

The first post-war meeting was held in May of 1946, and it was clear that the financial position was far from sound. Accounts to the previous December showed a loss of £ 65 and an overdraft of £ 90. Membership had continued to dwindle and substantial expenditure was necessary. Stevens had resigned as groundsman, his place being taken by D. Loxton who was to remain only a few months. However, the end of the war saw the discharge of Alec Oatley who was immediately re-engaged at a wage of £ 4 per week.

The Greens Committee actively faced the task of restoring the course and requested the purchase of a triple-gang mower at a cost of £ 170 (carriage paid) from Thomas Green & Son of Leeds. The worrying prospect of financing this investment was resolved when Captain Ormiston stated that he would pay the required amount. The reaction of members was recorded in the Minutes as follows:-

"This news was received enthusiastically and the Captain's characteristic and forthright generosity was warmly appreciated."

The generosity of Ormiston was further demonstrated, by his gift of a 12 H.P. Austin Chassis, necessary to pull the new triple-mower. However, with petrol rationing in force, the Secretary was instructed to apply for a greater supply. A further tribute to Ormiston was minuted at the A.G.M:- "Members were sure they could not find a better Captain if they searched the County."

Competitions had gradually been re-introduced and the cups in the Club's possession in 1946 were the Burnside, Dickenson, Dyer, Grant, Cowern and Cheddar, and for the Artisans, the Wynne Willson Cup. Insurance for these trophies (plus some competition "Spoons") was £ 186. The Club's property and members' effects (to include the Artisans' shed) were insured for £ 1,890.

In April of 1947 Mr. John Davies, a local schoolmaster, became the Club's new Secretary, a position he held for many years following, excepting for one year when he was appointed Club Captain. Petrol was still rationed, and an extra allowance was applied for and awarded in order that the Secretary could travel to and from the course on his two stroke motorbike. (During the war years, his wife, formerly Betty de Witt) held first aid courses for ambulance trainees in the Clubhouse).

Wells (Somt.) Golf Club, Limited.

Registered Office—
7 Market Place, Wells,
18th April, 1946.

Dear Sir or Madam,

The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the above Club will be held at the SMALL HALL, WELLS, on FRIDAY, 3rd MAY, 1946, at 8.30 p.m. at which your presence is earnestly requested.

AGENDA :

1. Minutes of last Annual General Meeting.
2. Report of Directors.
3. Profit and Loss Account and Balance Sheet to 31st December, 1945 and Auditor's Report thereon.
4. Elect Three Committee men in the place of Dr. A. C. Hincks, Mr. F. A. George and Mr. R. H. Boddington, who retire by rotation, but are eligible for re-election.
5. Elect Secretary, Treasurer and other Officers.
6. Any other Business which ought to be transacted at the Ordinary General Meeting.

Yours truly,
F. H. HOLLOWAY,
Hon. Secretary.

NOTE:

By Article 30 of the Articles of the Association:
"The Names of Candidates for Office or to serve on the Committee shall be posted with the names of their proposers and seconders in the Club House six clear days before the date of the Annual General Meeting. Should there be more Candidates than there are Vacancies to be filled the Election shall be by Ballot."

NOTICE TO DEBENTURE HOLDERS.

A draw by ballot for the repayment of Two Debentures will be made by the Committee at 8 p.m. on the above date at the same place.

First Post War meeting - 1946

By now, membership of the Club had risen to over 100; this included 3 Life Members, 4 Holiday Members and 3 non-playing Members. Subscriptions for Men were increased to £ 3.8s.0d. and to £ 2.2s.0d. for Ladies. The Ladies Section had re-joined the L.G.U. having previously been affiliated in 1922.

Tribute was paid to the work of E. Falck, G. Clare and C. Blackburn who were referred to at the A.G.M. as "Our untiring mechanics and mowers." They had given great assistance to Loxton until Alec Oatley had re-established himself. In general, there appeared to be improvements. Things were looking up! The profit for the year ending December 1946 was £ 28; monthly medals and matches had re-commenced. Matches had taken place against Enmore, Mendip and Taunton Old Boys. New fixtures had been arranged with Clevedon, Somerset Police and the Bristol division of the Prudential Insurance Company.

