

North-West

The spring tournament was held on a chilly but dry day at Bury GC. There was a disappointing turnout of 25 members, who competed for the Hargreaves Cup. The winner was the former assistant greenkeeper from Wrexham GC, Terry Adamson, whose 69 included a hole in one!

Terry's score was matched by Andrew Peel, who had to be content with second net. Chairman Brian Moss was third.

David Berry, who worked so hard to prepare the course, finished fourth. David was the holder and, no doubt, he will bounce back at Heswall in the autumn.

Once again, 'Gypsy' Frank Tyson won the over-55s cup (Frank is the chap who brings his caravan to tournaments from Seascale, Cumbria.)

Finally, thanks to all who spon-

sored the day - SISIS, Burrows Grass Machinery, Martin Bros Sand, Hayters, Rigby Taylor, Trident, Rufford Top Dress, Maxwell Hart and Cheshire Light Tractors.

The final AGM of the old association was held on spring tournament day and the following elected to form the new BIGGA north-west committee: president - E. Staniforth; chairman - B. Moss; vice-chairman - D. Lucas; secretary - D. Golding and treasurer - H. McAddey.

The committee is formed by J. Lowery, W. Lawson, M. Sheehan, W. Merritt, G. Cannings, C. Lunt, L. Sprosten, A. Cross, M. Lewis, T. Adamson and K. Wrae. D. Markam takes an advisory role.

The SISIS invitation takes place on July 1 at the Cavendish club, Buxton. Anyone wishing to play who has not already received an invitation, should contact me immediately.

The section's most important

'battle' takes place at Saddleworth GC on July 22. Any member wishing to play in the Battle Of The Roses should contact Bert Cross, the competition chairman, on 051-724 5412. The match against the northern section is a very enjoyable social occasion, sponsored by Patisson.

Terry Adamson is hoping to organise a trip to Sweden in the autumn and further details can be obtained from Terry on 0978 83 2908.

A visit to Ransomes at Ipswich has been booked for November 19-20. The cost of £25 includes coach travel, overnight accommodation and meals. Members should inform their Burrows rep or me by June 30 if they wish to be included as numbers are strictly limited.

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Secretary.*

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Dear Sir

I was interested to read the article by Peter Wisbey in the March issue of *Greenkeeper* and pleased that you are giving space to the important matter of pesticides legislation and the golf club.

Peter did a very good job of explaining the special problems of golf clubs during an NTC workshop at Stoneleigh in October and made people in the MAFF and other official bodies aware of the problems of golf, perhaps for the first time.

It is good that Peter is helping the two-way process of

information by his article for greenkeepers.

He refers to codes of practice and I thought it would interest him and your readers to know that the NTC is working to develop a special code of practice for amenity horticulture, which would deal with points specially related to turfgrass and amenity grass in a way not covered by the 'draft code of practice on the agricultural and horticultural use of pesticides,' which was available at the Stoneleigh workshop.

If we can get a code specially for turfgrass areas, we can cover points such as the proper procedures for spraying golf

greens and other areas where play is taking place all the time, as Peter mentioned in his article.

The NTC is still at the stage of persuading the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food to set in train the arrangements that would produce such a code, developed by all interests within the industry, but we would certainly hope that *Greenkeeper*, perhaps through Peter Wisbey, could have a voice in drawing up such a code.

Your magazine's support for this would be a great help.

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National Turfgrass Council,
Bingley, West Yorkshire.*

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