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EDITORIAL

The re-establishment of a Grounds Committee, announced in this edition of the BULLETIN, will doubtless be gladly welcomed, particularly by playing members, as a most encouraging item of news.

The need for such a co-ordinating body has long been patently obvious to those members who in any way are or have been responsible for entertaining visiting teams, or those who have enjoyed the hospitality of other clubs of equal standing. Especially at the present time when, owing to the effects of the dry weather experienced last winter, so many items of grounds rehabilitation need to be carried out, together with the added responsibilities arising from a considerably increased playing membership, many problems have to be settled which should properly be the joint concern of all outdoor Sections.

There can be no doubt that, working properly, the Grounds Committee can achieve much in improving the present standard of playing conditions, and it is to be hoped that not only will they be allowed to function to the full capacity of their endeavours, but also that they will be given the whole-hearted support of all members for whose ultimate benefit the Committee's labours will be directed.

CRICKET

The season has opened with some lovely weather, in the main, and wickets have been more reminiscent of August than of May. In consequence, batsmen have run into form early and there have been many big totals.

The first eleven have won three matches, drawn three, and lost one, their only defeat being at Ashford, by the narrow margin of one run. Shepherds Bush, Mill Hill Park and Polytechnic were all convincingly beaten, and all three drawn games were going our way at the end. Felton and J. Swann have been the most consistent run-getters, whilst Alston enjoyed a successful Whitsun with the bat, scoring half-centuries against Ealing Dean and West Herts. The return of Alston to the side has also added strength and variety to the bowling, in which department the skipper, Frank Ahl, has been well amongst the wickets, in addition to scoring 53 in the opening game of the season, when the very fine score of 252 was made for the loss of five wickets.

The "A" XI lost their first two matches, but then showed a marked improvement, winning four and drawing two of the remaining six games. The bowling has been consistently hostile, and whilst wickets have been well shared, mention must be made of the good form of Jack Howard. The batting, latterly, has been more reliable, and a series of most enjoyable and successful games were played. The skipper, Len Haworth, apart from bowling many good overs, took part in a most exciting stand with Truman against Mill Hill Park which turned a match almost lost into a highly meritorious draw. Truman, Lewry and Sones have added a welcome and youthful reinforcement to last season's regulars, amongst whom Spice and Dwyer scored excellent fifties.

The "B" XI have won two and lost three matches this season. Many more members are available and it can be expected that the side will become stronger as the season progresses. Smith as a bowler, and Parker as bowler and batsman, have been the two mainstays, but Vincent and Honan have also had some success and the latter shows signs that he may develop into a useful batsman.

The Committee has arranged for the Frank H. Sharpe Memorial Score-Box to be officially inaugurated during the game on June 17th, against D. Gunn's XI, and it is their sincere wish that as many as possible of Frank's friends will be present to witness the short ceremony, which will take place at 7 p.m. at the Pavilion.

1st XI.

RESULTS TO DATE

- Apr. 24. Brentham 252 for 5 (Felton 85, Swann J. 69, Ahl 53); Shepherds Bush 132 (Ahl 4 for 19, Kay 3 for 24).
.. 25. Ashford 201 for 5; Brentham 200 (Felton 66, Swann J. 56 not out, Abel 49).