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First Wells entries in the 1922 L.G.U. Handbook

In spite of the growing numbers and general support, the Club was to report a loss at the end of 1947. A deficit of £ 12.4s.0d. was soon corrected by a "whip-round" at the 1948 A.G.M. held in April. It was at this meeting that the first ever President of Wells Golf Club was elected, Sir William Verdon-Smith.

During the course of the year, the old Auto Mower was overhauled and sold to the Dean of Wells for £ 75, thus providing much needed additional revenue.

Although Junior membership was not high, there was a substantial increase in their annual subscription from 12/6d to £ 1.1s.0d.

Part of the Artisans' hut, a room previously used by the Theological Section, was offered to Oatley, who readily accepted. As soon as the Club had obtained a catering licence, he and his sister, Mrs. C. Webb provided teas for the members.

The Club Captain elected in 1948 was C.R. Davis (Cliff), a role he was also to fill the following year.



Alexander (Alec) Oatley

Although the war had now been over for some time, its effects were to continue. The Committee had received a letter from the Somerset War Agricultural Executive Committee stressing the need for maximum food production, and appealing to all Golf Clubs to help by allowing sheep to feed on their courses. This resulted in Mr. Pointing being permitted to continue grazing sheep on Golf Course land.

Alec Oatley had married (March 1948) and a collection was made among members on his behalf.

The Artisans still retained their own Committee and Captain for the year was to be Mr. R. Morgan and the Secretary, Mr. R. Stacey.

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For some time discussions had been taking place with Mendip Golf Club, and in May of 1952, an Associate Membership was formed between the two Clubs, although there was no entitlement to vote or hold office.

Negotiations had been taking place with Mr. Blatchford, owner of the nearby quarry, in an endeavour to connect up the quarry water-main, and eventually an annual payment of £ 5 was agreed. Engineers employed by Roly Gunning laid and connected the new water pipe to the caravan sited behind the Clubhouse where Alec Oatley and his wife lived. Trenching work was carried out by Oatley with the help of Bill Tucknott.

The Treasurer, A.S. Bedford presented the balance sheet for 1952. He stated that although there was a deficit at the start of the year, he was able to show an end of year credit balance of £ 7.5s.9d. He said that this improved financial position was entirely due to the efforts of the Entertainment Committee who had organised several successful social events, and which, in all, had brought in a sum of over £ 112. He thanked all those who had assisted in raising this additional money.

Mr. Roy Cowling was again elected Captain for the year 1953/4, and tribute was paid to his work during the previous year. He added his thanks to those of the Directors, specifically to the work done by Mr. and Mrs. Boddington in organising social events. He also further congratulated Alec Oatley, stating that he had never seen the course looking so neat and tidy.

The Directors had planned to commemorate the Coronation Year by the planting of a substantial number of fir trees, but these plans were scrapped in favour of some 200 Larch and Spruce.

1953 once again saw a fall in membership to just 80, and it became very necessary to raise funds by social functions and sweepstakes. However, essential purchases, including a new mower (£43), and a further £ 30 for peat for the greens, resulted in an end of year deficit of £ 15.10s.7d.

