice Chairman

Secretary

Bruce Burnell Tony Mears Paul Kellett

Congratulations to Tony Mears and wife Jean on the birth of their first baby Best Wishes from the Cleveland Section.

NORTH WEST

Hon. Sec: David F. Golding, 38 The Grove, Flixton, Manchester M31 3JH Telephone: 061-748-8592

SPRING TOURNAMENT REVIEW

On Thursday, 22nd May we visited Ormskirk Golf Club for our Annual Spring Tournament. The course was in fine condition despite a very cold spring.

Mike Greenwood and his staff had worked very hard to prepare the 'stage' for the greenkeepers North-West 'Tour'. Some sixty-five players enjoyed a fine day and very warm hospitality from all at Ormskirk.

Our Guest of Honour for the evening meal and presentation was Life Member, Albert Fyles who had spent all his greenkeeping life at the club. Mr. R. J. Berry the Club President paid tribute to Albert and then assisted in presenting the prizes to:-

HARGREAVES CUP:

D. Berry B. Jackson F. Tyson A. Davies Best Nett: Best Gross: Over 50's: 2nd Nett: **BURROWS AGGREGATE:**

A. Peel

In all we had twenty-five prizes which once again was thanks to the trade and guests of the Section.

Finally on thanking Ormskirk Golf Club for allowing us to use their fine facilities let me personally thank Mr. Bert Cross the Golf Section's subcommittee Chairman for all his work in making sure the day was successful despite breaking his knee-cap three days prior to the event.

BATTLE OF THE ROSES

After Cavendish the 'tour' moves North to Preston Golf Club for the Pattisson sponsored 'Battle of the Roses' Shield. As holders we intend to hold on to the coveted shield which means I require names of person who would like to be considered to represent the Section. The format is soup and sandwiches at lunchtime followed by the four-ball betterball matchplay 'battle', finishing off with an evening meal and presentation of the Shield to the North-West Section!

EDUCATION

Courses applicable to all greenkeepers are available at the Cheshire College of Agriculture, Reaseheath. For apprentices they have City & Guilds Phase I & II and for 1st Assistants and mature greenkeepers there is the Phase III which is for those persons seeking a managerial position in the future.

There are day or block releases available from September, so apply now by writing to our 'old friend' (The Baird of Nantwich) Denis Mortram Senior Lecturer at the College, Nantwich, Cheshire.

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SHEFFIELD

Hon. Sec: Frank Barratt, 46 Lister Avenue, Sheffield S12 3FP. Telephone: (0742) 399941

The Presidents Prize Competition was held at Notts. Golf Club on May 19th when 33 players took part. On one of the few days so far this year which could be called summer.

The sun shone all day on a course that in spite of the bad winter and early spring conditions, was in excellent order. For the work put in, we thank Head Greenkeeper Graham Armson and his staff. The club staff are also thanked for the meal and the cheerful and efficient service.

The winner of the President Prize was local boy, David Taylor.

The Section A.G.M. was held after the prizegiving.

The Election of Officers was as follows:-

President:

S. Kenneth Arnold

Vice Presidents: C. R. Straw, R. Robertson, P. Wharton, D. A. Craven, A. Shardlow, D. Singleton, P. Fish

H. Gillespie

Chairman: Vice Chairman:

B. V. Lax

Secretary/ Treasurer:

F. Barratt

Competition K. B. Heaney Secretary: Committee:

R. Hayhurst, G. Brammah, R. Graham, E. Palmer

N.E.C. Member: H. Gillespie

One of the more pleasant tasks of the day, was to inform one of our oldest members that that day he had become a Life Member.

Congratulations to Cyril Chappell who in August retires from Phoenix Golf Club, where he has worked since

After six years service in the R.A.F. as a fitter, Cyril returned to Phoenix and became Head Greenkeeper in 1958. Cyril is an ex-committee member, is still a good golfer, but not quite the two handicap he once was.

One wonderful bit of information he passed on, if he had found one golf ball a day for every day he's been at Phoenix, it would now stand at a total of 17,333, I'm sure Cyril, you found more than one ball a day on many occasions. Long Life and Good Health in your retirement.

Footnote: ERIC THE HERON is alive and well, living in part-time retirement on the edge of a pond in RAINOW! Courtesy of Alan Birch.

