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COMING UP

December 7: ICI Professional Products Premier Greenkeeper Award Finals – Aldwark Manor, York
January 18-22: BIGGA Turf Management Exhibition and Seminar Programme, Harrogate, North Yorkshire
January 23-30: GCSCA Show, Anaheim, California, USA
March 26-30: BIGGA National Education Conference, University of Keele, Staffordshire
April 28: Westurf Trade Exhibition, Long Ashton, Bristol
May 25-30: Amateur Championship, Royal Portrush, Northern Ireland
June 9-10: Landscape Industries '93, National Agricultural Centre, Stoneleigh Park, Warwickshire
July 5-6: Royal Show, Stoneleigh, Warwickshire
July 15-16: The 122nd Open Championship, Royal St Georges, Kent
August 2-4: BIGGA National Golf Tournament, Dunbar Golf Club, Scotland
August 18-19: The Walker Cup, Interlaken, Minnesota, USA
August 19-22: Planatarium '93 (specialised tree cultivation fair) Boekoop, Holland
September 7-9: IoG Show, Peterborough, Northants
September 24-26: Ryder Cup, The Belfry, Sutton Coldfield, Warwickshire
October 2-5: Golf International 2000, Sandown Park, Surrey
October 11-12: Toro/PGA European Tour Student Greenkeeper of the Year Award, Aldwark Manor, York
November 23-25: Golf International 2000, Sandown Park, Surrey

AROUND THE GREEN

38 announce the annual match East Scotland v North East England (sponsored by Stewart & Co.), played at Goswick, resulted in a well deserved victory – this after a loss and a draw in the last two clashes. I am delighted to have the trophy back where it belongs – in Scotland. Grateful thanks, as always, to Stewarts and Goswick GC.

The dance tickets are going well, so if you haven't yet obtained yours you may be too late. Let us hope that my next report will bring glad tidings. Until then, on behalf of your chairman and committee, may I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a good New Year.

WILIE BLAIR

CENTRAL SCOTLAND

The final golf tournament of the season was held in October at Kinross GC, where 55 members/guests had an enjoyable time on a sunny day. Results: Best aggregate (spring and autumn) – David Letch, St. Andrews. Best nett – Richard Sharp, Kinross. Scratch – Athol Purdie, Cail. 1st class – 1st Ross Wilson, Kinross. 2nd Tommy Gilchrist, Falkland Tryst. 2nd class – 1st Fraser McNeil, Braehead. 2nd John Crawford, Higgs Castle. Trade – Ian Thomas, Provan. Guests – Robert McNeil, Kinross. Two ball foursomes – Graeme Downie and Fraser McNeil, Braehead.

Our sincere thanks go to Sir David Montgomery of the Green Hotel Golf Courses for the courtesy of their course, Kinross GC for the use of clubhouse facilities, Mr and Mrs Aitken for first class catering and service, and to course manager John Bashford and his staff for preparing the course in such excellent condition, despite the atrocious weather experienced in the weeks prior to the tournament – well done, lads!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: The Spring Tournament will be held at Gneagles in April, date to be finalised. Visit to Souter's Sportsturf and Stirling GC, 13 February. Autumn Tournament at Glenbervie GC, 12 October. We also hope to stage an STRI lecture, given by David Bocock, in March. Topics for future lectures/demonstrations are welcome, so if you have any suggestions on subjects you would like to see included, please write to me and your committee will try to arrange them.

I would like to wish everyone the compliments of the season, and thank everyone who has supported us in 1992. Every success in 1993.

JOHN CRAWFORD