SHIPLEY
Sheffield's David Chappell (Grange Park GC), has been appointed course manager of Bond Hay
G&CC, Workskop. David has served 27 years as a greenkeeper, starting in 1966 at Rotherham GC
under the watchful eye of Harry Herringham, in 1971 moving to Grange Park as head greenkeeper
where he has stayed for the past 22 years. David is most enthusiastic about his appointment
and is looking forward to working alongside architect Donald Steel and the development team.
The Bond Hay site is an 18 hole (pay and play + membership) course which is also a driving range
and clay pigeon shoot facility. The 9 hole will be open around August '93, and the 18 will start construction (it is hoped) in July '93, with an opening target of September '94. A keen golfer, David is married to Gillian and they
have a daughter, Jenny. We send our best wishes to them and we shall certainly look forward to
playing Bond Hay in the future.

The Spring Tournament was held at Notts GC on 26 April, with an entry of 50 competitors.
The course proved difficult, with a stiff breeze and a lot of rusty swings after the winter rest, reflected in the scores of all save one well-tuned member, Wollaton Park's Martin Scorthern, who comfortably won the Gross Prize and the first division Hayler qualifying prize with a marvellous score of gross 75 nett 76 (yes, you guessed it, Martin's handicap is plus one). What a credit Martin is to our profession. The day was not without a rest, the prizes and for the goodies on the first tee. Many thanks to our gracious hosts at the club, especially to Barry Heaney and his green staff for turning out the course in such fine condition. It must be somewhat daunting to have over 40 greenkeepers arrive on your doorstep first thing Monday morning, though perhaps not quite as disconcerting as conceivably facing up to the world of Turf GC Rail Link slap-bang through the middle of your beautifully prepared course. We all hope things work out for the best.

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KENT
April 26 saw a large turn-out for our visit to the new London Golf Club, with 65 members viewing
developments and enjoying a very interesting afternoon. Thanks for this visit must go to Joe Paulin and his staff and I am pleased to note that we can anticipate a similar trip to see the progress of the next development, again another very large turn-out for our Spring Tournament and Hayler Challenge Trophy quali-
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The annual golf match against the Eaglescliffe GC green committee is set for late July. Members will be contacted by Ian Holloran.

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On 12 May we held our annual competition for the Jacobsen Cup, Waycott Cup and Browns Shield, all played over 18 holes at Halten GC in Usk. The event was made all the more special this year by playing over a course owned by our sponsor, Ken Morgan (Ken Morgan Mowers), the Jacobsen main dealer for South Wales. The competition was played over 18 holes on the newly constructed Kings Course at Alice Springs, though a poor entry of just 17 battled for honours.

Results: Overall winner - Peter Lacey (you truly), nett 68 - Jacobson Cup + crystal brandy glasses. Second - Andrew Jenkins, nett 70 - Waycott Cup + set of head covers. Best gross - Vincent Northeby, 76 (37 back nine) - Browns Shield + crystal brandy glasses. Second gross - Robert Johnstone, 76 (38 back nine). Winner of the - 52
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SOUTH WEST & SOUTH WALES REGION

Results of the Hayter Challenge Tournament Regional qualifier, held at Clevendon GC on 8 June. (all scores nett)

Category One: 1st L Millar Jnr 69, 2nd C Fudge 71, 3rd B Newcombe, 72 (on countback), Reserve S Rattenbury 72. Mug – R Whymann 89.

Category Two: 1st M Blake 71, 2nd L Walter 72, 3rd B Ridgeway 73, Reserve V Lever 74. Mug – P Lacey 92.


The Regional Shield was won by the Clevendon and Cornwall section.

GORDON CHILL

EAST ANGLIA

No, we’re not dead, just resting a bit. Two meetings to catch up on, the first being at Gosfield Lakes where the regular team took part in the Hayter Challenge Tournament qualifier. We were very pleased to welcome the captain, Mr Pat Stephenson, as our guest and thank him for kindly presenting the prizes, also the head greenkeeper, Alan Sharp, who recently moved to Gosfield from North Wales. He has a handicap of five, which could prove very handy.

The qualifiers are as follows (please say ‘yes, sir’ when your name is called); H'cap 0-9 Andy Sheehan, Alan Sharp, zoomed into the region and Liveon (Steve Denton). H’cap 10-18 Paul Gould, Simon Barnaby (plays for Spur’s), Tom Smith (played for Liverpool), Michael Peters (played for West Ham) and sub Stewart McGeogh (who doesn’t play at all – he’s Southwell). H’cap 19-28 Steve Millard, Todd Huddleston, Keith Chinney. Prizes were donated by our ever present trade lads representing Rushbrooks, Gis, Fisons, Kings, Colliers, and Rhone Poulenc. Our thanks to all at Gosfield Lakes for a most enjoyable day.

