

Ashton-Under-Lyne Golf Club Annual Meeting. Saturday May 5th 1945.

Secretary's Report

I have pleasure in presenting my report for the past season and in being able to say that the season has been highly successful, and although the War is not yet over, we are looking forward to its early termination.

The financial position shown by the Balance Sheet and explained by the Treasurer is very satisfactory, and Mr Firth is to be thanked for his excellent services. It must be remembered (sic) however that we are working with a reduced groundstaff and without a paid professional.

The Auditors Messrs W Lowe and E F Widdop are to be thanked for their co-operation and valued assistance in auditing the accounts.

The number of members is stated in the balance sheet, but since this was issued there has been some alteration and we ~~have~~ now have 160 gentlemen playing members, 8 Juniors and 1 Country Member and 68 Lady playing Members and 5 Juniors. Honorary Members 44 Ladies and 20 Gentlemen. The membership has increased as follows since last year: - Playing Members ⑬ Gentlemen and 4 Ladies. Honorary Members 7 Ladies.

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There are ~~18 Gentlemen and 2 Juniors~~, 4 Ladies and ~~4 Juniors~~ still serving in His Majesty's Forces and we look forward to the speedy termination of the War and their safe return

The members of Committee have again a good record of attendance which shows an average of 89%.

Various matters have engaged the attention of the Committee from time to time and these have been considered and dealt with, and every effort has been made to keep the Course in as good a condition as possible under the circumstances, and I should like to pay tribute to the ground staff for the excellent way in which they have worked to keep the Course in good condition.

The Committee has taken no action in regard to the letting of the grazing of the 70 acres and no application has been received from any farmer, therefore it may result in this portion of the Course being free from cattle.

The House Committee; "Mr Cawthron secretary", has again rendered valuable assistance and the excellent result on House account is to a great extent due to the careful management, and our thanks are due to be given to the secretary for his valued and willing service.

The Handicap Committee; "Mr H R Schofield secretary" has carried out its duties efficiently, and kept up to date the various handicaps, and Mr Schofield is to be thanked for his efficient

service.

The Calendar sub-committee has arranged a comprehensive list of events for the coming season, and it is hoped that the members will give their hearty support as in the past.

The Social Committee "Mr H Burlinson, Secretary" has again been busily engaged raising funds for war and other efforts and the secretary is to be congratulated on his willing and effective service.

The Greens Committee; "Myself secretary", has endeavoured far as possible to keep the Course in good condition, the greens have been forked and the greens and tees have been dressed with compost and fertilizer.

Worm killer of lead arsenate powder has been used on Nos 7, 9 10 and 12 greens as a means of killing leather jackets which were discovered, and the attention of the members is called to the poisonous nature of the substance used, so that they may take every care in cleaning and handling of golf balls.

The fairways have been cut this season. The machines have been overhauled and repaired, and everything is in readiness for the season.

The Hollow in front of No 12 forward tee has been drained, also the corner of the triangular field on the right hand side of No 1 green, and the swamp ground in front of No 7 tee has been dealt with.

Through the generosity of one of our members, who presented the Club with a goodly number Hawthorns and Privet, we have been able to plant about 80 Hawthorns and some Privet and it is hoped that in time these will help beautify the course.

The sleeper obstructions have been removed from the course.

The subscribers and givers of prizes are to be thanked for their generous assistance which relieves the club of considerable expense, especially when everything is so scarce and expensive.

In conclusion I should like to say that the Captain and Members of the Committee greatly appreciate the support and backing of the members and though war conditions still hamper the best of intentions, we can I think look forward to another successful season and the speedy termination of the War.

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