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- May 1. Hounslow 58 for 0. Rain—match abandoned.
 „ 2. Mill Hill Park 34 (Felton 6 for 28, Ahl 3 for 6); Brentham 140 (Merriot 26, Swann P. 29).
 „ 8. Polytechnic 90 (Ahl 5 for 30); Brentham 134 (Brearley 43).
 „ 9. Brentham 191 for 6 (Swann J. 54, Abel 39); Wembley 92 for 6.
 „ 15. Brentham 178 for 5 (Alston 50, Felton 43, Swann J. 32); Ealing Dean 143 for 8.
 „ 17. Brentham 215 for 4 (Swann J. 91, Alston 58 not out); West Herts 186 for 6.
- “A” XI.
 Apr. 24. Brentham 73 (Flint 23); Shepherds Bush 127 (Haworth 4 for 28).
 May 1. Brentham 127 (Weeks 45); Hounslow 146 for 2.
 „ 2. Mill Hill Park 176 for 4; Brentham 172 for 8 (Truman 52, Haworth 35).
 „ 8. Polytechnic 123 (Howard 5 for 27); Brentham 210 for 8 (Dwyer 54).
 „ 9. Wembley 156 (Howard 4 for 41); Brentham 231 for 9 (Lewry 68, Thurland 57).
 „ 15. Brentham 196 (Flint 37, Sones 36); Ealing Dean 126.
 „ 16. Napiers 90 (Parker 5 for 32); Brentham 175 for 8 (Swann J. 59, Thurland 44).
 „ 17. Brentham 244 (Thurland 84, Spice 56); West Herts 231 for 9.
- “B” XI.
 Apr. 25. Wembley 111; Brentham 46.
 May 1. Brentham 53 for 6; Headstone St. George 61 for 4.
 „ 8. Polytechnic 80 (Smith 5 for 18); Brentham 138.
 „ 9. Mocatra 134 (Parker 5 for 38); Brentham 150 (Parker 56).
 „ 15. Ealing Dean 195 for 9; Brentham 86.

BOWLS

Although the green is not yet ready for play, members were able to make full use of the fine Whitsun weather and on Saturday and Sunday quite a number were at the Pitshanger rink. On Monday, by kind invitation of the Guinness Bowling Club, about twenty members spent a most enjoyable afternoon and evening on their very fine green at Park Royal.

The Committee regret that owing to insufficient support there will be no Club competitions this season.

Results of County and other Competitions :—

Middlesex County Competition :—

- S. Ruffey 13; R. Cranshaw (Jersey) 21.
 F. Knight 21; A. Harris (Lammas) 19.
 J. Boyce 14; M. Grimsdall (Gunnersbury) 21.
 H. Sebborn and J. Boyce 15; L. Carvel and J. Walsh (Gunnersbury) 28.

Middlesex Secretaries' Competition :—

- T. Luxford 20; H. Hornby (A.E.C.) 21.
 Western Wednesday League : Brentham 65; Harrow 49.

The following members have been selected to play in representative matches :—

For Middlesex v. South African Touring Side : J. Boyce.

For Ealing and District B.A. v. Thurrock and District : S. Ruffey and F. H. Tilleard.

For Ealing and District B.A. v. Worthing B.C. : F. H. Tilleard, T. Luxford and L. Scears.

FOOTBALL

The 1947/48 season concluded with an interesting evening match between the Senior eleven and the Reserves, in which the former were pleased and not a little relieved to score the final goal to make the result three goals each. The Reserves played with such enthusiasm and success that the judgment and wisdom of the Selection Committee during the season might be open to criticism. An early injury to John Swann upset the forward formation of the Seniors and it was only when he resumed his normal place that the line developed sufficient power to penetrate a sturdy defence. D. Vincent, who has just left school, was invited at the last moment to play in goal for the Reserves, and he gave a polished display, frustrating many good movements which the Seniors intended to be more successful.

The evening finished on a pleasant note with the forgoing of the players and the Committee in the Club.

The Flannel Dance organised by the Section on Whit-Monday was very well attended and the evening was a great success. Our thanks are due to all those who helped in organising the dance and in making the function so enjoyable.

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The season has got off to a good start and already some 80 members have joined. It is anticipated that we shall again reach the 120 mark before long and it is even possible that the question of limiting the membership may have to be considered if the present rate of new members continues and if the courts are to be "rested" as they should be for short periods during the season. In this connection, whilst it would be idle to pretend that the courts are in a satisfactory condition, members would wish to know that every effort is being made to improve them, and already they are looking very much better for the special treatment they have received. The third hard court, which has been the subject of much comment, and no little misgivings, is now being re-conditioned.