The second match was at Ufford Park G&CC, sponsored by Rushbrooks, Sisis, Rhone Poulenc and Fisons. It was well attended and we all split into teams – but I don’t know who won what. Alan Sharp concedes (Billy Norris will he be handy – he’s off three now) whilst Messrs Peters, Tim and Carter all scored 31 points. Uncle Sam was ‘nearest the pin’ and Robert Whiting played like a fish but managed to get in the ’longest drive’. £56 was raised for the Save the Children Fund and a good day was had by all. Our thanks once again to our sponsors and to Ufford Park for their hospitality.

Devon & Cornwall

Not much to report this month, as we are all busy cutting grass like mad – yes Bill, even on a links course!

I am nearing completion of our fixture card for next season and this will be winging its way to you very soon. Our thanks go once again to Devon Garden Machinery for having very generously sponsored the fixture card for yet another year.

Our Cornish summer evening meetings are now in full swing, with the agenda being to arrive at 7.00pm, followed by a walk round the course and rounding off with a Cornish pasty and a pint! The remaining dates and venues are: 13 July, Truro GC. 18 August, Lostwithiel GC, 14 September, Mullion GC. If you would like to attend, please contact Bill 0326 722929 at least one week before the venue date.

PETER LACEY

NORTHERN

To begin, may I thank Kevin Garfitt of Pontefract and District GC, Allan Gamble of Farnal GC, and Arthur Mason of Millfield Golf Complex, for applying to represent us in the ICI Premier Greenkeeper Award. I am pleased to inform members that Allan Gamble has been chosen to represent the Northern section.

I am also pleased to welcome the following new section members: Gordon Morrish, Mathew Mortimer, Peter Hay and Robert Briston (Pike Hills GC), Gavin Hawker (Sidlesham GC), Richard Pull (Knaresborough GC), Matthew Glyn GC, Nigel Wild (Skipton GC), Joe Mellor (West Bowling GC), Alan Crowther (Woodsmere Hall GC), Mark McEvoy (Melton & Norton GC), Simon Wood (West Bradford GC), Graham Bates (Cleckheaton GC), Lee Hebdon (Garforth GC), David Briterley (Kirklees Leisure Services), Paul Jackson (Castlefields GC), Kevin Garfitt (Pontefract and Dist. GC), Mark Jones (Cockfords GC), Phillip Bystas (South Bradford GC), Russell Farnaby (Pinelands GC), Brian Dean, Dominic Parr and Lee Dacre (Moor Allerton GC), Adrian Anderson and Matthew Houseman (Harrogate GC), Nicholas Hodgson (Shipley GC), Robert Crossley (Calverley GC), Paul Hargreaves (Kirklees Council), Matthew Green (Rawdon GC), Stephen Roebuck (Croxland GC), John Heaton (Filey GC) and Derek Wilkinson and Malcolm Hawker (Keighley GC).

If any new members (or old-established members) for that matter) have any information whatsoever, please contact me on 0274 568128. There are still a few places left for our golfing events, so if you have not yet booked please do so immediately by sending your name and a £10.00 deposit to me, in doing so you will avoid disappointment.

PAT MURPHY

NORTH WEST

Fine weather, an excellent course and good food, all these awaited the North West section when the Spring Tournament was played at Birchwood GC on 10 May. Keith Addison and his staff had this very testing course in beautiful condition and, as is their custom, Birchwood GC made us very welcome. Once again the prize table was well furnished, mainly by our friends in the trade, and the NW section would like to thank them for their generosity. The tournament was also a qualifier for the Hayter Challenge Tournament regional final, which will have been played over Workop GC by the time this report reaches you. Even with this added attraction the number of competitors was low, with only 28 members playing. As usual there were some excellent scores and many of the prizes were won by our more experienced players. The following qualified for the regional final: 0-9: Paul Pearse. Mike Sheehan, Bill Horvath. 10-18: Paul Smith, Robert Janosikvius. Chris Hulme. 19-28: John Wright, Gerard Corness.

Our next golf will be the Rushbrooks Match at Ufford GC on Tuesday 3 August. A team of 16 will be required, so if you would like the opportunity to play this very fine course and represent the NW section, please contact me as soon as possible.

There will be a day visit to the Rushbrooks factor towards the end of August, although the date has not yet been finalised. Further details will be in the August section news, but in the meantime it would be advisable to contact us so that we can add your name to our mailing list – 20-25 people can be managed at a time. My number is 051 724 5412. BERT CROSS

NORTH WALES

Last month saw the retirement of John Jones, who joined the greenkeeping staff of Abergele and Pensarn GC in 1986, having been a member of the club for 27 years. In 1971 he was made captain of the Abergele club and in 1989 he captained the Denbighshire Golf Union. During 1991-1993 he was president of the North Wales Four Counties Golf Association and during that period he was also captain of the Past Captains of the Denbighshire Greenkeepers in the presidency of the North Wales Junior Golf Association and in all he has been a very busy man in North Wales Golf. On behalf of section members I would like to wish John a few happy retirements and to thank him for all he has done for Golf in North Wales. Congratulations to Pat Valentine (otherwise known as Curly, though I can’t think why), who has taken over from John – we wish him well.

