Cleveland

Hon. Ass. Sec: Roger Shaw, 12 Bede Terrace, Ferryhill, Co. Durham DL17 8AJ

On Thursday, 15th May we staged our Spring Tournament at Bishop Auckland Golf Club. The weather once again turned against us with some heavy showers, but it did not dishearten the 25 players. The course was presented in very good order thanks to Brian Coatsworth and Staff despite the weather during the previous weeks.

Our main sponsor for the day, Terry Charlton offered a prize for a hole in one at the 7th hole of a colour portable T.V. and if all failed, a black & white television with a splendid shot of 6 feet of the area. He has been a great ambassador for Greenkeeping.

A vote of thanks was extended to Bill for all his hard work during the winter months. A vote of thanks was extended to Bill for all his hard work during the winter months. A vote of thanks was extended to Bill for all his hard work during the winter months. A vote of thanks was extended to Bill for all his hard work during the winter months.

Our thanks to Trade and Golf Clubs for support given and to Bishop Auckland Golf Club and their staff.

The Annual General Meeting of the Cleveland B.G.G.A. took place in the Clubhouse after the presentation went to David Hardy of Brancepeth Castle Golf Club.

RESULTS:
1st: Bob Philips 41 points (Greenkeeper) (Whitby)
2nd: Steve Dinsdale 39 points (Greenkeeper) (Richmond)
3rd: Tony Mears 37 points (Greenkeeper) (Dinsdale Spa)
1st: Tom Flowers 39 points (Guest) (Brancepeth)

North West

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SPRING TOURNAMENT REVIEW

On Thursday, 22nd May we visited Ormskirk Golf Club for our Annual Spring Tournament. The course was in fine condition despite a very cold spring.

Mike Greenwood and his staff had worked very hard to prepare the 'stage' for the greenkeepers North-West 'Tour'. Some sixty-five players enjoyed a fine day and very warm hospitality from all at Ormskirk.

Our Guest of Honour for the evening meal and presentation was Life Member, Albert Fyles who had spent all his greenkeeping life at the club. Mr. R. J. Berry the Club President paid tribute to Albert and then assisted in presenting the prizes to:-

HARGREAVES CUP:
Best Nett: D. Berry
Best Gross: B. Jackson
Over 50's: F. Tyson
2nd Nett: A. Davies

BURROWS AGGREGATE:
A. Peel

In all we had twenty-five prizes which once again was thanks to the trade and guests of the Section.

Finally on thanking Ormskirk Golf Club for allowing us to use their fine facilities let me personally thank Mr. Bert Cross the Golf Section's sub-committee Chairman for all his work in making sure the day was successful despite breaking his knee-cap three days prior to the event.

BATTLE OF THE ROSES

After Cavendish the 'tour' moves North to Preston Golf Club for the Pattinson's sponsored 'Battle of the Roses' Shield. As holders we intend to hold on to the coveted shield which means I require names of person who would like to be considered to represent the Section. The format is soup and sandwiches at lunchtime followed by the four-ball betterball matchplay 'battle', finishing off with an evening meal and presentation of the Shield to the North-West Section!

EDUCATION

Courses applicable to all greenkeepers are available at the Cheshire College of Agriculture, Reaseheath. For apprentices they have City & Guilds Phase I & II and for 1st Assistants and mature greenkeepers there is the Phase III which is for those persons seeking a managerial position in the future.

There are day or block releases available from September, so apply now by writing to our 'old friend' Denis Mortram Senior Lecturer at the College, Nantwich, Cheshire.

SHEFFIELD

Hon. Sec: Frank Barratt, 46 Lister Avenue, Sheffield S12 3FP.
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The President's Prize Competition was held at Notts. Golf Club on May 19th when 33 players took part. On one of the few days so far this year which could be called summer.

The sun shone all day on a course that in spite of the bad winter and early spring conditions, was in excellent order. For the work put in, we thank Head Greenkeeper Graham Armson and the staff. The President's Prize which was local boy, David Taylor.

The Section A.G.M. was held after the prizegiving.

The Election of Officers was as follows:-
President: S. Kenneth Arnold
Vice Presidents: C. R. Straw, R. Robertson, P. Wharton, D. A. Craven, A. Shardlow, D. Singleton, P. Fish
Chairman: H. Gillespie
Vice Chairman: B. V. Lax
Secretary/Treasurer: F. Barratt
Competition Secretary: K. B. Heaney
N.E.C. Member: H. Gillespie

One of the more pleasant tasks of the day, was to inform one of our oldest members that that day he had become a Life Member.

