The annual match between the North West section and the Golf Club Stewards was held at Wigan GC, Arley Hall. The course, which is nine holes, is a gem which played twice works out at just over 6,000 yards. As you might imagine, there are some fine holes to be played. The clubhouse is Arley Hall itself, which was built in the 1300s and is surrounded by a moat which is stocked with rare and beautiful waterfowl, making the perfect backdrop to a well maintained golf course. The result was a win for the stewards, mainly because some team members failed to turn up despite making promises - nevertheless a day to remember and enjoyed by all who attended.

Now that winter draws in our thoughts turn to winter lectures. As soon as I have completed the programme I will ensure that members receive a full fixture list covering the winter period. To start the ball rolling an interesting talk by Clive Heginbotham of ICI on Nutrition of Fine Turf will take place at Bury GC on 25 November commencing at 7.00pm, followed by our AGM. Please make every effort to attend and support your section.

One piece of news I am very happy to report is that Anthony Davies and his family are all making a good recovery following their motor accident. Any news, views or comment - please contact me on 051 724 5412.

BERT CROSS

A disappointing turn-out but not surprising considering how busy everyone is at this time of the year. Only 16 players enjoyed what was a good day and a clear winner emerged in the form of Jimmy Davison who used his 80 tips over 36 holes, a long way ahead of second place man Douglas Smith of Thorpe Hall GC on 69 pts. Steve Paterson of Abridge GC came third with 66 pts. Our thanks to Patisons; Sierra; Fisons; Vixen; Rhone Poulenc; Agrimaster and to Dennis Smith of T Parker and Sons for organising all the prizes and presenting the winning shield. Our thanks also to Pat and all at Upminster for allowing us to play.

Our London and SE representatives at the ISEKI finals were John Jackson and Norman Exley and though neither brought home any silverware they were both proud to be part of the SE team - and of London, naturally.

Please contact me with any news on 081 4413216. Finally, a couple of movements around the scene: Brian Moggeridge leaves Mill Hill GC to take his first head greenkeeper post at Royston GC, whilst Darren Burdis takes over as deputy head at Brookmans Park GC, moving from Hadley Wood.

ANDREW PHILLIPS

NORTH EAST

Stockfield GC was the venue for our Autumn Tournament held on 10 September. Richard Greame, our chairman, thanked the captain and committee of Stockfield for giving us courtesy of the course and for the hospitality extended to us all, also to head greenkeeper, Tommy Harrison, and his staff for preparing the excellent conditioned course so well. Our thanks go out again to the usual donating companies: Byron Gravel Co; Shorts; Macclesfield; Wansbeck; Alnwick; Newcastle United; Whitley Bay; Whistburn; Beamish; Arcot Hall; Parklands; Prudhoe; Warkworth and Northumberland.

Results: Best gross A McLure 71. Best nett (Ranomas Cup) N Parkin (Hexham GC) 74-4=70. Handicap 0-11 Best nett (Greenley Cup) B Wilson (Stockfield) 77-5=72 (on countback). Handicap 12-23 Best nett (Foresters Shield) R Bell Slayley G&CC 95-19=77. Other leading scores - I Johnson (Stockfield) 83-11=72. I Hutton (Consett) 77-3=74. J Richardson (Whickham) 80-5=75. I Calmeyn (Closehouse) 86-9=77.

Congratulations to Michael Gunn of Tyneside GC on finishing third in his category in the ISEKI finals.

JIMMY RICHARDSON