

Ashton Golf Club.

Expenditure:

|             | 1925. | 1926. | 1927. | 1928. | 1929. |
|-------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Club House. | £247. | £305. | £343. | £348. | £384. |

Expenditure trebled since 1917.

|          | 1925. | 1926. | 1927. | 1928. | 1929. |
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| General. | £114. | £126. | £151. | £220. | £200. |

Expenditure quadrupled since 1917.

|         | 1925.  | 1926.  | 1927. | 1928. | 1929.  |
|---------|--------|--------|-------|-------|--------|
| Course. | £1192. | £1039. | £991. | £919. | £1124. |

Expenditure trebled since 1917.

Income:

|  | 1925.  | 1926.  | 1927.  | 1928.  | 1929.  |
|--|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
|  | £1433. | £1454. | £1449. | £1643. | £1655. |

Increase since 1917, not quite trebled.

The Membership is as follows: 171 Gentlemen, 98 Ladies<sup>1</sup>, and 31 Honorary Members.

The following improvements have been carried out which account for the increase in expenses.

Club House:- Altered and Improved, New Furniture, New Locker Rooms, New Lockers, New Heating System. This means increased rent, rates and taxes.

General:- Improvements have meant considerable increase.

1922  
Club 167.  
Ladies 100.  
Hon. 31.

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Insurance ~~is-insurance~~, also increased, insurance for covering members in case of third party accident covering members on our own course also on other courses. Bank charges on larger overdraft have increased expenses, and subscriptions to various organisations and extra cost of prizes have also increased.

Courses: — The Course has been improved, also greens and tees; drainage has been carried out and increased facilities have been brought about for dealing with the Fairways and the cutting of the rough twice in a season.

Getting cattle off the course has brought about a loss of income from grazing and increased rental. Taking over the Land from the Stamford Estate and the Joint Waterworks Committee has brought about a considerable increase in the rates on the Land, as same is assessed as land used for sport only, and not as agricultural land.

We require at the present time: £80 for decoration of Club House and premises, £60 for Electric Lighting, and a further sum of £55 to pay off Loans to Honorary Members and members who have ceased to be members of the Club, totalling up to £195, and in addition to this there are several Loans standing at £20, which in my opinion should be reduced to not more than £10.

The decoration of the Club Premises internally now falls on the Club, and at least £20, per year should be set on one side to cope with this question.

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In addition to the foregoing more income is required to carry out necessary improvements as they arise, also to purchase the necessary fertilisers etc., which in the past have had to be sparingly used on account of keeping down costs.

Extra accomodation is needed for the Ladies', but nothing can be done owing to lack of funds.

The Committee have endeavoured to carry on without raising the subscriptions, but the time has arrived when the position must be explained, viz: that unless we have a greater income, improvements must practically cease, and economy be practised to the detriment of the concern.

~~It has been suggested to me that if the raising of the subscriptions is turned down by this meeting that it would be a reflection on the Committee, but I do not for one moment think this would be meant at all; to me it would simply mean that the Members would be prepared to accept the Course & Club House as it stands, without regard to future improvements, simply for the sake of £1-1-0 extra subscription.~~

Various improvements are constantly being suggested in the interests of the Members, and subscription lists have to be opened, and many members have not subscribed, and the only way to bring every member into line is to increase the subscriptions so that each member will bear his fair share of the burden.

I am sure that no Member of a Club such as this for one moment wishes that the expense of improvements shall be borne by the few.

The cost in connection with the Course cannot be cut down without seriously affecting same.

The income from the Bar and Shop cannot be expected to increase and here again the patrons of the Bar cannot be expected to provide funds for the upkeep of the Club to any greater extent.

Also a Club of such standing as ours ought not to be in the position of running a Shop for profit and should employ a Professional.

I believe in reasonable subscriptions in all cases, and compared with other Clubs and considering the facilities we have I think £5/5/- and £3/3/- very reasonable. In the case of the Ladies' who in the past have paid £2/2/-, the sum was inadequate, considering that they use the Course more than the men do. *I second the proposal that the sum be raised to 5/5/- + 3/3/-.*

I appeal for the unanimous support of the meeting and the passing of the resolution.

*It may mean a little sacrifice in some cases, but I feel sure that such sacrifice would be well repaid.*

The following improvements have been suggested which would be for the benefit of the Club.  
Club House - altered and improved, new furniture, new books, new bar, new lockers, new heating system. This means increased expenses and costs.  
General Improvements have been *(A)* considerable increase.