BIGCA UPDATE

JANUARY and February proved to be exceptionally busy months at Headquarters, with large amounts of mail to be processed each day in terms of membership applications/renewals. Particularly encouraging is the number of new applications for membership. It remains essential for section secretaries to ensure that their sections are giving priority to increasing their local membership as strength lies in numbers, and on a national basis the impact of the Association will be that much greater with a strong and growing membership.

Annual General Meeting

Apologies to members for the change of location. However, it is a positive decision based on an anticipated attendance far in excess of that originally envisaged. The interest shown in the meeting and the members prepared to travel long distances to attend is all very encouraging for the future. Although they do not have voting rights, we would welcome the attendance of associate and trade members at the meeting.

Section Secretaries

Members should note that Jim Russell has departed to pastures new in Surrey whilst Bill Pile will step down at the end of April in Devon and Cornwall. Their replacements are Mr D C Johnson (Surrey), The Flat, New Zealand Golf Club, Woodham Lane, Surrey. KY15 3QD tel: 09323 48818 and Mr J H Wood (Devon and Cornwall), Morwenna, New Road, Cornwall. Telephone 0736 63232.

Thanks are due to Jim and Bill for all their hard work. We hope that David and Jim will

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NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

CHANGE OF VENUE

The Annual General Meeting will now be held on 23rd March, 1988 at 2.00pm in the Ainsty Suite at York Racecourse and NOT at the Royal York Hotel.

Trade and Associate Members as well as Greenkeeper Members are invited to attend.

Neil Thomas
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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The badge will therefore definitely be a wire one and samples are awaited. It is appreciated that the delay is frustrating but it is essential that the Association exercises caution in its choice of uniform as the end result must create a professional image. Supply times on all items have been lengthy in terms of the initial deliveries but future turn-round times should prove acceptable. Once again, I would stress that all orders should be submitted via your section secretary and NOT direct to headquarters.

**Diary**

Section secretaries, please ensure that all section dates are forwarded to your regional administrators who should liaise with each other and coordinate dates for submission to myself. This will prevent clashes within regions/sections and ensure an organised approach throughout the country.

_Neil Thomas_

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**