Life President, Eric Staniforth has complained so often of the heron who has taken a delight in stealing the fish from his pond that Alan Birch made a special presentation of a purpose made sign depicting the 'thief', christened 'Eric' to be erected alongside the President's pond. Perhaps a large pike might prove a suitable deterrent.

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SOUTH COAST

Hon. Sec: J. R. Dennis, Hampshire College of Agriculture, Sparsholt, Winchester, Hampshire SO21 2NF. Telephone: (096) 272441 Ext. 288.

Members will be pleased to hear that our representatives in two trade organised competitions did the Section

Firstly, in the Morrison Industries/ Jacobsen Annual Greenkeepers Golf Tournament, held at Hunstanton in April, Gordon Payne came 5th, whilst Phillip Wentworth came joint 9th from a field of 28 players.

Phillip tells me that the links course situated almost on the beach was in superb condition and apart from winds of 38 mph causing sand storms, was a very enjoyable tournament. A full report was provided in the May Journal.

Secondly, in the Vitax-Steetley Minerals Competition, held at the Whitchurch Golf Course, Cardiff, in May, the Section came first!

Total points score based on the best five cards was 152 points with Ted West playing a captain's role with a top score of 37.

Other members of the team were: Ken Lodge, Phillip Wentworth, Berni Emberley, Paul Drodge and Derek Cheetham

Apart from winning the Shield, each member received a tankard.

Congratulations to all the above members.

If you would like to represent your Section in future meetings, just phone lan Rickman, as suggested in the April

Details for our Autumn Tournament are as follows:-

Date: Thursday

25th September, 1986 Basingstoke Golf Club Tee off from 8.00 a.m. Venue: Time: Competition: 36 hole Greensome Entry Fee: £11.00 per person

Members are invited to bring one guest partner.

Written entries stating current golf handicaps, with the correct remittance, should be sent to:-

Mr. Ian Rickman,

53 Woodroffe Drive, Basingstoke, Hampshire RG22 2NH Telephone: (0256) 463587

Please note that the closing date will be Monday, 15th September, 1986.

Would Section Members who are going to the Institute of Groundsmanship Exhibition at Windsor in September, please let me know. A rota to man the B.G.G.A. Stand is being organised and needs your support.
This is your chance to help the Section and to meet other Greenkeepers from all parts of the country. Volunteers are required and both Eric James our Chairman, and Committee, are looking for a good response.

Finally, I am pleased to record the names of new Section Members as follows:-

Paul Allis Keith Martin Arthur Smith Frank Wallace

Roffey Brothers Meyrick Park G.C. Meyrick Park G.C. Student at Hampshire College of Agriculture, Sparsholt Petersfied G.C

Broadstone G.C.

William Moseley Martin Coward

DEVON & CORNWALL

Hon. Sec: Bill Pile, 33 Knowle Drive Exwick, Exeter EX4 2DF. Telephone: 214053

Dear Members,

As greenkeepers we all know what it is like to be criticised and, hopefully, praised. Over the years there has been a certain amount of criticism of our magazine, in my opinion now is certainly the time for praise.

The magazine has improved dramatically over the last twelve months and particularly the March, April and May issues of this year. The articles are interesting and varied also superb colour pictures.

What more can you want of a magazine devoted to greenkeeping which is a limited subject and it must be extremely difficult to find different

Personally, I would say well done to John Lelean, keep up the good work.

MID ANGLIA

Hon. Sec: L. Wakerell, 26 Loxley Road, Berkhamsted, Herts. HP4 3PS

The Annual General Meeting was held at Arkley Golf Club on Thursday, 22nd May, 1986 at 7.30 p.m.

Several apologies were received for absence, mainly due to the clash of fixture with the Vitax-Steetley Competition in Cardiff.

The Minutes of the last A.G.M. were approved as were the Treasurer's and Secretary's Report.

Considerable discussion took place after the Executive Representative Report, mainly concerning the talks with other interested parties with a view to forming a combined Association for all Greenkeepers.

The following were elected for the forthcoming year:

Mr. D. Reeder H. Herrington President: Chairman: Vice Chairman: P. Fitzjohn Secretary Treasurer: L. Wakerell Assistant R. Goodwin Secretary Competition Secretary: K. Bunting Executive Representative: H. Herrington

The following members were elected to form a Committee:

R. Bowey; M. Lay; N. Whittaker: G. Smith and J. Wells

Vice President's were re-elected en-bloc with the addition of R. Manashi.