Our match programme has started in most auspicious manner, and if we have perhaps surprised ourselves a little on the results, we have certainly surprised no less our opponents.

Our first match, against West Ealing, away, was closely contested, although the final score of six games to none against us, with three games drawn, did no more than to emphasise our lack of match practice. Team: Goodridge and Clark, Brown and Bonnick, Brenchley and Netherton.

On Wednesday evening, May 6, we visited the Country Club, Hanger Hill, for a mixed match, and won two events to their one, with six events drawn—a most satisfactory result. Our ladies played particularly well in this match, and we all look forward to returning the really excellent hospitality we received. Team: Brown and Miss Mitcham, Bonnick and Mrs. Netherton, Brenchley and Mrs. Simmonds.

May 6th saw the men's team journeying to Uxbridge to play Hillingdon L.T.C. in the first round of the Middlesex County Competition. Despite some rather strange playing conditions, which our opponents naturally used to the full, we had little difficulty in winning by seven games to two, and now meet the winners of Unilever and Star Athletic in the next round. Team: Brown and Bonnick, Brenchley and Gallup, Turner and Netherton.

The first ladies' match—against Elmwood, at Harlesden, was played on Sunday, May 9th, and here again lack of match practice was largely responsible for our defeat. Team: Miss Mitcham and Mrs. James, Mrs. Netherton and Mrs. Brenchley, and Mrs. Simmonds and Miss Caven.

A very enjoyable evening was spent at Ealing Common on May 12th, when we met an Ealing Common "A" side in a men's match and had the better of the game, winning two games to their none, with seven drawn. Altogether a most promising start to the season.

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For the first time since those halcyon days of 1939 (about which we hear so much from the Old Brigade), handicaps have been allotted. Mild criticism will not come amiss, but members should appreciate that the handicaps are unlikely to hold good for more than a few weeks, since they represent but a first effort of the Committee, who in turn are handicapped by the fact that the present condition of the course leaves too much to chance. However, we can expect considerable improvements in the playing conditions, as the hitherto hard-pressed grounds staff are not unmindful of the shortcomings and hope to get the course ship-shape in the near future.

Members are advised to keep an eye on the notice-board for announcements of the annual competitions. Details are expected to become available before the July issue of the BULLETIN appears.

We welcome the setting up of the Grounds Committee. Who knows?—they might even be able to persuade the “powers that be” that, although in these enlightened days hops may not be indispensable for beer, sand is still essential for sand-bunkers!

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BRENTHAM MAY DAY CELEBRATIONS, 1948



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MARGARET HAWKINS CROWNED MAY QUEEN FOR 1948.

Following a long-established Brentham custom, May Day was again celebrated at the Club on Saturday, May 1st. Unfortunately the weather which, with equal deference to tradition, invariably misbehaves itself, once again interfered with the completion of the

full programme. However, the celebrations were successfully concluded on the following Saturday, when the weather was more appropriate.

Full credit must go to the Organising Committee for the admirable arrangements made, which, despite present-day difficulties, were well conceived and executed.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE NOTES

We are pleased to announce the formation of two new Committees, one of which will be responsible for the organisation of dances and entertainments, and the other a Committee to work in conjunction with the Steward for the furtherance of the Club's catering facilities.

In view of the fact that the Management Committee have no news of importance to report in this issue, we have given these new Committees opportunity of utilising this space for thier first announcements.

The Entertainments Committee is under the chairmanship of Mick Dyason, the other members being Miss Sally Clark, Mr. Jack Leery, Charley Roberts, George Hines and Bill Dwyer, all of whom will be pleased to receive suggestions and ideas from the other members of the Club.

The first effort of the Entertainments Committee was the Quiz which took place in the large hall of the Club on Sunday, May 9th, and contested by the ladies and gentlemen. It was a great pleasure to see the splendid support that was given by the members, despite the acoustic difficulties. This matter is being given urgent attention and it is hoped in the very near future to have this defect remedied.