On 6 October our Autumn Tournament will be held at Pwllheli GC, so reserve the date in your diaries. Forms will be handed out nearer the time.

A trip to the Gem factory at Oswaldtwistle will be arranged for late July or early August and there will also be a trip to Haydock Park Show on 29 or 30 September. Interested? Contact me – David Proctor – or Terry Adamson.

Apologies to Gem Professional for not including them in last month’s news they have kindly sponsored our match at Llanymynech against the North West Section, also to Pro Turf, sponsors of our events, who for some reason have not been mentioned in the section news – sorry Glyn.

DAVID PROCTOR

SOUTH COAST

Our Summer Tournament will be held at Alresford GC on Thursday 29 July, teeing off from 2.00 pm. The closing date for entries is 19 July and the entry fee is £13.50. The member and guest competition will be the usual four-ball better-ball format, max two balls, 18 holes. A guest may be either a member of your own club or a greenkeeper from a different club.

Written entries, giving name and address, name of partner and current handicaps, together with the correct fee, should be sent to: Joe Burdett, 23 Jacobs Ladder, Child Oakford, BLANDELD FORUM, Dorset, DT11 8EA. Tel: 0258 561842.

SPRING TOURNAMENT From a disappointing field of only 25 players, the South Coast greenkeepers were the winners of Sherborne GC and although the field was small, the quality of golf was of a very high standard. The morning round produced a new Nita Stimson winner in Joe Newman (Downshire) with a score of 74 nett, whilst Paul Jackson (Ferndown) stole the morning show with a sparkling 67 nett. In the afternoon, Brian Fisher (Southampton) made sure of retaining the

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Tregunna Trophy by shooting a gross 78 to add to his 77 in the morning. Bernard Emberly (Knighton Heath) made a brave attempt with an afternoon round of 77, but was pipped for runner-up spot by Joe Newman, who returned a gross 75, which was the best 18 hole score of the day.

The prizes were kindly sponsored by Huxleys Garden Machinery Ltd., and our section president, Jim Fry. Dave Rogers of A & B Brit is kindly donated wine for the prize table and prizes were distributed by Eddie Fox and Jim Fry (sponsors) and by the host club captain, John Heyes.


TONY DENNIS

BUCKS, BERKS & OXON

Many thanks to all who attended the Hayter Challenge Tournament qualifier at Burnham Beeches. I know you found the course impressive and were equally impressed by the club’s head greenkeeper, Brian Payne Snr., who held his second shot on the third for an ‘eagle’ two. Talk about setting up the course for yourself... he event turned into an immediate success. We wish them success in the Autumn Outing.

A match against BB&O section has been arranged for 20 July at Harewood Downs, ten a side, starting at 2.30pm. If you wish to represent the section please contact a committee member (as listed) or a member who is organising the match).

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A survey against the Mid Anglia section and The Secretaries (the big grudge match). If you are interested please confirm your match captain, David Goode, by 0296 415337. These matches will be staged on Tuesday 20 July and Monday 26 July and there is NO handicap limit - all are welcome.

Do you want to try your hand at golfing? If this appeals and you have not yet received the information, contact me ASAP. Remember that the invitation is open to friends and family alike.

Finally, we need your ideas for social events that you might like to see staged next year, especially brain-waves for next year’s lecture programme. Ring or write to me with your valued input, please.

Ray Clark

NORTH SCOTLAND

Another two new members to welcome this month: James Mackay from Wick GC and Neil Whyte from Elgin GC — two young lads to whom we wish a long and enjoyable career in golf keep- ing.

