

Ashton-Under-Lyne Golf Club Annual Meeting. Saturday May 7th 1938.

Secretary's Report

I have pleasure in presenting my report for the past year and am pleased to say that the season has been highly successful.

The financial position is shewn in the Balance Sheet and the Treasurer has explained in detail ~~and~~ the result is very pleasing, and the Treasurer Mr Robson is to be congratulated and thanked for his excellent services.

The loan account now stands at £81/2/6 including interest; one loan has been paid off and I should like to see this account wiped out entirely, but in any case there are some loans which should be cleared.

There are rather more subscriptions outstanding than usual, but two or three really belong to members who have left the Club without giving notice of their intention, or who have left the district.

It is necessary to call attention to a point in reference to new members, we have a few cases in which a new member is elected and seems to be under the impression that the subscription can be paid when convenient, and I would like to point out that this is not the case, and the subscription must be paid at once or the privilege of playing prior to payment will have to be reconsidered.

The number of members is as follows: -141 Gentlemen playing members, 3 Country and 4 Juniors.

Lady members 98 and 5 Juniors.

Honorary Members 15 Gentlemen and 24 Ladies.

The Gentlemen's membership has increased by 6 and one Country Member, and 1 Junior and the Ladies membership has also increased by 4 and 3 Juniors.

Honorary membership has increased by 2 Gentlemen but there are 2 Ladies less.

It is pleasing to note that the membership is increasing, but there is still room for more and the Committee are looking forward to a further increase and hope the members will continue to play their part in bring about this desirable result.

The members of Committee have again a good record of attendance which shews an average of 88.4%; they have considered and dealt with many problems and have carefully considered all matters in connection with the working of the Club House and the satisfactory upkeep and maintenance of the Golf Course

The Committee are considering the question of future alterations to the premises in order to make better use of the Lounge on the 1st floor, but it is too early to say anything definite.

The House Committee: - Mr J H Barratt secretary, has again given valuable and the profit on the Bar has been maintained and this is really necessary in order to make the Club a success. The thanks of the members are due to Mr Barratt for his valuable services.

The Handicap Committee: Mr J Taylor secretary has also carried out its duties efficiently, the handicaps have been revised and adjusted after careful consideration, and our thanks are due to Mr Taylor for his services which call for a considerable amount of work.

The Calendar Sub-Committee has drafted a very complete list of events for the coming season and attention is directed to some of the important events: -

Caddies' Competition, July 12th, Invitation Four-ball July 23rd, Luxor Cup Competition September 10th, and the Annual Dance Dec 2nd and the Four-ball on December 31st.

I am requested to call special attention to the Luxor Cup Competition, this event is in aid of the District Infirmary and the Committee decided not to make a separate effort, but to try and make this event a special one.

The Greens Committee: - J Gibson Secretary, has again given a good deal of time and consideration to the upkeep and improvement of the Course, and I think you will all agree that every year brings about considerable improvement.

The Course is in good order and the groundsmen are to be congratulated on their efforts, although the dry weather is causing some apprehension.

Three new units have been purchased for the gang mower at a cost of £94/10/-, this was necessary as the old ones were worn out.

The purchase of the Overgreen Motor Mower for the greens has proved to be a very wise arrangement, and the cutting is giving every satisfaction.

Sundry Winters work has been undertaken and the Committee also decide to make a new Green at No 6 under the advice of an expert also a new tee at No 7. This Green will help make fuller use of the rough ground which was unsightly and will also provide an excellent sporting hole, and the position of the new tee on No 7 will remove any danger to traffic on Mossley Road. The green has been roughly formed and will be ready for next season.

Two men have been employed during the Winter and four are engaged during the summer.

The treatment of the greens etc. and the worming and fertilising is proving satisfactory.

All the machines have been repaired and overhauled and all the plant is in thorough order.

The professional's shop has been extended and improved and Haslam is giving every satisfaction.

The Parking Ground has been extended and is also a great improvement, and although many of you do not possess a car, you are still at liberty to admire the possessions of others.

A successful Caddies Match was held during the season and the ~~the~~ thanks of the Committee are given to all those who subscribed or assisted in any way.

The Social Committee: Mr J H Barratt, Secretary, has given splendid support and handed over £30 which is a very great help and their services are greatly appreciated.

The Ladies Committee has handed over the sum of £20 and this help is greatly valued and our thanks are due to the Ladies for their financial assistance.

The subscribers to the Prize Fund and the Winners of the various events who gave runner-up prizes are also to be thanked for their generosity which relieves the Club of considerable expense, but it is necessary to point out that there is not the same ready response as heretofore either to the Prize Fund or the promise of prizes.

I am asked to call the attention of the members to a very serious complaint viz: - the failure of many members to replace divots, this neglect causes serious disfigurement to the Course and bad lies for other players, and I appeal to every member as a sportsman to assist in putting an end to this neglect of duty.

In conclusion I may say that the Captain and Members of the Committee have greatly appreciated the loyalty and assistance of the members, and confidently look forward to a continuance during the coming season, and knowing that your help has always been forthcoming, we can look forward to another successful year.