In October of that year at a special meeting of the Club Committee, members were informed of two significant resignations. Firstly, A.G. Johnson, a long time member and Committee member, announced that he would be leaving the area, and unhappily, notification of the resignation of the Professional, Steward and Greenkeeper Alec Oatley, was given to the meeting. Alec stated that he did not wish to leave the Club, but financial reasons meant that he needed to look for other employment. Unfortunately, the Committee were unable to increase the salary of £ 5 per week. In their report to members at the March A.G.M. of 1954, the Secretary reported:-

"At the end of October, Alec Oatley, the Professional - Greenkeeper resigned to take up entirely different work. As boy-assistant to the former Professional, P. Marsh, for four and a half years before his war service, and as a Professional - Greenkeeper for the seven years since 1946, he had proved himself hard-working and trustworthy, and his efforts in improving the fairways and greens and bringing them up to an excellent standard after some years of inevitable war-time deterioration could not be too highly praised. It was decided, as an economy, that the Committee and volunteers should manage to keep the Club going until the Spring without appointing a new Professional ; and the Committee were most grateful to those who bore these burdens cheerfully and helped with work on the course and indoors."

Summing up, Mr. Davies said the position at the end of the year was somewhat critical, for though the Club had contrived to make ends meet and had adequate machinery and a course that was in good condition, a new Groundsman would have to be appointed, and as many new members as possible would have to be enrolled to make up for those who had left. The Club Captain, Mr. R.H. Boddington, also expressed his regrets at the departure of Oatley and asked members to subscribe to a presentation fund.

Shortly afterwards, a Ronald Green was employed as a replacement, and although first impressions were favourable, finding suitable accommodation for him was to prove a major problem, and after just three months he tendered his resignation, moving to North Wilts Golf Club where they were able to provide accommodation for him and his family.

Alec Oatley had been made a Life Member of the Club in recognition of his services, but although engaged in other employment, offered to assist the Club in his spare time. His work, together with that of others, was remarked upon at the 1955 A.G.M.

The Secretary, referring to the departure of Ronald Green, stated that Alec Oatley and two other helpers, A.E. Hole and T. Horsey, took over the work of keeping the greens and fairways in their spare time, and there is no doubt that they saved the situation. The Club recorded thanks to all three, and especially to Alec Oatley who was in charge, and had undertaken to see them through another season in the same way.

Mr. Davies said 1954 was a very wet season, and to add to their difficulties they had repeated breakdowns of the mowing machinery and the tractor. Extensive repairs became necessary, and while they were without their own machines, they were indeed fortunate in having good neighbours who answered their call for help and lent machinery to the Club. The Directors expressed their thanks again to Mendip Golf Club and to The Mendip Hospital for the loan of a gang mower and to Messrs. B.D. Mogg and Sons for a tractor.

The Secretary said that much needed exterior repair and painting of the Clubhouse was put in hand in the Autumn, and the work had been satisfactorily completed. A supply of electricity would be a great asset to the Club, and it was hoped that this could be installed in the coming years. In remarking on membership, Mr. Davies said that although there had been the inevitable resignations, it was encouraging to report that 20 new members had been enrolled; ten men, one lady, seven country and two associate members.

The Balance Sheet for the year was presented by the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. A.S. Bedford, who said that the accounts for 1954 showed a satisfactory position in so far that after commencing with a debit balance of £ 15.10s.7d. there was a balance of £ 6.5s.7d. at the end of the year. Income for the year showed a fall of £ 44. Subscriptions fell by £ 56, green fees dropped by £ 14, entertainments by £ 36, but the profit from the canteen increased by £ 50. The figure of £ 39.18s.2d. from entertainments represented the amount handed to the Club by the Dance Committee, and was closely allied to the figure for the previous year. Without this assistance which represented considerable work and no little anxiety for those who undertook the task, the Club would be somewhat "in the red." It was not possible to run a Derby draw or to hold a Sherry Party. Both these events had been of financial benefit to the Club in the past.

Mr. Bedford said that on the expenditure side wages were lower by £56. Machinery repairs were £ 71 during the year, and the Committee spent £ 20 on worm killer and fertilisers. He thanked those who had tendered their subscription so early in the year, thereby considerably easing his work and relieving the Committee of some headaches in connection with some of the larger accounts.

The President, Sir William Verdon-Smith wrote to the Club expressing a desire to pass the position to someone who would be able to take a more active interest in the Club. He had suffered illness which, in his own words, "had curtailed his activities." Mr. Roly Gunning was duly nominated and elected to the office of President.