The Spring Outing to Murcar, Aberdeen was a great success despite the now familiar atrocious weather! We thank Murcar for their hospitality and especially Chris Pearson and his staff for the condi- tion of the course. Ninety members, guests and trade representatives were present, with 84 brav- ing the elements and playing. The prize winners were: Scratch - 1st George Paterson (Fortrose) 77, 2nd Iain MacLeod (Tain) 80 (also winner of the Committee Trophy), Class 1 - 1st Chris Pearson (Murcar) 79-6=73, 2nd Robert Patterson (Royal Dornoch) 81+7=78, 3rd Kevin Peace (Peterhead) 81+4=75, Class 2 - 1st Stewart McBain (Nigg Bay) 86-10=96, 2nd Colin Mackay (Forres) 84-8=76, 3rd Sam Morrison (Royal Aberdeen) 87+10=97, Class 3 - 1st Michael Clark (Kingussie) 90-16=74, 2nd Wilson Morrison (Alford) 93-18=75, 3rd Hughie McLauchlan (Peterhead) 99-21=78, Class 4 - 1st Stuart Whyte (Letchworth) 86-11=75, 2nd Barry Cameron (Inverurie) 86-9=77, Veteran - 1st Roy Donald (Oldmeldrum) 79-5=74, 2nd John Taylor (retired) 84-5=79, Trade Shield - Kevin Brunton (Souters) 75, 2nd Richard Whyte (Booby Prize - Stuart Hogg (Fortrose). Eric Pickard (Ellon) won the longest drive at the 18th, with a drive that finished through the green, whilst Royal Dornoch men Robert Patterson and Eoin Riddell were nearest the hole prizes. Our thanks to Murcar professional, A, White, for these prizes.

The winner of the free draw for a BIGGA blazer was Derek Roy (Nairn Dunbar), and our four lucky winners in the 200 Club were (January) £30 - Ian Carson (Nairn), (February) £30 Iain Grant (Alyth), (March) £40 - Steve Sullivan (Craigiehill), and (April) £100 - Kenny Anderson, formerly of New- macher but now at Sheringham GC, Norfolk. Raffle prize winners were too numerous to mention.

Congratulations to George Hampton (Pitlochry) on winning the seniors event in the Scottish Profes- sional Golfers Championship at Dalmahoy. George is a regular at our section events and is putting up a strong challenge in the Autumn Outing. Transferring to our section is George’s neighbour on Blair Atholl, Gary Blyth — maybe George will bring him to our Autumn Outing.

I have pleasure in reporting that three North members have qualified to represent Scotland in the Hayter Challenge Tournament later this year. Leading from the front in the Scottish qualifier at

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Stirling, chairman Sam Morrison came second in class two with a nett 72, whilst in class three Hazelhead’s Keith Wood with a fine nett 70, and Morris Rogers (Fraser- burgh) with a nett 70 were also suc- cessful. We wish them success in the final at Sand Moor GC, Yorkshire, in September.

JAN MACLEOD

SCOTTISH REGION

Pictured at the recent Dundee College student prize presentations, sponsored by BIGGA Scottish Region, are James Fox (Dundee United FC), Steven Puffers (Carnoustie — first year prize win- ner), Colin Anderson (Tayside Regional Council youth training manager agent), Peter Fox (Dundee United FC, second year prize winner), Robert Whitehead (Camperdown GC, third year prize winner) and John Philip (Links Supervisor, Carnoustie).

The awards were presented by Alisdair MacLaren (Aberneyth GC), who is also education convenor for the North section.

MID ANGLIA

First round matches of the Lodgeway Tractor Four- Ball Tournament were played during May and although one match has still to be played (as of 31 May) I can give the following results: D Croxton and I Oliver (Gold Ashton) beat B Allonby and B Wright (Letchworth). C Brook and E O’Hanlon (Cheshfield Downs FGC) beat J Wells (Brocket Hall) and P Simmons (Verulam). A Freeman and D Lowe (Northants County) beat M Morgan and J Gentles (Giffin). K Bunting (Ashridge) and R McKeown (Arley) beat R Saunders and J Burton (St Neots). P Lockett (S. Beds) and R Coogan (Stockport FGC) received a first round bye due to odd numbers.

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Finally, a match has been arranged at Dunstable Downs GC on 10 August against the Midlands section. John Wells is organiser, so contact him if you wish to play.

PAUL LOCKETT

SOUTH WEST

The merry merry month of May saw a major break in the South West. For ‘donkeys years’ the section have been enjoying the delights of the historic Westonbirt School golf course for the ever-popular Greenkeeper & Amateur Greensomes. Originally inaugurated in 1964 to celebrate the centenary of the school, success eventually overcame the tournament, with the vastly increased number of com- petitors over running the charming little nine-hole course. The decision was reluctantly taken to move to a larger course. Our eternal thanks go to West- onbirt, and to the bursar John Hall, for the welcome and support we have enjoyed over the years (I did hear a rumour that the course extended to 18 holes one day, in which case it might be just au revoir, not goodbye).

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AYRSHIRE
The section 50/50 draw is now up and running, though anyone wishing to join can still by sending the sum of £6.00 to Jim Paton ASAP. First results may be expected in the next issue.

Our representatives in the Hayter Challenge Tournament area finals at Stirling did well, with Douglas Drain and Paul Rae winning - what a headache! It seems to be one extreme or another nowadays - wet or dry - with no happy medium... or has it always been like this?

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October 11-12: Toro/PGA European Tour Student Greenkeeper of the Year Award, Aldwark Manor.
December 6-7: ICI Premier Greenkeeper of the Year Award, Aldwark Manor.