Members were informed that the 75th Annual Meeting of the B.G.G.A. would be held at Verulam Golf Club on 17th, 18th and 19th August, 1987.

A vote of thanks was recorded for the Auditor, Mr. C. A. Rowe and the Captain and Members of Arkley were thanked by our Chairman for the courtesies extended to us throughout the afternoon.

The 18 holes competition prior to the Meeting, for the Rigby Taylor Shield was won by Steve Millard with 37 Stableford points.

WELSH

Hon. Sec: Philip Swain, 7 Elm Close, Underwood Estate, Llanmartin, Newport, Gwent NP6 2HT Telephone: Newport 413227

On Tuesday, 3rd June, we held our annual match with the Secretaries at Southerndown Golf Club.

I must voice an opinion on the numbers present from our side. We could only muster 9 with John Walsh helping out at the last minute.

Obviously there were genuine reasons for withdrawals and mythanks go to those who were good enough to tell me, but we must make an effort to keep this competition going and we cannot expect the Secretaries to foot the bill all the time.

Back to the match, the Greenkeeper's came out on top by a score of 4 to 1.

We were treated to some good weather and we would like to pass on our thanks to John Walsh and his team for presenting the course in such good condition. We also extend our thanks to the Secretary and Stewardess for helping out with their efficiency and kindness.

The A.G.M. was held after the tournament at Royal Porthcawl Golf Club. The weather was superb and was the best conditions we had played the course in a very long time.

We must thank Bruce and his boys on the good condition of the course and the steward and stewardess for the help and efficiency. My thanks to the Secretary and the Committee for giving us courtesy and the course and club facilities.

The competition was well fought as usual but not so close.

Winner of the John Duncan Cup was Mike Jones with a score of 68 - A Shirt donated by Ted Thompson. Winner of the John O'Gorman Cup was Philip Swain with a score of 74 - A Bottle of Wine donated by Walter Jones. The next best score was 78 scored by Peter Light and John Hopkins with Peter Light winning on a countback.

Peter Light won a Bottle of Sherry and John Hopkins a Bottle of Port.

Winner of the Birdie Cup was Colin Lewis with a score of 88 and a Bottle of Martini.

Second - Robert Kitcher with a score of 80.

Third - Walter Jones with a score of

The cups and prizes were presented by Roger Bird in the absence of our President.

The A.G.M. was poorly attended and so the meeting did not last very long.

It was decided in the meeting that because the Secretary was now on the telephone that the members should notify the Secretary if they are going to attend the meeting or not.



MIDLANDS

Hon. Sec: Steve Wood 58 Guerney Road, Beechdale, Walsall Telephone: (0922) 611380

In early April the Committee played for the Ray Challener Cup over the fine Belfry course, resulting in a win for Mick Hughes with some inspired golf.

Our Spring Tournament took place Whittington Barracks G.C. on May 22nd and our sincere appreciation to everyone involved at the club for providing such a wonderful day's golf.

We must also mention a most kind and generous donation of £75 from the club towards the prizes.

RESULTS: **Best Nett:**

1st S. Mucklow Ransomes Cup and Watch 2nd B. Boland Holdall A. Boroston Camera 3rd

Best Gross: Golf Bag S. Dickinson 1st 2nd A Lewis Holdall

Our thanks to all the trade members who attended, and to Rigby Taylor (Midlands) for refreshments at the 10th.

Forthcoming Events: October 30th Autumn Meeting, Little Ashton G.C.

NORTHERN

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The grapevine has it that using P₂O₅ these days renders the poor old greenkeeper defenceless against dismissal: Whatever next? One wonders, in the light of the meteoric increase interest shown towards our job in recent times.

Suddenly, we are wooed by firms and organisations, which not long ago, would not exchange the time of day with greenkeepers, let alone shell out towards golf greenkeeping administrative finance or greenkeeper training. Now we are told we must amalgamate, pull together and work in concert. Why and with WHOM? We have always been the BGGA. Old F.W.H. (Metaphorically Fred, honestly) is exactly right in his comments about the name. I bet his true thoughts aren't printable in a decent publication.