Russell Boddington had been Captain during 1954, and at the end of the year, his wife, who had been Ladies' Secretary, resigned her position due to family commitments. Between them they had contributed much to the social life of the Club, being responsible for organising Club entertainment and fund-raising events.

Police intervention prevented the continuance of the profitable Sherry Parties and necessitated the introduction of new fund-raising schemes. One of the most enjoyable, although not particularly profitable, was the showing of a tennis and golf film at the Swan Hotel. Unfortunately, only 30/- profit was made.

Additional income was obtained, by letting off parts of the course, although this occasionally posed problems. Verbal permission had been given to a Freddie Summers to keep pigs (properly - penned) on certain parts of the rough land bordering the course. However, objections were raised by Mr. Pointing, who had previously entered an agreement to rent the land. On legal advice it was found that Mr. Pointing's agreement was for the paddock only. Summers was given permission to sleep with the pigs whilst they were in farrow, but not to make a home there! By the end of the year, Summers had added goats to his pigs, and the animals were straying onto the course. After numerous meetings, he was instructed in February 1956 to remove his animals.

The isolated position of the Clubhouse meant that it was particularly vulnerable to damage and break-ins, and, during the Winter months, one such break-in took place, although on this occasion the culprits stole only one bottle of whisky.

Application had been made to SWEB for a quotation for the installation of an electricity supply to the Clubhouse. After waiting for three months, a quote of £ 230 was received and immediately rejected by the Committee. The existing calor-gas system was adapted and would serve until funds were more readily available.

The A.G.M. of 1956 was held in March, and Roly Gunning was again elected as President, although unable to attend due to illness. The retiring Captain, John Davies, resumed the role he so enjoyed, that of Secretary. He was to serve under Mr. A.O. Lewis, newly elected Captain. Regrettably, Lewis was only to serve for 6 weeks as his job was transferred to Plymouth. Bill Tucknott was appointed as acting Captain for the remainder of the year. Mrs. Boddington, who had earlier resigned due to family commitments, was now able to resume duties as Secretary of the Ladies' Section.

A special guest at the meeting was Miss. Ella Grant, Jock's daughter. She gave an interesting account of her father's work in fostering golf in Wells from the time of his arrival in 1892 until his death in 1932. She presented the Club with a photograph of her father, inscribed "Robert Alexander Grant - "Jock" to whom the Wells Club owes its origin." This photograph still hangs in the Clubhouse in a place of honour. Miss. Grant presented the Club's trophies, and some two weeks later she was awarded an honorary Life Membership of the Club.

At the A.G.M. held in April 1957, Bill Tucknott, who had acted as Captain following the resignation of A.O. Lewis, was again elected as Captain for the coming year. He was certainly a character! Joe Snuggs, one of the present Club characters, related the following story:- "Bill had a glass eye, but nevertheless, was a deadly putter. It wasn't really surprising, as he used to practice in the dark by planting lit candles in the holes on the putting green." Bill served on the Committee for very many years, and in the year of his death, 1969, his family donated a trophy in his memory - The Tucknott Trophy.

The format for the cup was to be a Fourball 18 hole Stableford.



The Tucknott Trophy - 1969

Club trophies were not always so readily provided for the Club. The Harry Vardon Trophy, which was later to become the Club Championship Trophy, was originally used as a brass door-stop, and was adapted and polished up by another of our present active Senior members, Bill Watson.



*The polished Harry Vardon Trophy
(Minus Club!)*

The search for trophies led to an "unidentified" Mr. Jones being asked to provide a trophy for the Juniors. Joe Snuggs assures us that the gentleman concerned agreed, donating half-a-crown! From then on he was referred to by fellow golfers as "Half-Crown Jones."

