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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.

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Look out for more details in the March issue.
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 co-ordinate dates for submission to myself. This will prevent clashes within regions/sections and ensure an organised approach throughout the country.

_Neil Thomas_

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

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**GREENKEEPER TRAINING COMMITTEE**

Members should note that the administration of the Greenkeeper Training Committee is now in the process of being transferred to Mr. Neil Thomas who will become the General Administrator to the Committee. All matters relating to greenkeeper training should henceforth be directed to the General Administrator, Greenkeeper Training Committee at the Sports Turf Research Institute, BINGLEY, West Yorkshire. BD18 1AU - Telephone (0274) 560556.

For members' benefit, the Greenkeeper Training Committee has recommended that the following Colleges be the approved establishments for greenkeeper training:-

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The challenges which lie ahead.

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soon settle in and enjoy the challenges which lie ahead. An amendment to last month's list - Arnold Hipps-Jones can be contacted at 1 Devonshire Place, Priory Park, Glos. GL20 5ES Tel: 0684 850129/295405.
PLANS for the BIGGA/Iseki Greenkeepers Golf Championship are now well advanced with dates for the regional finals now allocated as follows:-

**Northern England:** 24th May, Moor Allerton Golf Club, Leeds.

**Scottish:** 2nd June, Hilton Park Golf Club, Glasgow.

**South Western:** 15th June, Long Ashton Golf Club, Bristol.

**Midlands:** 27th June, Tewkesbury Golf Club, Gloucestershire.

**South Eastern:** 29th June, Wentworth Golf Club, Surrey.

These regional finals will be played over 18 holes of medal play, with prizes on offer for all three categories of handicap player plus spot prizes as well.

**Category 1:** Handicap 0 - 9 inclusive.

**Category 2:** 10 - 18 inclusive.

**Category 3:** Above 18.

The first four players from each category will then qualify for the national final which will be played in early September.

If you would like to play in the 1988 Iseki Greenkeepers Golf Tournament, please send the registration form to your regional administrator. Each regional final will be confined to 60 qualifiers apportioned equally between the sections in the region, i.e. in a region with five sections, each section will provide twelve qualifiers, four from each category.

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