DEVON & CORNWALL

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Our Section were certainly blessed with good fortune on the day of our final meeting at Truro Golf Club on Wednesday October 16th. After several days of thick fog and mists causing havoc on the roads and delayed starts for golfing events, our day dawned clear and everyone had a good run down to Truro with the golf starting right on time.

Forty-two members attended the meeting and thirty went out on the course. The afternoon was kept in fine fettle by Dick (sorry, Richard) Parr and his staff, to contest for the Stanley West cup and Ransomes watch. The others were given a conducted tour of the course and work sheds which proved most interesting.

After a first class meal the cards were checked and the results were announced as follows:

1st R. Whyman (Hep 13) 40 pts. Bude G.C.
2nd P. Bullen (Hep 20) 30 pts. Newquay G.C.
3rd R. Brown (Hep 18) 30 pts. Pendeen G.C.

Keith Stuart kindly presented the prizes which had been donated by Stanley West Ltd.

The afternoon had been set aside for a discussion on greenkeeping practices, but although a lively debate took place, it was found that the various merits of the amalgamation of the B.G.G.A. with the P.G.A. and the alternative offer of assistance from the R & A and the Union were unanimous in support of more information on these propositions in the magazine. Certainly the P.G.A. offer should be printed in full for all members of the B.G.G.A. and other greenkeeping associations with any relevant comments from the B.G.G.A. executive.

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LETTERS to The Editor

You may be aware that I had the honour to speak at the 5th International Greenkeeping Conference at St. Andrews, on behalf of the B.G.G.A. on the 4th October. This 4 day event was very well organised by S.I.G.G.A., and I personally was very well received, as I am sure was the Chairman, and the two members of the B.G.G.A. who, along with two members from E.I.G.G.A. made up the English team.

I attended all events on all four days, including walking 27 of the 36 holes played by the team. The support of the E.I.G.G.A. and the P.G.A. was evident, in fact one member caddied for 36 holes. It was my pleasure to add my support to the team. So you will understand the importance of the day that the support of your Chairman was missing, preferring by all accounts to leave St. Andrews and play golf elsewhere.

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FT. CHILD

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Tom, we are pleased to hear is on the mend.

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