

**Ashton U Lyne Golf Club**  
**Secretarys Report March 16<sup>th</sup> 1957.**

Mr ~~Cap~~ President, Mr Captain and Gentlemen,

I have much pleasure in presenting my Annual Report and I can assure you that it is very gratifying to know that the finances of the Club are good and that we are in a sound position. The state of the Course is good and promises well for the coming Season. We have recently had an influx of new Members which augurs well for the future.

The Financial Statement submitted by the Treasurer has been accepted by you and Mr Butlin's detailed explanation of the Income and Expenditure leaves nothing to be added by me, except that our warmest thanks be extended to Mr Butlin for his efficient and valuable services to the Club. Also to Mr Sheperd and Mr Sagar for the able manner they have carried out the Audit of the Treasurer's accounts.

I am happy to report an increase in Membership and ~~as you are aware the figures are printed on the Balance Sheet~~ look forward with confidence to a further increase this year.

The increase from £121-18-0 to £157-12-6 for Green Fees pays a tribute to the good condition of the Course and I think our thanks are due to the Greens Committee, and the Ground Staff for their efforts.

It is usual at this meeting to express our thanks to the Secretaries of the various sub-Committees. This year, as in the past the House Committee, Handicap Committee, and Social Committee have done excellent work, and we are indebted to Mr Cawthron, Mr Haselden and Mr Battersby for the time, energy, and thought they devote to the interests of the Club.

The Calendar sub Committee has again arranged an interesting list of events for the coming season, and again we are looking forward for the same support, which has been given by members, in the past years. In this connection our thanks are due to the many donors of prizes which makes such an attractive list of fixtures possible.

Two members of the Club have qualified for the Evening News Competition, Mr Clough and Mr Marland and to them also go our good wishes.

I think everyone will agree that the Course was looking in better condition last year than it has for many years and now that the Greens have again been treated with dressings, we can reasonably expect the course ~~to~~ will be in excellent condition during the coming season.

Our Committee are to be congratulated on retaining the Fifth Tee. We appealed against a decision to build houses on that site and it was gratifying to know that we were able to retain the land in question.

The General Committee have met every month and the attendance well maintained and I can assure you that the affairs of the Club are all in good order.

~~My thanks go to the Members who have improved the tidiness of the course by refraining to throw all sorts of papers over the grass.~~ Last year I made an appeal to all members to keep the Course tidy

and free from litter and I wish to thank everybody concerned for their help and sincerely hope they will continue with the good work.

Our sincere thanks are due to the Ladies for the valuable assistance they have given and for their interests in the social events of the Club.

You will all be interested to know that the Golf Alliance have decided to hold a Competition on this Course during the coming winter.

I wish to add my personal thanks to all who have willingly helped me during the past year.

The Captain and Members of the Committee greatly appreciate the support received from the members generally, and once again ~~we~~ are looking forward to another enjoyable season with much good fellowship at the Ashton Golf Club.