

Back in time to this month in... 1975

Do you have any old artifacts from days gone-by?

Perhaps your grandad was a greenkeeper and has something stored away in the loft? Maybe an Association tie, or a journal? If so we would love to hear from you. We are particularly interested in the early part of the last century but anything you have would be worth considering for future editions of this article.

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Back in time looks back at cuttings of greenkeeping news from days gone-by. 2012 will be a landmark year, as it will be the centenary of Greenkeeping Associations, as well as 25 years since BIGGA was formed. Each month we will look back at the current month, but in a different year, from over the last hundred. This month we travel back to November 1975.

The issue covered **Drainage Problems**, a piece written by **D. F. Boocock**, an **Advisory Officer**, at the **STRI** and a piece on turf which came from a paper entitled **Composition and Nourishment of Amenity Swards**, delivered by **Robert W. Palin**, **Technical Director**, of **Sutton Seeds**, at **Turf 75**, held at **Reading University**.

A pub honours the fine art of greenkeeping, featured in the issue. The Greenkeeper was built at the entrance to Thorpe Wood Golf Course in Peterborough and the magazine appealed for the subject of the pub sign to make himself known. The success of the search is not known!

The information was provided by Mr F.E. Sismey, Head Greenkeeper of nearby Peterborough Milton Golf Club.



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Drainage problems

THE surface drainage of a golf course is greatly influenced both by design and by the character of the soil. This applies to all areas of the course from putting greens to rough. Design should not only take account of the natural features of the site to produce good golfing holes at an acceptable cost, but should bear in mind the varying drainage characteristics and subsequent maintenance of the area.

These latter aspects are particularly important when siting a new green or moving an existing one. Low lying areas are generally best avoided. If these parts are not naturally boggy and ill drained (or extremely difficult to drain artificially) they will nearly always be affected by surface water from surrounding higher land. Some of these problems may be overcome on the green itself by use of drainage carpets with emptying drains and an improved soil mix. Even then such good drainage can be severely taxed by heavy run-off in

By D. F. Boocock, Advisory Officer, The Sports Turf Research Institute.

storm conditions. The surrounds and approaches to such greens, usually with unimproved soil and little or no tile drainage, can deteriorate seriously.

Where a green must be of necessity sited in a different situation like this, some help can be gained by reshaping the fairway or surround to direct surface water run-off to the side of the green and, of course, away from the next tee.



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with their prizes by Mr. Machin. I would just like to say a special thanks to Mr. Norman Spencer, who helped with the cards, etc., not only at this competition but also at our others this year.

It was very good to have with us at Dore & Totley one of our Hon. Life Members, Mr. Percy Booker, who was a very active member of this section in the past. Nice to see you, Percy.

Next winter meeting at Abbeydale G.C., December 4th at 2.30 p.m. Mr. D. F. Boocock, S.T.R.I., will talk on the subject of Modern Golf Green and Tee Construction.

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Congratulations go to John Gerrards Cross Golf Club and of this section on winning the News Weekend Golfers Tour West Byfleet on September defeating 16-year-old Middx. Curtis at the 19th. This section also represented by Don Major, Park Golf Club, who he last eight.

Come to this section the following members, F. G. Catchpole and Wilson as Vice-Presidents, andington, D. R. Fisher (R.A.F.), W. H. Millen (Tenterton), Jones (Chestfield), H. W. Cave Green), M. P. Fitzsimmons (Ham Place Park Municipal), Gale (Surbiton G.C.) and Mr. It.

Friday's outing with a game of golf enjoyed by members of this at Foxhills Golf Club, at the of Huxleys. -A special thank



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Diary dates
 Oct. 20 N.W. Section, Lecture by Joseph Metcalfe Ltd., Swinton Park G.C., 7.30 p.m.
 Nov. 3 North West Section, Talk by Mommersteeg Seeds, Swinton Park G.C., 7.30 p.m.
 Nov. 3 Southern Section, Suttons Seeds, 6.30 p.m.
 Nov. 15 East Midlands Section, Annual Dinner/Dance, Shakespeare Inn, Leicester.
 Nov. 27 Northern Section, Lecture by S.A.I. Horticulture Ltd., Moor Allerton G.C., 7.30 p.m. for 8 p.m.
 Dec. 2 South Coast Section, Lecture by Mr. J. Bradbury of Mommersteeg International, Alresford G.C., 7 p.m.
 Dec. 3 Southern Section, Ransomes, 6.30 p.m.
 Dec. 4 N.W. Section, Visit to Toro.
 Dec. 4 Sheffield Section, Talk by Mr. D. F. Boocock of the S.T.R.I., Abbeydale G.C., 2.30 p.m.
 Dec. 12 Northern Section, Annual Dinner, Oakdale G.C.
 Jan. 12 N.W. Section, Lecture by Mr. T. L. Hewett, Atco Ltd.
 Jan. 29 Northern Section, Lecture by Mr. Tyldesley, a Meteorological Officer, Moor Allerton G.C.

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