The Directors, in their report at the 1957 A.G.M. expressed their regret at the death of their ex-President, Sir William Verdon-Smith. His successor Roly Gunning was re-elected for a further year. In presenting the report, Mr. Davies referred to the part-time work of Alec Oatley and his assistants in maintaining the course to a high standard. They had appointed a lad, Tony Sankey, to assist Alec at week-ends.

The Secretary referred to the abandonment of sweepstakes which had previously generated a substantial income, following discussions between the Captain and the Inspector of Police. However, the annual dance, held jointly with Mendip Golf Club, realised a profit of nearly £ 80 for each Club.

The Treasurer, presenting his accounts, was able to report a balance of £ 272.14s.9d., a marked improvement over recent years. The repayment of Debentures had continued, and one of those chosen by draw was none other than the Club founder, Jock Grant who had died in 1932!

During the year, the Reverend Percy Jones donated a cup for an annual competition; the format was to be decided by the Committee. The original format was as follows:- Each competitor had to be over 60 years of age, and competitors over 70 would be allowed to play from the Ladies tees; the competition to be played over 9 holes. (See chapter 11 for photograph of the "Jones Cup")

Members were informed with regret, of the death of G.S. Ormiston, who had done so much for the Club, and also of their former Professional Peter Marsh who had passed away at his home in Surrey.

Dr. Armin was made Captain in 1958, and the occasion of the A.G.M. was chosen for the honouring of John Davies with Life Membership for the excellence of his work as Secretary.

In their report, the Directors detailed various improvements which had taken place. The City Council had re-surfaced the lane from Tor Hill and alterations had been carried out on the Clubhouse. The chimney had constantly caused smoke problems in the Clubhouse and measures were taken to eliminate the unpleasantness. Improvements to the course included the replacement of the 3rd. tee and the easing of the steep banks leading to the 4th. and 7th. greens.

The Treasurer reported that the last £ 50 of a loan from Mr. Ormiston (1947) had been paid to his executor. Ironically, the Debenture 149 was drawn for repayment; the Debenture of Mr. Ormiston.

The Secretary mentioned with regret the death of the Reverend Percy Jones just a short while after the format for his annual trophy had been decided. He had given good service to Wells Golf Club and he felt sure that the "Jones Cup" would be a much coveted prize.

The Ladies Secretary Mrs. Boddington and Miss. M. Paul had presented the Club with Honours Boards, a gift much appreciated by the members.

Reference was made to the annual dance held jointly with the Mendip Club. 120 members from Wells, and 180 members from Mendip gave the event good support, and in consequence, £ 56 was made for each Club.

At the 1959 A.G.M., all the existing officers were re-elected.

The Treasurer, Mr. A.S. Bedford, stated that the Club had a credit balance of £ 58. However, in spite of the fact that subscriptions and green fees had risen, so too had the cost of machinery maintenance and the wage bill. Although there was a very fine balance between profit and loss, the Committee did not intend to recommend an increase in subscriptions.

The Secretary reported that during the course of the year, positive steps had been taken in an endeavour to increase membership. Two members in particular had shown initiative; D.H. Walsh and D.F. Burroughs. They asked fellow members to provide old clubs and balls to help beginners, and invited members to assist by playing and coaching them. Their efforts were rewarded with a good attendance at introductory evenings; 35 on the first occasion and over 15 on the second, in spite of heavy rain. Their efforts led to a number of applications for membership being received by the Secretary. Alec Oatley had assisted with instruction, and the ladies, Mrs. Oatley, Mrs. Burroughs and Mrs. Irwin had organised refreshments. Interest was such that a new members' competition was arranged.

Work carried out during the year included the erection of a trolley shed, built by Oatley; the provision of a practice net with wooden surround, and the purchase of a Pattison ballcleaner at a cost of 52/6d., plus purchase tax. New furniture had been provided for the Clubhouse; four tables at 5s each and 12 chairs at a half-crown each.

The Secretary of the Ladies' Section boldly announced that in future, Ladies would no longer accept courtesy strokes in competitions. Is it possible that such boldness could exist today?