One of the principal objects in offering various entertainments is to bring the members together for spare evenings that arise. We feel sure that all members will give their whole-hearted support to this Committee's efforts, which, it will be appreciated, necessitate a considerable amount of work and giving up of time.

A Catering Committee, consisting of Messrs. Reg. Debenham, Frank Knight and Jack Seymour, all of whom have extensive experience in the Catering trade, are now engaged in re-organising this very important amenity to the Club. Some improvement in this respect has already been noticeable and there is every confidence that this will be continued.

FORMATION OF GROUNDS COMMITTEE

Following on the discussion which took place at the last A.G.M. of the Club, a Grounds Committee has now been reformed, and held its first meeting on May 8th.

The Committee is composed of representatives of all outdoor Sections, as follows:—

Chairman: L. HAWORTH (Cricket).

W. G. BURROWS (Golf), S. RUFFEY (Bowls),

J. SWANN (Football), A. J. PRISKE (Tennis), *Secretary*.

The Committee will advise on all matters of upkeep and management of the grounds and will have the right to submit plans and estimates of proposals to the Management Committee. All matters referring to the grounds will be submitted to the Grounds Committee, and all major decisions by the Management Committee will be submitted to the Grounds Committee before instructions are issued or orders placed.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

CARDS

The Ladies' Card Section wish to announce that their normal gatherings continue throughout the year as follows:—

Mondays: 8 p.m. Whist Drive.

Wednesdays: 2.45 p.m. Whist Drive.

Thursdays: 7.30 p.m. Progressive Bridge.

Saturdays: 8 p.m. Whist Drive.

On Saturday, June 12th, they are holding a Special Whist Drive, at 8 p.m. Entrance fee 1s.

BRENTHAM HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The Society announce that their Second Annual Summer Show will be held at the Club on Saturday, June 26th, from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. Admission to the Show will be 6d.

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Sat.,	June	5.	Cricket: "A" XI v. Richmond Town.
Sun.,	„	6.	Cricket: 1st XI v. Malden Wanderers (11.30 a.m.).
Sun.,	„	6.	Tennis: Ladies v. Lammas.
Tues.,	„	8.	Tennis: Men v. Ealing Common.
Thurs.,	„	10.	Tennis: Ladies v. Hanger Hill.
Sat.,	„	12.	Cricket: 1st XI v. Uxbridge.
Sat.,	„	12.	Tennis: Men—Middlesex County Tournament (3rd Round).
Sun.,	„	13.	Cricket: "B" XI v. Mill Hill "B."
Wed.,	„	16.	Cricket: 1st XI v. Weybridge.
Thurs.,	„	17.	Cricket: 1st XI v. D. Gunn's XI (2 p.m.).
Fri.,	„	18.	Cricket: 1st XI v. F. L. J. Dolman's XI (2 p.m.).
Sat.,	„	19.	Cricket: 1st XI v. Richmond Town.
Sun.,	„	20.	Cricket: "A" XI v. Mill Hill.
Sat.,	„	26.	Cricket: "A" XI v. Polytechnic.
Sun.,	„	27.	Cricket: 1st XI v. Winchmore Hill.
Tues.,	„	29.	Tennis: Mixed v. Hanger Hill.
Thurs.,	July	1.	Tennis: Men v. Hanger Hill.
Sat.,	„	3.	Cricket: "A" XI v. Ealing.
Sat.,	„	3.	Tennis: Ladies v. Barclays Bank.
Sun.,	„	4.	Cricket: "A" XI v. Malden Wanderers (11.30 a.m.)
Sat.,	„	10.	Cricket: 1st XI v. Ealing Dean.
Sat.,	„	10.	Tennis: Ladies v. Lensbury.
Sun.,	„	11.	Cricket: 1st XI v. Northampton Polytechnic.

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