

**Ashton-Under-Lyne Golf Club Annual Meeting. Saturday May 4<sup>th</sup> 1935.**

**Secretary's Report**

I have pleasure in presenting the report for the past year.

The financial position has been explained by the Treasurer, Mr G Robson and the result may be considered very satisfactory.

The loan account including interest stands at £118-19-8 and I see no reason why this should not now be cleared off, at any rate there are at least two items amounting to £21-12-8 which should be paid. ~~off~~

The number of members is as follows: -

128 Gentlemen Playing members, 2 Juniors and 2 country members, and 96 Lady members 2 Juniors and 1 country member.

Honorary Members are 16 Gentlemen and 23 Ladies.

The Gentlemen's membership has increased by 1 and the Ladies membership has increased by 4.

Honorary membership has decreased by 4 gentlemen and increased by one lady.

I would like to point out that it is really desirable that our gentlemen membership should be increased, especially seeing that there are only 32 more gentlemen members than ladies, and additional membership with the increase in income would enable the Committee to carry out many desirable improvements and maintain efficiency.

The members of Committee have again kept up their record and their attendance shows an average of over 90% ; they have devoted a considerable amount of time and thought to the affairs of the Club, upkeep of the course, and questions of finance, also the comfort and convenience of the members.

The House Committee: - Mr J H Barratt secretary; has given valuable service in the management of the Bar and Shop and the result is very satisfactory, and it is pleasing to report that the Shop receipts have increased and the members are to be thanked for their support and asked to continue their patronage which is very necessary.

The Financial results from the Bar give evidence of careful management, and our thanks are due to the Secretary for his careful management.

This Committee has also furnished the Smoke Room with a carpet, and put clear glass in the windows and generally improved the room and although the room presents rather a difficult problem, I think you will admit that there is a decided improvement, and the room will be put to more use than in the past.

The Steward and Stewardess continue to give satisfaction and as the maintenance of the comforts of the Club are highly important, you will no doubt agree that their services are worthy of our appreciation.

The Handicap Committee: Mr H Ridyard secretary, has also carried out its many duties efficiently; handicaps have been revised from time to time, and a general raising of handicaps has just recently taken place. The raising of handicaps cause considerable comment among the members, but the Committee considered that such revision was overdue and considerable time and thought was given to the question, and although it is practically impossible to revise the whole without some minor adjustment being necessary later, I believe that the large majority of the members are satisfied, and in any case, the results of the medal competitions will soon lead to minor adjustments being made and our thanks are due to the Secretary for his services.

The Calendar is a very comprehensive one and special mention should be made of one or two events viz: - Invitation Fourball July 13<sup>th</sup>, Caddies Competition July 16<sup>th</sup>, Luxor Cup Competition Sept 14<sup>th</sup>, in aid of the District Infirmary, also the Annual Dance on December 6<sup>th</sup>.

The Greens Committee: - J Gibson Secretary, has also given much time and thought to the many problems which have arisen in regard to the improvement and upkeep of the Course and I am sure that we all appreciate the services of Brooks the groundsman.

A considerable amount of draining has been undertaken during the Winter months and some of the Tees have been re-laid.

The treatment prescribed by the expert from Bingley Research Station in August last has been faithfully carried out, and the result of such treatment, especially after the drought, is considered highly pleasing, and the same treatment is to be followed during the season.

Four men will be employed on the Course from now on although only two have been working during the Winter.

All the machines have been overhauled and repaired, and are in thorough working order, and the topping of the rough will be continued as before.

The purchase of the Motor and the two extra mower units have proved invaluable, and in my opinion is one of the best investments the Committee have ever made.

The Course generally is looking fine, and rapidly improving, but I cannot refrain from mentioning the fact that many members are not replacing divots, which is decidedly unfair both to the ground staff and members who unfortunately find their ball in one, and I do ask that members attend to this very important point.

A successful Caddies match was held during the year, and the thanks of the Committee is given to all those who subscribed or helped in any way.

The Social Committee: Mr J Taylor secretary, has again given excellent support, and handed over the sum of £55, as a result of their efforts, and you will see that although our position has improved, the work of this Committee is still very necessary and their services deserve our warmest thanks.

The Ladies Committee has handed over £25, and this sum is very welcome, and I am sure that we all appreciate the help of the Ladies.

The Subscribers to the Prize Fund and winners of the various events who provided runner-up prizes are deserving of our thanks for their generosity which relieves the Club of considerable expense.

The members will be please to know that many of the members who have recently resigned have expresses their cordial thanks to the Committee and members who have helped to make their membership enjoyable.

The Committee has decorated certain portions of the Club Premises, thus adding to the comfort of the members, but unfortunately we have not been able to get the Owner to paint outside, although this is badly needed.

A supper was held on November 20<sup>th</sup>, and a goodly number attended, and the evening was very enjoyable.

In conclusion I again ask on behalf of the Captain and Committee for your good will and support, which is very necessary to enable the Club to be carried on successfully, and ask every member to assist as far as possible in making the season one to be remembered.