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CLUB NEWS

February 8th, 1964.

GOLD STAR:

The final placings in the Club's Award of Merit for 1963 - the year ends on 31st October - were as follows:-

1.	Jim Clark	429.5
2.	Graham Hill	222.75
3.	John Surtees	209.5
4.	Jack Brabham	181.0
5.	Bruce McLaren	170.25
6.	Innes Ireland	141.25
7.	Trevor Taylor	120.25
8.	Roy Salvadori	107.25
9.	Anthony Maggs	95.75
10.	Peter Arundell	91.00
11.	Mike Parkes	75.75
12.	Jack Sears	70.75

The position as at February 7th in the 1964 season - which started on 1st November 1963, is as follows:-

1.	Jim Clark	58.00
2.	Bruce McLaren	36.00
3.	Graham Hill	31.00
4.	Jack Brabham	25.00
5.	Anthony Maggs	22.25
6.	Bob Olthoff	15.75
7.	David Piper	15.75
8.	Frank Gardner	12.75

CHAMPIONSHIP PARTY:

A party to celebrate Jim Clark's winning of the 1963 World's Championship, at which the special Gold Star will be presented, has been arranged for the evening of Tuesday, 31st March. It will be held at the Dorchester Hotel and the Ballroom entrance should be used. The party will be from 6.30 until 8.30 p.m., and tickets at 35/- each should be applied for on the form appended. The price includes drinks ad lib; there will be no cash bar. It will be appreciated if ticket applications are accompanied by the appropriate amount and as soon as possible.

GREEN CROP CONSERVATION LTD.

Now that the accounts for the financial year ended 30th April 1963, of our subsidiary Green Crop Conservation Ltd., have been seen and passed by the Directors and Shareholders of that Company, copies of them are enclosed with this Club bulletin for the information of all members.

At the Annual General Meeting on Thursday 12th December at Silverstone, Messrs. P.C.T. Clark, W.M. Couper, F.R. Gerard, J. Duncan Hamilton and A.G. Whitehead attended the meeting as members of the General Committee to hold a watching brief on behalf of members. The Directors continuing to serve your company are: Messrs. J. W. Brown, J. Eason Gibson and P. Smith. Mr. P. Hetherington of Messrs. Rawlinson & Hunter acts as Financial Adviser.

While the financial year of Green Crop Conservation Ltd., has, until now, ended on the 30th April it was decided in future to end the financial year on the 31st December so that this will agree with the financial year of the B.R.D.C. itself. Although the accounts speak for themselves, certain figures over the years are of particular interest to members.

One of the main enterprises of the farm is the production of pigs and during the period of 1st May to 10th December 1962 the sales on this enterprise amounted to £11,174 but for exactly the same period in 1963 the figure was £16,700. This is an increase of very nearly 50%.

The specialised feature of the farm about which most members were, perhaps worried when the purchase of the farm was discussed was grass meal, but while this aspect of our operations has caused some pre-occupation, a very high degree of success has been achieved. During 1961 300 tons of grassmeal were produced, in 1962 425 tons were obtained and in the year just ended 525 tons. What is of particular interest is that the tcnnage produced in 1963 was all sold in that year - nothing has been carried forward into 1964.

There are one or two aspects which are perhaps worth underlining. When the farm was first purchased it was generally agreed that if we could run a tidy farm and break even everything would be all right because of the belief

on actual capital involved.

It should not be forgotten that the co-operation made possible between the B.R.D.C. and Green Crop Conservation, a co-operation which did not exist until we ourselves bought the farm, has in itself enabled the income of the B.R.D.C. operating Silverstone Circuit, to increase. In addition to this actual increase in income which in itself is less important to the average member, is the fact that this co-operation has enabled the farm to do things for the circuit and the circuit to do things for the farm, which could only have been dreamt of three years ago.

The present advanced state of our negotiations with the Air Ministry regarding the purchase of the freehold of Silverstone is undoubtedly traceable to us having bought the farm two years ago and because of the security of tenure granted to us by owning the farm our progression into being the freehold proprietors of the entire Silverstone estate has come closer than ever before. For these reasons alone the purchase of the farm has been 100% justified.

APOLOGY:

Those members who saw and were distressed by the comments contained in an obituary on Reg Parnell published in the Daily Telegraph, will be relieved to know that an unreserved apology has been received.

CLUB INSIGNIA:

In a matter of days certain additional forms of the Club insignia will be available, and at the same time the prices of existing items will have to be modified because of ever-rising costs. A bulletin devoted primarily to this subject will be sent out very soon. Meanwhile, however, the Club tie is now available in Blue pure silk. These can be obtained from Head Office at a price of 32/6d.

MEMBERS' PASSES: Members' Passes for 1964 will admit to the International Trophy Meeting on May 2nd as well as to all Club meetings and Motor Cycle meetings organised at Silverstone during the year. As in previous years, the Bugatti Owners' Club has kindly agreed that Members' Passes will grant admission to the Prescott Hill Climbs throughout the year. The price of a set of Members' Passes remains at £2.2.0 which, if a Member goes to every meeting, works out at less than 1/-d per head per meeting. A cheque for £2.2.0 should accompany the appended form, after completion. Earliest application is recommended and will be appreciated.

GUESTS' ADMISSION:

Members wishing to bring any extra guest(s) to the International Trophy Meeting on May 2nd may purchase Privilege tickets at £2.10.0 each. These tickets will give the same facilities and freedom of movement as the Members' Season Passes, but are, of course, valid for May 2nd meeting alone. It would be appreciated if Members purchasing Privilege tickets send the appropriate remittance with their orders.

OUTSTANDING SUBSCRIPTIONS:

Members are reminded that the annual subscription is due on the 1st JANUARY EACH YEAR and it will be appreciated if remittances for 1964 can be sent with as little delay as possible. There are several members who still owe for 1963 also and their payments will be a great help in bringing the books up to date.

BRITISH GRAND PRIX:

An option on a block of 200 seats in Block 'E' of the Grandstand at Brands Hatch, immediately behind the Starting Grid, has been reserved for Club members. These seats are 47/6d each. If members would let THIS office know how many seats they require and enclose the appropriate remittance made out to Brands Hatch Circuit Ltd., we will consolidate members' requirements and the tickets will be sent direct to the member from Brands Hatch. By this method, which may at first seem complicated, we will be able to see how quickly the allocation of 200 seats is being used up.

Due to a request from some members an approach has been made to Brands Hatch Circuit Ltd., in an effort to try and provide a Members' tent at the Grand Prix. As soon as a decision has been reached members will be informed.

LANDING FACILITIES:

It has been drawn to our attention by a member that several members who had the facility of landing aircraft behind Stowe Grandstands during last season, have not yet paid the farmer in question for this. His name and address is: R.B. WHEELER, BLACK PIT FARM, SILVERSTONE. It would be a pity if the thoughtlessness of some should prevent this facility being available in future and the members concerned are asked to send the appropriate sum direct, as soon as possible.

FEBRUARY 8th, 1964

TO: The British Racing Drivers' Club, 9 Down Street, London, W.1.

I enclose £2.2.0 in respect of One Set of Members' Passes for 1964.

NAME (In block letters) _____

ADDRESS (In block letters) _____