Congratulations to Cyril Chappell who in August retires from Phoenix Golf Club, where he has worked since 1936.

After six years service in the R.A.F. as a fitter, Cyril returned to Phoenix and became Head Greenkeeper in 1958. Cyril is an ex-committee member, is still a good golfer, but not quite the two his staff. Two his staff. Two his staff. Two his staff.

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One wonderful bit of information he passed on, if he had found one golf ball a day for every day he's been at Phoenix, it would now stand at a total of 17,333, I'm sure Cyril, you found more than one ball a day on many occasions.

Long Life and Good Health in your retirement.

Footnote: ERIC THE HERON is alive and well, living in part-time retirement on the edge of a pond in RAINOW! Courtesy of Alan Birch, Life President, Eric Staniforth has complained so often of the heron who has taken a delight in stealing the fish from his pond that Alan Birch made a special presentation at a recent summer function sheet in the pond. The presentation went to David Hardy of Brancepeth Castle Golf Club.

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SOUTHEAST

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Members will be pleased to hear that our representatives in two trade organised competitions did the Section proud.
Firstly, in the Morrison Industries/ Jacobsen Annual Greenkeepers Golf Tournament, held at Hunstanton in April, Gordon Payne came 5th, whilst Phillip Wentworth came joint 9th from a field of 28 players.
Phillip tells me that the links course situated almost on the beach was in superb condition and apart from winds of 38 mph causing sand storms, was a very enjoyable tournament. A full report was provided in the May Journal.
Secondly, in the Vitax-Steeleley Minerals Competition, held at the Whitchurch Golf Course, Cardiff, in May, the Section came first!
Total points score based on the best five cards was 152 points with Ted West playing a captain's role with a top score of 37.

Other members of the team were:-
Ken Lodge, Phillip Wentworth, Berni Emberley, Paul Drodge and Derek Cheetham
A separate Mini Course behind the Whitchurch Golf Course, Cardiff, in May, the Section came first!
Congratulations to all the above members.

If you would like to represent your Section in future meetings, just phone John Rickman, as suggested in the April issue.

Details for our Autumn Tournament are as follows:-
Date: Thursday, 25th September, 1986
Venue: Basingstoke Golf Club
Time: Tee off from 8.00 a.m.
Competition: 36 hole Greensome
Entry Fee: £11.00 per person
Members are invited to bring one guest partner.

Written entries stating names, current golf handicaps, with the correct remittance, should be sent to:-
Mr. Ian Rickman,
53 Woodroffe Drive, Basingstoke,
Hampshire RG22 2NH
Telephone: (0256) 465897

Please note that the closing date will be Monday, 15th September, 1986.

Would Section Members who are going to the Institute of Groundsmanship Exhibition at Windsor in September, please let me know. A rota to man the B.G.G.A. Stand is being organised and needs your support. This is your chance to help the Section and to meet other Greenkeepers from all parts of the country. Volunteers are required and both Eric James our Sections Chairman, and Committee, are looking for a good response.

Finally, I am pleased to record the names of new Section Members as follows:-

Pat Smith
Keith Martin
Arthur Smith
Frank Wallace

Roffey Brothers
Meyrick Park G.C.
Meyrick Park G.C.
Student at Hampshire College of Agriculture,

William Moseley
Martin Coward
Petersfield G.C.
Broadstone G.C.

DEVEN & CORNWALL

Hon. Sec: Bill Plie.
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Dear Members,
As greenkeepers we all know what it is like to be criticised and, hopefully, praised. Over the years there has been a certain amount of criticism of our magazine which now is certainly the time for praise.
The magazine has improved dramatically over the last twelve months and particularly the March, April and May issues of this year. The articles are interesting and varied also superb colour pictures.
More what can you want of a magazine devoted to greenkeeping which is a limited subject and it must be extremely difficult to find different topics.
Personally, I would say well done to John Leelean, keep up the good work.

MID ANGLIA

Hon. Sec: L. Wakerell,
26 Loxley Road, Berkhamsted,
Herts. HP4 3PS

The Annual General Meeting was held at Arkley Golf Club on Thursday, 22nd May, 1986 at 7.30 p.m.