Cynicism aside, one event which proved an undoubted success was our President's Day at Garforth on June 19th. Everything went like a dream.

Very favourable comments were exchanged about Colin Garnett's lovely course and these accolades were topped off by the lad himself being among the pot winners.

Garforth Golf Club made us warmly welcome and our special thanks go to Mr. Bill Mountain, our evergreen President for organising such a grand afternoon.

BGGA SECTIONAL GOLF TOURNAMENT DIARY

Ashridge G.C (Mid. Anglia) Isle of Purbeck G.C. (S. Coast) JULY JULY 10 Dinas Powis G.C. (Welsh) Roses Match Preston G.C. 10 JULY JULY 16

JULY 29 Midlands v. Mid Anglia, Tewkesbury G.C.

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AUG. 14 Easingwold G.C. Invitation Day AUG. 21

(Northern) A.R.M.S Tournament (Open Event) Filton G.C. (S. West) SEPT.

S. Coast v. S. West, Wells G.C. Mattock G.C. (Sheffield) Langland Bay G.C. (Welsh) Basingstoke G.C. (S. Coast) 4 9 SEPT. 11 SEPT. SEPT.

Longcliffe G.C. (E. Midlands) St. Pierre G.C. S. West v. Welsh OCT. 2 OCT.

Fulford G.C. (Northern)
Exeter Golf & Country Club OCT. OCT. 16 (Devon & Cornwall)

OCT. or 21 OCT. 30 Cotswold Edge G.C. (S. West) Little Ashton G.C. (Midlands)

Elfordleigh Hotel & Golf Club (Devon & Cornwall) NOV.

Kenfig G.C. (Welsh) Okehampton Golf Club (Devon & Cornwall) DEC DEC. 17

A revised tournament diary will be published throughout the season. Would Secretaries please inform the Editor of new dates and venues as soon as they are available.



EAST MIDLANDS

Hon. Sec: R. W. Willars. 27 Condor Close, Broughton Astley, Leicestershire. Tel: Sutton Elms 283053

SPRING GOLF TOURNAMENT

Our Spring Tournament was held on Wednesday, 14th May at the Sherwood Forest Golf Club, Nottingham. We would like to thank the Committee for extending us the courtesy of their

Unfortunately the weather was cool and very windy with the last few off the tee getting rather wet. We would like to thank the companies and friends who donated prizes, for their generosity.

Our thanks also to the ladies for the cards, raffle, etc. to the starters for getting us off on time and to the Vice-Captain of Sherwood Forest Golf Club Mr. Peter Hall for presenting our winners with their prizes.

GREENKEEPERS NETT:

1st, R. Barker, 70; 2nd, D. Bagshaw, 74; 3rd, G. Arnold, 74; 4th, D. Cleaver, 76; 5th, N. Danvers, 76; 6th, N. Root, 78; 7th, B. Mott, 79; 8th, M. Billings, 80; 9th, J. White, 80; 10th, S. Fretter, 80; 11th, D. Leatherland, 80.

VICE-PRESIDENTS NETT

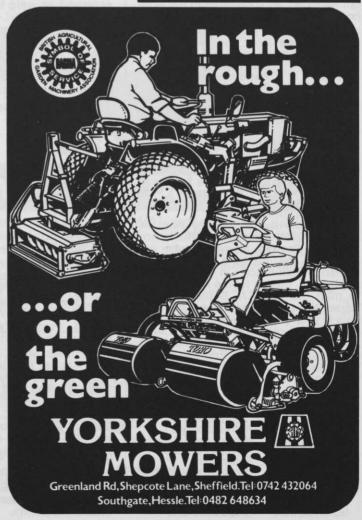
1st, A. Hope, 67; 2nd, S. Dickinson, 70; 3rd, N. Liddington, 71; 4th, P. Simpson, 74; 5th, J. Barsby, 74.

VISITORS NETT 1st, D. Hamilton, 69; 2nd, P. Hall, 72; 3rd, D. Mitchel, 74. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our A.G.M. was held on Monday, 19th May at the Leicestershire Golf Club. 22 members attended and the following officers were elected:

President: W. A. Garratt Chairman: R. Holt Vice Chairman: N. Danvers Secretary: R. W. Willars D. Cleaver P. McCarron Treasurer Section Representative: Committee:

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