

**Ashton-Under-Lyne Golf Club Annual Meeting March 7<sup>th</sup>1964.**

**Secretary's Report**

I have pleasure in presenting my report for the past year, and I feel it can be claimed that the season has been a highly successful one in every way.

The financial position as shown by the Balance Sheet, so ably presented and explained by Mr Firth, must be considered very satisfactory, and our warmest thanks and appreciation are due to Mr Firth for his valuable services to the Club in the office of Honorary Treasurer. Our thanks are also due to Mr Lowe and Mr Widdop for their willing and efficient services as Auditors.

Many important matters have engaged the attention of the Committee during the past year. These have been dealt with and every effort made to maintain the course in a good condition, and to provide for the comfort of members in the club-house and premises. Owing to the very severe frost, almost the worst in living memory, combined with the fuel crisis during the past winter, the conditions in the club-house were far from what we desired. However nothing could be done about it and we must look forward and hope for better and milder conditions (sic) next year. Further electric plugs and fires have been provided namely in the Dining Room, the Ladies Room upstairs and the Steward's Quarters. A drying cupboard for the ladies locker room similar to the one in the gentlemen's locker room, is in the course of construction, and it is hoped that very soon, we shall have the locker room building repaired, then the locker room can be cleaned up and repainted.

A new lease has been completed for the land owned by the Waterworks Committee, and a new lease is in the course of preparation for Lord Stamford's land. The Insurances have all been reviewed and are now considered to provide adequate cover in every direction, both in the interests of the Club and of Members personally.

Regarding the Course, it was the intention (of which practically every member was aware) to complete the bunkering of the 8<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> greens – again the extraordinary weather conditions completely upset our calculations and the staff, unfortunately were unable to proceed with the bunkering of the 13<sup>th</sup> green. The 8<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> are however completed and I think the members generally will agree that the Greenkeeper and his assistants have done an excellent job of work. The machines have again been thoroughly overhauled and are in good condition. The greens and tees have all been hand weeded, spiked and treated with fertiliser, and I think we can, with confidence look forward to further improvement in the condition of the course generally. With regard to bunkering the course, it is a matter worthy of consideration, whether by the employment of additional casual labour, the work might be expedited to some extent during the next winter – the Committee have this matter in mind and will give it their consideration in due course.

The Committee have let the grazing of the "home" field to Mr Hall, of Gorsey Lane Farm, for a further twelve months reserving the right to mow the fairways as and when desired. The question of "placing in this particular field, will be decided by the Committee when the cattle are turned in for grazing.

The House Committee (Mr Cawthron, Secretary) has again rendered valuable assistance and the excellent result on the Ba Account is largely due to careful management.

The Handicap Committee (Mr Schofield, Secretary) has carried out it's (sic) duties conscientiously and efficiently and kept the various handicaps up to date from time to time.

The Calendar Committee has again arranged a comprehensive list of events for the coming season, and it is hoped that the members will once again give their heart support.