Several apologies were received for absence, mainly due to the clash of fixture with the Vitax-Steeleley Competition in Cardiff.
The Minutes of the last A.G.M. were approved as were the Treasurer's and Secretary's Report.

Considerable discussion took place after the Executive Representative Report, mainly concerning the talks with other interested parties with a view to forming a combined Association for all Greenkeepers.

The following were elected for the forthcoming year:

President: Mr. D. Reeder
Chairman: H. Herrington
Vice: P. Fitzjohn
Chairman: L. Wakerell
Secretary: R. Goodwin
Treasurer: K. Bunting
Assistant Secretary: H. Herrington

The following members were elected to form a Committee:
R. Bowey; M. Lay; N. Whittaker
G. Smith and J. Wells

Vice President's were re-elected en-bloc with the addition of R. Manashi.

Members were informed that the 75th Annual Meeting of the B.G.G.A. would be held at Verulam Golf Club on 17th, 18th and 19th August, 1987.

A vote of thanks was recorded for the Auditor, Mr. C. A. Rowe and the Committee of Members of Arkley were thanked by our Chairman, for the courtesies extended to us throughout the afternoon.

The 18 holes competition prior to the Meeting, for the Rigby Taylor Shield was won by Steve Millard with 37 Stableford points.

WELSH

Hon. Sec: Philip Swain,
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Llanmartin, Newport,
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On Tuesday, 3rd June, we held our annual match with the Secretaries at Southerndown Golf Club.
I must voice an opinion on the rude comments present from our side. We could only muster 9 with John Walsh helping out at the last minute.
Obviously there were genuine reasons for withdrawals and my thanks go to those who did come. We must make an effort to keep this competition going and we cannot expect the Secretaries to foot the bill all the time.

Back to the match, the Greenkeeper's came out on top by a score of 4 to 1.

We were treated to some good weather and we would like to pass on our thanks to John Walsh and his team for presenting the course in such good condition. We also extend our thanks to the Secretary and Stewards for helping out with their efficiency and kindness.

The A.G.M. was held after the tournament at Royal Porthcawl Golf Club. The weather was superb and was the best conditions we had played the course in a very long time.

We must thank Bruce and his boys on the good condition of the course and the steward and stewards for the help and efficiency, My thanks to the Secretary and the Committee for giving us courtesy and the course and club facilities.

The competition was well fought as usual but not so close.

Winner of the John Duncan Cup was Mike Jones with a score of 68 - A Shirt - donated by Ted Thompson. Winner of the John O'Gorman Cup was Philip Swain with a score of 74 - A Bottle of Wine donated by Walter Jones. The next best score was 78 scored by Peter Light and John Hopkins with Peter Light winning on a countback.

Peter Light won a Bottle of Sherry and John Hopkins a Bottle of Port.
Winner of the Birdie Cup was Colin Lewis with a score of 88 and a Bottle of Martini.

Second - Robert Kitcher with a score of 89.
Third - Walter Jones with a score of 91.

The cups and prizes were presented by Roger Bird in the absence of our President.

The A.G.M. was poorly attended and so the meeting did not last very long.

It was decided in the meeting that because the Secretary was now on the telephone that the members should notify the Secretary if they are going to attend the meeting or not.

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MIDLANDS

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Walsall
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In early April the Committee played
for the Ray Challener Cup over the
fine Belfry course, resulting in a win
for Mick Hughes with some inspired
golf.

Our Spring Tournament took place
at Whittington Barracks G.C. on
May 22nd and our sincere appreciation
to everyone involved at the club for
providing such a wonderful day's golf.

We must also mention a most kind
and generous donation of £75 from the
club towards the prizes.

RESULTS:

1st, D. Hamilton, 69; 2nd, P. Hall, 72; 3rd, D. Mitchel, 74.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our A.G.M. was held on Monday, 19th May at the Leicestershire
Golf Club. 22 members attended and the following officers were
elected:

President: W. A. Garratt
Chairman: R. Holt
Vice Chairman: N. Danvers
Secretary: R. W. Willars
Treasurer: D. Cleaver
Section Representative: P. McCarron

Forthcoming Events:
October 30th
Autumn Meeting, Little Ashton G.C.

EAST MIDLANDS

Hon. Sec: R. W. Willars,
27 Conder Close, Broughton Astley,
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Tel: Sutton Elms 283053

SPRING GOLF TOURNAMENT

Our Spring Tournament was held on Wednesday, 14th May at the Sherwood Forest Golf Club, Nottingham. We would like
to thank the Committee for extending us the courtesy of their
course.

Unfortunately the weather was cool and very windy with the
last few off the tee getting rather wet. We would like to thank
the companies and friends who donated prizes, for their
generosity.

Our thanks also to the ladies for the cards, raffle, etc. to the
starters for getting us off on time and to the Vice-Captain of
Sherwood Forest Golf Club Mr. Peter Hall for presenting our
winners with their prizes.

GREENKEEPERS NETT:
1st, R. Barker, 70; 2nd, D. Bagshaw, 74; 3rd, G. Arnold, 74;
4th, D. Cleaver, 75; 5th, N. Danvers, 76; 6th, N. Root, 78;
7th, B. Mott, 79; 8th, M. Billings, 80; 9th, J. White, 80; 10th, S. Fretter,
80; 11th, D. Leatherland, 80.

VICE-PRESIDENTS NETT
1st, A. Hope, 67; 2nd, S. Dickinson, 70; 3rd, N. Liddington, 71;
4th, P. Simpson, 74; 5th, J. Baraby, 74.

VISITORS NETT
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S. Fretter, W. Cole, C. Hood, N. Root, S. Donoghue

NORTHERN

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The grapevine has it that using P.O.
these days renders the poor old
greenkeeper defenceless against
dismissal: Whatever next? One
wonders, in the light of the meteoric
increase interest shown towards our
tour in recent times.

Suddenly, we are wooed by firms
and organisations, which not long ago
would not exchange the time of day
with greenkeepers, let alone shell out
towards golf greenkeeping adminis-
trative finance or greenkeeper
training. Now we are told we must
amalgamate, pull together and work in
concert. Why and with WHOM?
We have always been the BGGA.
Old F.W.H. (Metaphorically Fred,
honestly) is exactly right in his
comments about the name. I bet his
true thoughts aren't printable in a
decent publication.

Cynicism aside, one event which
proved an undoubted success was our
President's Day at Garforth on June
19th. Everything went like a dream.

Very favourable comments were
exchanged about Colin Garnett's
lovely course and these accolades
were topped off by the lad himself
being among the pot winners.

Garforth Golf Club made us warmly
welcome and our special thanks go to
Mr. Bill Mountain, our evergreen
President for organising such a grand
afternoon.

Results: Best Nett:
1st, A. Hope, 67; 2nd, S. Dickinson, 70; 3rd, N. Liddington, 71;
4th, D. Cleaver, 76; 5th, N. Danvers, 76; 6th, N. Root, 78;
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BGGA SECTIONAL GOLF TOURNAMENT DIARY

JULY 8 Astridge G.C. (Mid. Anglia)
JULY 10 Isle of Purbeck G.C. (S. Coast)
JULY 10 Dinas Powys G.C. (Welsh)
JULY 16 Roses Match Prestige G.C.
JULY 29 Midlands v. Mid Anglia, Tewkesbury G.C.
AUG. 11 NATIONAL TOURNAMENT
AUG. 12- Billingham G.C.
AUG. 14 Easingwold G.C. Invitation Day
AUG. 21 A.R.M.S Tournament (Open Event)
Filton G.C. (S. West)
SEPT. 4 S. Coast v. S. West, Wells G.C.
SEPT. 9 Matlock G.C. (Sheffield)
SEPT. 11 Langland Bay G.C. (Welsh)
SEPT. 25 Basingstoke G.C. (S. Coast)
OCT. 2 Longcliffe G.C. (E. Midlands)
OCT. 8 St. Pierre G.C. S. West v. Welsh
OCT. 14 Fulford G.C. (Northern)
OCT. 16 Exeter Golf & Country Club
(Devon & Cornwall)
OCT. 22 Codsall Edge G.C. (S. West)
OCT. 30 Little Ashton G.C. (Midlands)
NOV. 19 Elterleigh Hotel & Golf Club
(Devon & Cornwall)
DEC. 11 Kenfig G.C. (Welsh)
DEC. 17 Okehampton Golf Club
(Devon & Cornwall)

A revised tournament diary will be published throughout the season. Would Secretaries please inform the Editor of
new dates and venues as soon as they are available.

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